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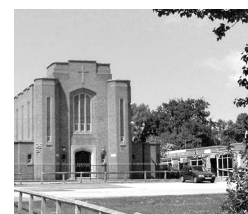
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The month of October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary		
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26TH October 2025		
Saturday 25th October		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Eddie Elwell
Sunday 26th October		
St Theresa's	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
Monday 27th October		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Callum Edwards RIP
Tuesday 28th October – Ss Simon & Jude, Ap. Feast.		
St Theresa's		Private Intention
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions
Wednesday 29th October		
St Theresa's		Special Intention
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
Thursday 30th October		
St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
Friday 31st October		
St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Maureen & Gerry Templeton's Intentions
St Columba's		The Parish
Saturday 1st November		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	John Rogers RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Patrick Dennan
Sunday 2nd November – All Saints		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Nicholas Lancaster RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Frank Queenan Anniv.
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

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 – Nicholas Philip Lancaster, Rose Marshall, Maureen Theresa Brady, Doreen Mary Judge, Hilda Elizabeth Booth

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 Theresa's on Sunday 26th October at 9.30a.m.

Praying together - Pray for

- the residents of Upton Drive, Pine Gardens, Bache Avenue, Dinas Close, Tregle Close, Caernarfon Grove, Conway Grove, & Beaumaris Grove.
- the British Legion, Golf Club and Village Hall Committee, and all who use their facilities.
- those who have served their country

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.

ADVENT BOOKLETS - If you would like us to order a copy of the "My Day by Day" Advent

PARISH OFFERTORY - Loose Plate: £411.35; Planned Giving: £453.91; Average weekly SO £718.15; Candles: £42.62

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).
26th Oct - Volunteers please
2nd Nov - Sue Carr
9th Nov - Volunteers please
16th Nov - Sue McCarthy

SATURDAY EVENING MASS – ST COLUMBA'S
Please **do not use the rear entrance** when leaving, as it has led to the church being left unlocked overnight. Thank you for your understanding.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP, THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER, 2-4PM, in the hall-Join us for an afternoon of music with the ever-popular Dave Atkinson. Come and find a friendly welcome. Please note there will be no meeting in November. **CAN YOU HELP** to keep the Friendship Thursday group going? we need volunteers, just one afternoon a month, to help set up, chat, make refreshments, or clear away. Everyone welcome, Catholic or not. **Interested or want more info on the Friendship Group or volunteering?** Contact Lyn Coyle: phone 07735 574397 or email 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 week. Donations can also be made by phone on **0303 303 3030** or text **CAFOD** to **70560** to donate £10 or via the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/envelope. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "Although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one" Motto of Pope Leo XIV

FOOD BANK DONATIONS – Urgently Needed
The Food Bank's Harvest Appeal is asking for, tinned meat, fish, veg, fruit, tomatoes, spaghetti, puddings, curry sauce, Smash, pasta & sauce, UHT/powdered milk, long-life juice, custard, jams, spreads, and coffee. westcheshirefoodbank.org.uk for up to date needs. Thank you for your support!

LAST ZUMBATHON OF THE 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 at St Columba's Hall. £10 Adults, £5 children 6+. Pay at the door! Amazing prizes in our raffle! Contact Lina Greig 07837512544 for further information.

BIBLE EVENT THANK YOU Those who came to this event last Saturday were very impressed and

moved to see the bibles and material on display. Huge thanks to anyone who helped, contributed or visited the event. It was worthwhile and couldn't have happened without you.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES -This year the Autumn Fayre will be held on Sunday the 16th of November. And the Christmas Party will be on Saturday the 13th of December. Keep an eye on the newsletter and posters for further information

PARISH AUTUMN FAIR - Donations of bottles etc are needed as prizes for The Tombola Stall at The Autumn Fair. Could you please leave them inside the entrance to St Columba's and St Theresa's.

THANK YOU – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Thank you for your generous support of World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and donations help missionaries bring hope and share Christ's love with communities around the world, regardless of background or belief. To support mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk or call **020 7821 9755** (office hours).

ST COLUMBA'S RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS
There are three Red Mission box collections during the year: March, July and November. To have your box emptied, please leave it in the sacristy before the end of November, then pick up your empty, relabelled box from the rear porch.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT – 27th October. Over 10.5 million abortions have taken place in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed in 1967. On this anniversary, please pray, fast, and attend Mass for an end to abortion. Say an extra Rosary and consider giving up some food that day.

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 2nd November to be compiled by Eileen Irwin. Phone: 01244 371660, email: st.thersas@btinternet.com

Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 29th October
Please include a contact number with your notice.

Also email a copy to **Fr William** at st.thersas@btinternet.com.

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

STAY SAFE FROM SCAMS -Scammers may know your details, don't assume they're genuine. Always

think twice. Never share your PIN or passwords. Ignore emails or calls about computer viruses. Delete suspicious emails and mark them as spam. Be safe, if unsure, contact companies using official numbers. **Dial 159** to safely reach your bank. Report scams to **Action Fraud**: 0300 123 2040 or online. Free guide and tips: [Age UK Scam Advice](#) the Booklet is available at the back of both churches – please return after reading.

Advent Prayer Group As a legacy of the Jubilee Year, a new parish prayer group will meet initially during **Advent** on **Tuesdays at 11:00am** in the **Iona Chapel** (Nov 25, Dec 2, 9, 16 & 23). Sessions will last around 30 mins, focusing on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel with time for personal reflection and shared discussion on the words relevance to our daily lives. For more info, contact Lyn Coyle marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com.

GOVERNORS NEEDED – The Catholic High School, Chester is seeking **2 Foundation Governors** to start immediately. For more info: www.educationshrewsbury.org/governance

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!

CHESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY LECTURE Tuesday 18th November 2025, 7:30pm, Hollybank, University of Chester, Liverpool Rd. Speaker will be Dr Peter Atkins, Edinburgh University, topic, The Bible, Ecology, and Rewilding: Engaging Biblical Texts amidst the Ecological Crisis. All welcome, entry fee £5.

THE CHESTER LADIES CHOIR would like to invite all to a Christmas concert: "The Magic and Music of Christmas" in aid of Her Place (local charity supporting women & children born into care) Friday 5th December at 7.30pm at St Mary's Creative Space. Chester CH1 2DW. Tickets can be bought at: www.jumblebee.co.uk/themagicandmusicofchristmas1

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.

ALTAR SERVERS – 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

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

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.

SOUP WITH SOUL – at the Town House, Chester, open 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.