



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa

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The month of July is dedicated to
 The Precious Blood of Jesus

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH JULY 2026

Saturday 11th July

St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Polly Rowlands RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Special Intention (MS)

Sunday 12th July – 15th Sunday in Ord. Time Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Pat Metcalfe RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Private Intention (MB)
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

Monday 13th July

St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Marlene Robb

Tuesday 14th July

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions

Wednesday 15th July - St Bonaventure, B.D. Mem

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 16th July

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

Friday 17th July

St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Eileen Mapp's Intentions
St Columba's		The Parish

Saturday 18th July

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community
	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Paula Graham

Sunday 19th July – 16th Sunday in Ord. Time

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Deacon Lawrence Hordley's Intentions
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Deacon Lawrence & Eileen Hordley – Thanksgiving for his ministry in the Parish
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS – Mass will be streamed
 at St Theresa's on Sunday 12th July at 9.30a.m.

TUESDAY EVENING MASS ST COLUMBA'S - From
 Tuesday 23rd June, an additional weekday Mass will be
 celebrated in St Columba's Iona Chapel at 6.30p.m.
 This additional evening Mass has been introduced in
 the hope that more parishioners will be able to attend
 weekday Mass. Ann McCarthy, Pauline Rourke, Co-
 chairs Pastoral Council

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY - FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human
 life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

CONFESSIONS - After each weekday Mass until
 11.30a.m. On Saturdays:

St Columba's 6.00p.m. - 6.25p.m.

St Theresa's 4.30p.m. - 4.55p.m.

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

ANNIVERSARIES – Romika Mihalache, Evelyn Jean
 Catherine Broadbent, Winifred Meakin.

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.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £377.29; Planned Giving: £113.46;
 Average weekly SO £718.15. (St Columba's) Dona
 Stations: £138; Candles: £36.59. Thank you for your
 kind generosity.

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR

- the residents of The Croft, Kirby Close,
 Ambleside, Dinas Close, Tregle Close,
 Caernarfon Grove, Conway Grove and
 Beaumaris Grove.
- all who are baptised in our Churches and their
 families and for the support given to them.
- all who help or attend creches.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "What does not benefit
 the hive does not benefit the bee." - Marcus Aurelius

CONFIRMATION

If you wish to prepare to be Confirmed next November
 and are already at high school, please email ASAP to
 register.

stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk

DEACON LAWRENCE - After 24 years of devoted service to our parish, Deacon Lawrence is retiring from active ministry. To express the gratitude and affection of the whole parish community, a presentation will be made to him in St Columba's Hall following the 11.00a.m. Mass on Sunday 19th July, and all parishioners are warmly invited to join us. If you would like to contribute towards a farewell gift, please use one of the envelopes available in the church porches or the DONA machine, selecting the **"Gift"** option.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA

We need volunteers every Sunday after 11:00 Mass. To raise money for your good cause, please put your details on the sheet and let Margaret Curtis know on 01244 318424 or marg.curtis@outlook.com
12 July - Chris & Elizabeth Nichols, Parish
19 July - Deacon Lawrence retirement
26 July - volunteers please

YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting is Monday 20th July, start 7p.m. in the Newman Room, finish 8.30p.m. in the church hall. This time we are planning to make, bake and eat pizzas and play games to celebrate the end of another great year. All young parishioners school year 5 and older are warmly welcome to come along and join our happy group.

ST COLUMBA'S RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS

There are three Red Mission box collections during the year: March, July and November. So, to have your box emptied, please leave it in the sacristy before the end of July, then pick up your empty, relabelled box from the rear porch.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: MORE NEEDED PLEASE

Donated food is taken to the West Cheshire Foodbank at Ellesmere Port every fortnight. The warehouse is usually fairly full but recently the crates have been half empty. The volunteers have had to leave halfway through the day because they had run out of supplies. We know that everyone is suffering at the cost of living, but it is extremely sad to hear that there are not enough supplies to make up much-needed parcels, especially as St Columba's and St Theresa's have been so generous in the past. Last time an appeal was made in the newsletter, the response was amazing and the Centre so grateful. Please remember this worthwhile cause. As Pope Leo has said, the poor should be at the heart of the Church. Please give as generously as possible, especially UHT milk, Long-life juice, Pasta in sauce, Coffee, Tinned Meat, Pasta sauce, Tinned vegetables

Thank you so much. Your generosity makes all the difference

ANNUAL PARISH COACH TRIP - NOTTINGHAM

Our annual coach trip this year is to Nottingham on Thurs 30th July for just £18 per person. We depart St Columba's at 08:45 and St Theresa's at 09:00 and leave Nottingham at about 5:00pm. For your convenience, Margaret will be in St Columba's Hall after 11a.m. Mass, Sunday, to collect coach trip money.

BADMINTON GROUP The Parish Badminton Group meets on Thursdays from 7p.m. to 9p.m. in St Columba's Hall and is looking for new members. Mixed group, all ages, all abilities welcome.

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER

During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

SUGGESTION BOXES

Please do continue to use the suggestion boxes. It is helpful if you provide a contact number for us to follow up suggestions and to provide a response.

Ann McCarthy and Pauline Rourke: Co-chairs, Pastoral Council

SEA SUNDAY 12TH JULY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting SEA to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER

During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation, and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

FR WILLIAM - Is available to meet with St. Columba's parishioners after 10.30a.m. Mass on Mondays & Wednesdays or can be contacted at St Theresa's presbytery (details on top of Newsletter). Thursday is his day off.

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 19th July to be compiled by

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Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 15th July

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.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

MARRIAGE IN A RUT?

Or need help with deeper issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd -4th October. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info **Tel: 0788**

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