



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH JULY 2026

Saturday 4 July

St Theresa's	5.00pm	Frank Lally RIP
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St Columba's	6.30pm	Frank Jeffes
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Sunday 5 July – 14th Sunday in Ord. Time

St Theresa's	9.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
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St Columba's	11.00am	Parishioners' Intentions
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	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
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Monday 6 July

St Theresa's		Lawrence Hordley's Intentions
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St Columba's	10.30am	Mary Ryan
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	1.00pm	Requiem Mass for Dr Brian Webster
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Tuesday 7 July

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
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St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions
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	6.30pm	Parishioners' Intentions
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Wednesday 8 July

St Theresa's		Private Intention
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St Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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	10.15am	Novena Prayers
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	10.30am	Margaret Patino Pan
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Thursday 9 July

St Theresa's		Special Intention
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St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
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Friday 10 July

St Theresa's	10.00am	Joan & Charles Woods RIP
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St Columba's		The Parish
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Saturday 11 July

St Theresa's	5.00pm	Polly Rowlands RIP
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St Columba's	6.30pm	Parishioners' Intentions
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Sunday 12 July – 15th Sunday in Ord. Time

St Theresa's	9.30am	Pat Metcalfe RIP
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St Columba's	11.00am	Parishioners' Intentions
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	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
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TUESDAY EVENING MASS ST COLUMBA'S - From Tuesday 23 June, an additional weekday Mass will be celebrated in St Columba's Iona Chapel at 6.30 pm. 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 - Fausto Nino Biasillo, Elizabeth (Marion) Baker, Mary Teresa Rose, Romika Mihalache, Louise Marie Sale, Vincenzo 9Larry) Pellegrini

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please remember in your prayers, Dr Brian Webster who died recently, and his family and friends. His funeral will be held on Monday 6th July at 1pm at St Columba's.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £397.00; Planned Giving: £307.10; Average weekly SO £718.15. (St Columba's) Dona Stations: £118; Candles: £134.71. Thank you for your kind generosity.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." — Fred Rogers

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR

- the residents of Dawpool Close, Ullswater Crescent, Orchard Close, Hafod Close, Nevin Road, Penmon Close and Treborth Road.
- the Churches Together in Upton Committee and Blacon Churches Together.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS – Mass will be streamed at St Theresa's on Sunday 5th July at 9.30am.

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 11.00 a.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.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

Welcome to the young parishioners from all Chester Parishes who are being enrolled in the Confirmation program at the 11am Mass, at St. Columba's this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November.

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

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

5 July - Prisca
12 July - volunteers please
19 July - volunteers please

YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting is Monday 20th July, start 7pm in the Newman Room, finish 8.30pm 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.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY will be holding a Predeparture Mass and meeting on Saturday 11th July at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA . We will join the Youth Section at 12 noon for Mass, followed by a meeting at 1.30 pm . Please bring a packed lunch . All members of the Hospitality will be welcome.

ST COLUMBA'S RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS

There are three Red Mission boxes 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.

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 11am Mass, Sunday, to collect coach trip money.

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

DR MARION TOLLEY

Older Readers may recall receiving their training from Dr Marion Tolley whose recent death is recorded in the Wrexham Diocesan Newsletter. Dr Tolley was a long time member of Wrexham's Liturgy Commission and specialised in training readers in Wrexham Diocese and elsewhere.

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

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

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 7296983**

FR WILLIAM is available to meet with parishioners after 10.30 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 12th July to be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan, Phone: 01244 318632 Email: rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk

Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 8th 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

SUGGESTION BOXES - Thank you to everyone who has used the suggestion boxes. A dozen suggestions were received, and all have been considered by Fr William and the co-chairs of the Pastoral Council. Although it has not been possible to respond to every suggestion, all have been carefully noted, and a number will now be acted upon. In particular, suggestions relating to additional daily Masses, Masses for special intentions (including for bereaved parents), and the introduction of a parish course are now being planned. One suggestion, simply headed *'Preparation for after Holy Communion'*, was not entirely clear. If the person who submitted it would be willing to write again with a little more detail, we would be very grateful.

Please do continue to use the suggestion boxes. They provide an easy and valued way of sharing ideas that can help to strengthen and enrich our parish community.

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