



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa

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The month of September is dedicated to The Care of Water		
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30TH AUGUST 2026		
Saturday 29th August		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Sandra Brookfield RIP
Sunday 30th August		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Stephen James Taylor
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Philip Francis RIP (CT)
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
Monday 31st August		
St Theresa's		John Albert Hodkinson RIP
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Margaret Patino Pan RIP
Tuesday 1st September		
St Theresa's		Peter Lane RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Margaret Patino Pan RIP (MS)
Wednesday 2nd September		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Niall Sullivan RIP
Thursday 3rd September - St Gregory the Great		
St Theresa's		Private Intention
St Columba's		Joseph Francis
Friday 4th September		
St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Val & Peter Higgins Ints.
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
Saturday 5th September		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	For a successful outcome
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Peter Cunliff RIP
Sunday 6th September		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Special Intention (AT)

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS – Mass will be streamed at St Columba's on Sunday 30th August at 11a.m.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER – For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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 – John Albert Hodkinson, Peter Lane, Winifred McGlown, James Donnelly

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 – 16th August 2026
 Loose Plate: £500.82; Planned Giving: £167.11;
 Average weekly SO £734.72. (St Columba's) Dona Stations: £TBC; Candles (Loose) £44.64; Piety Stall £116.89
 Thank you for your kind generosity.

ST COLUMBA'S OFFICE – St Columba's office is officially closed until 31st August, but urgent matters are being dealt with through the kind services of Carol Galvin on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only, between 9a.m. and 12p.m.

MONDAY MASS – 14th SEPTEMBER
 Please note that there will not be a 10.30a.m. Mass at St Columba's on Monday 14th September.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference. Reinhold Niebuhr.

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR

- Pray for the residents of Oakfield Drive, Flag Lane South, Upton Lane, Weldon Close, Cotes Place, Bridgeman Road, Stubbs Place, and South Way.
- For the Wardens, Deputy Wardens, Sides persons and Collectors.
- For our Churches being welcoming to newcomers

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

PARISH WEBSITE

Unfortunately, there is a problem with uploading new material to the website at the moment. Our website manager has reported an issue with Wordpress who manage the format of the website. There are items of news and photographs of Deacon Lawrence's farewell celebration waiting to be uploaded. Please keep looking. It is hoped that this will soon be addressed.

SVP APPEAL FOR CHILD'S FURNITURE

We are currently supporting a lady and her one-year-old boy who have recently moved from homelessness to a new home. She needs some furniture to store clothes etc for her child's bedroom. Does anyone have a child's chest of drawers or wardrobe, in good condition, to donate. Please contact Sue McCarthy, Mark Traynor or any SVP member. 07515491251. Thank you.

THE DIMENSIONS OF LOVE - FR TOM'S PILGRIMAGE

To mark ten years of priestly ministry, Fr Tom Cunnah will undertake a nine-day, 130-mile thanksgiving pilgrimage across the Diocese of Shrewsbury, from West Kirby to Ludlow and Shining Tor, beginning on 3 September. Along the way, he will be praying for vocations and raising awareness and funds for the work of Caritas supporting families in need. Parishioners can follow his journey on Caritas social media.

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

30 Aug - volunteers please

6 Sept - volunteers please

13 Sept - volunteers please

PAT WILKINSON, DECEASED:

Pat's funeral took place on Tuesday, 25th August at the Parish Church of St Thomas Becket, Tarporley. The link is as follows:-

<https://obit.video/mary-wilkinson-jwfs/>

The video will be available for 1 month.

CHURCHES TOGETHER UPTON AGM INVITATION -

Each year, the committee meets to review the past year and plan for the next. As events are done in the name of the three member churches, the AGM is open to anyone. You are warmly invited to attend on Wednesday 9th September at 2.30p.m. at the URC on Heath Road, Upton. Currently, the committee is small and our Church, the largest congregation of the three, has only two representatives: David Savage (retiring Chairman) and Lyn Coyle. New members would be very welcome so if you want to know more, please contact Lyn on 07735574395.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT), based in Stockport & the Curial office based in Birkenhead. Further details for all vacancies can be found on the Diocesan website <https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers> Closing date: 18 September.

MARSH & PLESSINGTON - TODAY:

The service based on remembrance of our two local martyrs will be held at 4.30p.m. today in the Iona Chapel. You are invited to join us in this short service together with our friends from the other Upton churches.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TRAINING (CST) is a body of moral doctrine developed by the Church on matters of social justice, poverty, and human rights. Rooted in Scripture and modern papal encyclicals starting with Pope Leo XIII's 1891 *Rerum Novarum*, it provides a framework for building a just society and living out faith in the modern world. (CAFOD). So far we have briefly covered the principles of Human Dignity, Solidarity, The Care of Creation, The Common Good, The Option for the Poor and this week.....

The dignity of work and participation has been a key principle of Catholic social teaching from the very beginning. Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* shone a light on the injustice and exploitation of workers by the rich during the Industrial Revolution. He advocated for workers to join forces and fight against inhuman conditions.

Since then, Church teaching has upheld the dignity of work and participation. The human person should always come before the pursuit of profit. Workers have the right to join trade unions, to a just wage, to spend time with their families and to rest. Work is an essential part of our human dignity and everyone has the right to participate. (CAFOD)

ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARY

The first Parish Priest was appointed to oversee the creation of St Theresa's parish on 15th September 1956. To celebrate this 70th anniversary, there will be cream tea after 9.30a.m. Mass on Sunday 13th September. A bigger celebration to mark the building of the church will take place in 2028.

If anyone has any photos or information they would like to share with the parish, please let us know. Please write your name and tel. no. on them so that the items can be returned. Thank 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 2p.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 6th September to be compiled by Amy O'Donnell, phone 07854 290897

Email: amyod@hotmail.co.uk

Deadline: Wednesday 2nd September 9.00A.M.

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

CAFOD PETITION SIGNING – CANCEL THE DEBT:

Many, many thanks to everyone who has already signed. This weekend is your last opportunity to sign the petition as the sheets have to be sent to CAFOD by Sept 1st.

SAVE THE DATE – 16TH OCTOBER

There will be a family fun evening in St Theresa's centre starting at 7:30p.m. Watch this space for more details.

COME AND VISIT OUR SCHOOL**St Werburgh's and St Columba's Catholic Primary School**

Families considering a school place for **September 2027** are warmly invited to visit us and discover what makes our school such a welcoming and special place to learn. Each open day will include a tour of the school with our headteacher, giving prospective parents and carers an opportunity to see the school in action, meet members of our community and ask any questions they may have.

Open-day dates

- Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 1.30 pm
- Wednesday 7 October 2026 at 9.30 am
- Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 9.30 am
- Wednesday 4 November 2026 at 1.30 pm
- Wednesday 11 November 2026 at 9.30 am
- Wednesday 2 December 2026 at 9.30 am

Please contact the school office to reserve your place: office@lovelearnlaugh.org.uk 01244 478968