



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa

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The month of October is dedicated to
The Holy Rosary

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH OCTOBER 2025

Saturday 4th October

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community
	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Gladys Campbell RIP

Sunday 5th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Mary Dorothy Groom RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Margaret Nash Anniv.
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

Monday 6th October

St Theresa's		Anthony Gallagher's Intention
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Mike Craven (C.M)

Tuesday 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary. Mem.

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

Wednesday 8th October

St Theresa's		Private Intention
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Frank Stone Senior Anniv.

Thursday 9th October – St John Henry Newman, P. Feast.

St Theresa's		Special Intention
St Columba's		Eddie & the Elwell Family

Friday 10th October

St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Sarah Russell RIP
St Columba's		The Parish

Saturday 11th October

St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Margaret Nash RIP

Sunday 12th October – 28th Sunday in Ord. Time. Day of Special Prayer for prisoners and their defenders

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Mary Baker's Intention
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Trevor Burges RIP
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

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:

Margaret Nash, Kenneth Kilcoyne, Jim Mason, Patricia Layden, Frank Stone Snr, Yvonne Rose, Linda Hallam, Margaret Rose Lannin, Bridget (Delia) Hesketh, Mary Dorothy Groom

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 11.30 am
At the weekend: St Columba's: from 6-6.25 pm 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 from the St Columba's Sunday 11am service for the next two weeks.

PRAYING TOGETHER

- Pray for the residents of Garth Drive, Liverpool Road and Ennerdale, Norris Road, Burton Road, Norman Way, Lynwood Road and Trinity Gardens.
- For the Church Hall Secretaries and Electoral Roll Secretary.
- For those who come to our church halls, that they will find fellowship

PARISH OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £470.04; Planned Giving: £139.00; Average weekly SO £718.15;

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).

5th Oct - Happy Ugandan Hearts, Linda Greig
12th Oct - Junior Choir
19th Oct - volunteers please

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.

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.

CTU QUIZ THIS WEEK! This popular and enjoyable quiz organised by CTU is on Friday October 10th in our Church Hall at 7.00 p.m. Teams of no more than eight please. £3 per head at the door. Table nibbles provided but please bring your own drinks and glasses. Raffle prizes welcomed. Profits go to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. See poster on the notice boards. Our grateful thanks to those from St Columba's doing all the work behind the scenes!

CHESTER BIBLE FESTIVAL AT ST COLUMBA'S

An Open Afternoon called "Catholics and the Bible" will take place in our church from 1-4 pm on Saturday October 18th. Please come and support. Please also help by lending a Bible of your own for a display of personal Bibles, along with a few words saying what this means to you or saying which is your favourite bible passage? (Your words will be typed up.) Please contact Lyn Coyle by October 11th if you will help. marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com / 07735574397.

FAITH EXPLORATION AND SHARING

For any parishioner not yet in full communion with the Church but interested in exploring a way to that, beginning in September the parish will be running the Sycamore course explaining the Catholic faith. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Deacon Lawrence for more details. If you know someone you think might be interested, why not offer some words of encouragement.

ALTAR SERVERS - Congratulations and a warm welcome to Rex and George, who served for the first time on 7th September 2025 at St Columba's church. Please pray for them and their family as they begin their altar serving journey. 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: 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

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.

FISH AND CHIP BABIES, KNITTING PROJECT

If you have any double-knitting wool to spare, we now need more for the babies in NE Africa. Please arrange to hand it to Margaret Curtis 01244 318424, thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Just because I disagree with you does not mean I hate you. We need to relearn that in our society. Morgan Freeman.

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.

SOUP WITH SOUL - at the Town House, Chester, opens 6 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.

CHS - The Catholic High school have a couple of vacancies in the school kitchen. Please see the school website www.christofidelis.org.uk/vacancies for more details or contact Mr Kilcoyne School Business Manager on 01244 952788 for an informal discussion.

VACANCY - ST. CLARE'S -For a Parish Secretary at St Clare's Parish, Downsfield Road, Chester. CH4 8HH. **4 hours per week @ £14 per hour.** For further details, please see the Diocesan website **Closing date Friday 17 October 2025.** <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

THE DIOCESE OF WREXHAM is looking to appoint a Personal Assistant to the Right Rev Bishop Brignall, the position will be based in Wrexham. For a job description please [click this link](#). For more information [click here](#). **Closing date: November 10th, 2025.** Interview dates: 18th and 19th November, 2025.

RNLI FUNDRAISER -To raise money for the RNLI, the Chester Branch is holding a Fish and Chip Supper, with The Port Sunlight Shanty Band, between 7pm-10.30pm on Friday 17th October, at St Mary's Creative Space, Chester. Tickets are £20 from Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/> Please email chesternrli@btinternet.com if you'd like to know more, or need advice with purchasing the tickets. Thank you, Frances Hughes.

FAIR TRADE AUTUMN FAIR

At Wesley Church, St John's Street, 11am – 3pm, Sat Oct 18th, including Chester Fairtrading, Homeware, Luna Tree Jewellery and bread and baked goods from Bread Together

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th October. Tel 07887 296983 www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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 5th October to be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan 01244 318632, email: rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk

Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 8th 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.

**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