



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa

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The month of October is dedicated to
The Holy Rosary

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH October 2025

Saturday 18th October

St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	John James Tobin RIP 1 st Birthday Remembrance
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Derek Sheeran RIP

Sunday 19th October – Day of Special Prayer for World Missions

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Tony Walsh RIP (CH)
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

Monday 20th October – St Peter of Alcantara Mem.

St Theresa's		David Swann RIP
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Elizabeth Allingham

Tuesday 21st October

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

Wednesday 22nd October

St Theresa's		Private Intentions
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Wendy O'Brien RIP

Thursday 23rd October

St Theresa's		Special Intention
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions

Friday 24th October

St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Maureen & Gerry Templeton's Intentions
St Columba's		The Parish

Saturday 25th October

St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Eddie Elwell

Sunday 26th October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Jessica Baker RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Elizabeth Allingham
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite – the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

WARNING – CLOCKS GO BACK- at 0.2.00BST on
Sunday 26 October.

FR WILLIAM:

Anyone wishing to talk to Fr William should contact one of
the parish offices and make an appointment. Fr William is
not available on Thursdays.

ADVENT BOOKLETS - If you would like us to order a copy
of the "My Day by Day" Advent booklet for you, please put
your name and telephone number on the list in church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - The Children's Liturgy normally
happens at the 11a.m. service at St Columba's on the 1st and
3rd Sundays of each month. See the parish website under the
Family tab.

ANNIVERSARIES - Peter John Walker, Maureen Teresa
Brady, Lionel William Steele

**POPE'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTIONS: FOR
COLLABORATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS
TRADITIONS** Let us pray that believers in different religious
traditions might work together to defend and promote peace,
justice, and human fraternity.

CONFESSIONS - After each weekday mass until 11.30a.m.
At the weekend: St Columba's: from 6-6.25p.m. on Saturday.
And St Theresa's; from 4.30-4.55 on Saturday.

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS - Please contact
one of the Parish Offices to make your arrangements.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS - Mass will be streamed at St
Columba's on Sunday 19th October at 11.00a.m.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

- Pray for the residents of Marl Heyes, Upton Park,
Delvine Drive, Hafod Close, Nevin Road, Penmon Close, &
Treborth Road.
- For the magazine committee, newsletter editors,
distributors and those who run the bookstalls in our
churches.
- For a deepening of our faith through the written
word.

PARISH OFFERTORY - Loose Plate: £516.51; Planned
Giving: £427.91; Average weekly SO £718.15; Candles:
£42.29

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – RETIRING COLLECTION

TODAY - Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission
Sunday. By supporting Missio the Pope's charity for world
mission we stand united as God's global family, in prayer,
solidarity and action. We are called to the Missionaries Of
Hope Among All Peoples as everyone deserves to hear that
God loves them and to be strengthened By God's Spirit.
Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this
vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice
to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020
7821 9755 (office hours or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift,
set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA - Write your name, charity
and phone number on the calendar or leave a message with
Margaret Curtis on 01244 318424 with your name and
date(s).

19 th Oct -	Sue McCarthy
26 th Oct -	Sue Carr
2 nd Nov -	Sue McCarthy

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The sale of cakes after Mass on 28th Sept made £250.30 - thank you very much!

SATURDAY EVENING MASS ST COLUMBA'S - Please do not use the rear entrance. Parishioners leaving that way has resulted in the church being left unlocked overnight on a number of occasions recently. Thank you.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 23.09.25 - The AGM of 19th July had referred a number of items for discussion at this meeting:

The financial situation of the parish - referred to the Finance Committee Meeting.

Availability of Fr William at St Columba's Church - details to be a regular item in the newsletter.

Priests greeting parishioners after Mass - this should be the usual practice for all priests at both churches.

Communication between laity and clergy - all members of Pastoral Council to work together with clergy to improve two-way communications.

Re-introduction of reception of Holy Communion under both kinds - to take place after recruitment and training of Eucharistic Ministers.

Shaking hands at Sign of Peace - this is no longer forbidden but if you wish to shake hands, please be sensitive to the fact that not everyone will want to do this. When further information on these items is available it will be given via the newsletter. Ann McCarthy, Pauline Rourke, co-chairs Pastoral Council.

NEXT FRIENDSHIP THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2-4P.M. IN THE HALL - We are back to our proper time, and we have Dave Atkinson, folk singer, returning by popular request so come and enjoy friendship, coffee and music. It would be lovely to see new faces as well as our regulars!

FRIENDSHIP THURSDAY: HELP NEEDED IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE

- Around 30 people enjoy our Friendship group each month, as a chance to go out, meet others and chat over coffee in a friendly atmosphere. Anyone is welcome, whether Catholic or not. Our guest speakers are interesting and entertaining. However, it's possible, due to a shortage of helpers, that we may be unable to continue. Our current helpers have been wonderful, but they are already doing many other things and aren't always free. Can **you** help just one afternoon a month by, setting up furniture, helping with refreshments, being welcoming, chatting to people or clearing away. We need people to call on when others cannot come. We are very friendly! To find out more or offer to help, contact Lyn Coyle 07735574397 marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - Donations can be put in a CAFOD envelope (located in the church porches) and placed in a collection basket during Mass over the next 2 weeks. Donations can also be made via the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/envelope, by phone on **0303 303 3030** or text **CAFOD** to **70560** to donate £10. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS - At both St Columba's and St Theresa's, we are in need of more altar servers, especially at the Saturday evening masses. If you are interested or want to find out more about becoming an altar server, contact Richard Curtis at 07787782255 / rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - Growing older isn't a final act- it can be life's most exquisite chapter if you allow yourself to bloom once more. Let the years ahead be your treasure years. You don't have to be perfect, famous or adored. You only need to be present - fully- for the life that's yours. Patricia Routledge from a letter to herself aged 95. RIP

CLERGY WELFARE SUPPORT WORKER - The role would be to support the Diocesan Welfare Nurse in their duties. Hours: 22.5 per week over 3 days. Closing date, 24th

October. For details see: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/

KERALA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY would like to welcome all parishioners to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and St Sebastian on 26th October at 2p.m. It will start with the Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite and the Procession, followed by refreshments in the hall.

SOUP WITH SOUL - at the Town House, Chester, opened 6th October, Mon- Fri 12pm-2.30pm. £5 for soup and short bread. Choice of 3 soups. This includes £1 to Soul Kitchen. Creating a positive future for those experiencing homelessness and hardship.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS - MORE NEEDED: The food bank has launched a **Harvest Appeal** and is looking particularly for donation of the following items: Tinned meat/ fish/ veg/ fruit/ spaghetti/ puddings/ tomatoes/curry sauce, smash, pasta and sauce/Milk (UHT or powdered); Fruit juice (long life)/Custard, jams and spreads, coffee. A look at the Foodbank website: (westcheshirefoodbank.org.uk) indicates where there is a need for particular items. Thank you so much.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF ST COLUMBA'S RECRUITMENT -

The Little Choir is looking for children, yr 3 and above. No previous experience necessary. We practise on Tuesday at 6.45p.m. for one hour. Mass and practice are in St Columba's Church (entrance at the back door). For further information please contact Giovanna or the director of the choir Mark, at the end of 11.00a.m. Mass.

INSTRUMENT REQUEST FOR THE LITTLE CHOIR -

The choir would like to develop its percussion section. If you have any drums that you no longer use and would like to donate, please contact Giovanna and/or Mark after the 11:00 mass on the left of the altar. Thanks for your help.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CHESTER - GOVERNORS

NEEDED - The Catholic High school is looking for 2 foundation governors to start straight away. You do not have to be a parent of a child in the school but you must be a practicing catholic. The main focus would be what you can bring to the board which like any business, needs a wide range of skills. It is the Bishop who appoints foundation governors so for further information and to apply visit:

www.educationshrewsbury.org/governance. You would need the signature of your parish priest to confirm you are a practicing catholic and safeguarding checks would be required if successful.

CHURCHES TOGETHER QUIZ - The quiz held recently in St Columba's Hall raised £152, which will be donated to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Many thanks to all of you who supported this event.

NEEDLES & PINS - Wed 22nd October - Everyone is invited to this friendly and welcoming needlecraft group in the Newman Room, between 2:00-4:00pm every fourth Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

To book the **Church, Newman Room or Iona Chapel**, contact **Magdalena Bukowska** at the Church Office 01244 624019, email stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com
Office hours Mon-Fri 9a.m. to 2.00p.m.

To check **Hall availability**, visit the **Church Hall calendar** on the St Columba's website, then contact Magdalena during office hours or email: columbashallbookings@gmail.com.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

Sunday 26th October to be compiled by Magdalena Bukowska 01244 624019, email stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com

Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 22nd October

Please include a contact number with your notice. Also email a copy to **Fr William** at st.theresas@btinternet.com.

Note: The website version may include extra items not in the printed copy, visit www.stcolumbaandtheresa.co.uk.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH - If you are NEW TO THE PARISH, please complete a Parish Registration Form and send (or bring) it to either parish office to let us know that you are here and enable us to welcome you. Forms can be found in the front porches of both churches and on the website: www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk under the "I'm New"

PARISH WEBSITE - If anyone has an item that they would like to have on the website, please contact Lyn Coyle, who is the parish liaison with the website manager. These items must be about parish-based events or information. marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com

STAY SAFE FROM SCAMS - Scammers may know your name, address, or bank details — don't assume they're genuine. Always think twice. **Stay alert:** Never share your PIN or passwords. Ignore calls or emails about computer viruses. Delete suspicious emails and mark them as spam.

Be safe: If unsure contact companies using official numbers only. Dial **159** to reach your bank safely if you are unsure of their number. **Report fraud:** Call **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040** or report online. **More info & free how to prevent scam guide:** [Age UK](https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/scams-fraud/)
<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/scams-fraud/>

Fish and Chip Babies - knitting project - This ongoing project is a tremendous success, please see the poster in the front of St Columba's church for the latest update.

Pro-Life Talk: "God's Design for Fertility" - The LMA 9 Pro-Life Group welcomes Ira Winter of *Fiat Fertility Care* for an inspiring talk on the beauty of procreation and the potential of Natural Reproductive Medicine for couples facing infertility or wishing to space pregnancies. Thursday, 30th October, 7pm, St Mary's Caritas Centre, Delamere Rd, Crewe CW1 2JX. **All are welcome!**

LAST ZUMBATHON OF THIS YEAR FOR HOPEFUL UGANDAN HEARTS - Help us to raise funds for much needed food, clothes and school fees for two Orphanages in Uganda.
Saturday 8th November from 11am to 1pm @St Columbas Church Hall £10 Adults, £5 children 6+ PAY AT THE DOOR!
Contact Lina Greig on 07837512544 for further information.
AMAZING PRIZES IN OUR RAFFLE

FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM - Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, and they are opening their doors during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk