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# Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa

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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2016.

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30pm Arthur Blain RIP  
St Columba's 7.15pm Parishioners' Intentions

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

St. Columba's 9.15am Ralph Davenport  
St. Theresa's 10.00am Parishioners' Intentions;  
St. Columba's 11.00am The Parish

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 *St. Alphonsus Liguori BD*

St. Theresa's 9.00am Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15am The Secular Fund P.I.

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016

St Columba's 9.15am Brenda Dugdale  
St. Theresa's 6.30pm Private Intention

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 *St. Oswald KM*

St Columba's 9.15am Rosemary Prendergast  
St Theresa's 7.00pm Mary & Philip Smith RIP

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016 *St. John Vianney P*

St Theresa's 9.00am Holy Souls  
St. Columba's 9.15am John Cotter

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016

St Theresa's 8-8.55am Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
9.00am Charles Woods RIP  
**12.30pm Requiem Mass, Fred Eadon**  
St Columba's 7.00pm Priest's Intention

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (Sunday Vigil Mass)

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*  
St Theresa's 6.30pm George Thomas RIP  
St Columba's 7.15pm The Parish

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016

St Columba's 9.15am Ralph Davenport  
St Theresa's 10.00am Parishioners' Intentions  
St Columba's 11.00am The Parish

#### WELCOME:

We welcome Fr. Michael Murphy to all Masses at St. Columba's this weekend.

#### LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers, **Fred Eadon**, who died recently, and please remember his family. The Requiem Mass is at St. Theresa's on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30pm. May he Rest in Peace.

## MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):

At 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesdays, when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50 a.m. followed at 9.10 a.m. by Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour prior to Mass.

## CONFESSIONS:

**St. Columba's:** There will be **No Confessions** on Saturday morning. Confessions will be heard in the evening 6.45 p.m. to 7.10 p.m. (before Saturday Vigil Mass

**St. Theresa's:** from 5.55 p.m. to 6.25 p.m. on a Saturday evening and after every weekday Mass.

## BAPTISMS:

**St. Columba's:** By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or phone).

- *A warm welcome to the Clague family as they celebrate the baptism of Grace this Sunday. Please pray for Grace and her family as they begin their journey of faith together.*

**St. Theresa's:** To arrange a Baptism please contact Fr. Isidore.

- *We welcome into God's family, Kyla-Louise Royal Harris & Demi-Leigh Mary-Rose Harris who were baptised at St. Theresa's recently. May God bless them and their family.*

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers, George Ernest Jones, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Terence Peter Reynolds, Maureen P Jordan, Austin Jackson, Dulcie Edith Carrie, Pamela Audrey Holden, Josephine Mary Dodsworth, Patrick Brian Morgan, Sarah Kate Potts, John Morgan, Clifford Smith, Elizabeth Lloyd-Davies, Janet McHugh, John Dunne, Harold Dutton, Christopher Worth, Arthur Kirby, Henry McCabe, Donna Twilley, James Jacobs, Stanley Hodgkinson, Catherine Jones, Sheila Ranson, Charles Evans, Mary (Maureen) Elizabeth Grew, Anthony Roach, Joseph Borg, Anastasia Heffernan, Eric (Michael) Jones, Winnie Cowley, Thomas John Dunne, Raymond Martin, John Randle, Patrick Cunniff, Alfred Moore, Frank Morley, Kathleen O'Connell.

## OFFERTORY:

**St Columba's:** Loose Plate £398.94, Planned Giving £481.22, Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00, Candles £35.50.

**St Theresa's:** £387.45. Thank you to all parishioners.

## HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on **4<sup>th</sup> August** at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

**St. Columba's:** With the Hall currently closed for the building work, we will try serving teas and coffees in the Iona Chapel after the Sunday morning Masses.

**St Theresa's:** Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 10 a.m. Mass. All are very welcome.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Marina Drive, Cross Green, and Chatsworth Drive.
- For Upton Amblers, Walkers Group, Trekkers and all who meet together for outdoor pursuits.

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SERVICE:

This Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, a short service will be held at Holy Ascension Church in Upton starting at 6.30 p.m. These services, which are held each time there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month and which rotate among the Upton churches, are a great opportunity to come together in a spirit of Christian fellowship. An open invitation is extended to all parishioners.

### UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

In addition to our long-established practice of praying for the residents of particular roads, we encourage individual prayer requests. Requests can be made on paper, posting it to Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by e-mail to [info@uptonurc.org.uk](mailto:info@uptonurc.org.uk)

Churches Together in Upton also holds a coffee morning each Monday at the Pavilion, Wealstone Lane, (next to the Library) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping, please come on a Monday to find out more.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy at both parishes will start again after the school holidays.

### CENSUS FORMS:

There are spare Census Forms for St. Columba parishioners who may have been away the last two weeks. Please will you complete and return to either the Sacristy or Office. Many thanks.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS (St Theresa's):

As the Mass times are changing in September we need to know, if possible, which Mass you will attend. Please put your name on the list at the back of church so the new rotas can be made out.

### APF - RED BOXES (St Theresa's):

Please leave your boxes in the sacristy to be emptied.

### NEW PARISHIONERS (St Theresa's):

If you are new to St. Theresa's would you please take a form from the back of church, complete and return it to the sacristy.

### PRAYER BOARD (St. Theresa's):

Please write any intentions you have in the book at the front of the church. Thank you.

### CLEANERS' ROTA C (St Theresa's)

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BROCHURE:

Chester Catholic High School has recently published a new brochure, serving as an introduction to the life of the school. Copies are available in both church porches

### WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW 2016:

The title "World Youth Day" is something of a misnomer given that it is actually a week-long festival. It concludes with a Papal Mass this Sunday. Pope Francis has been combining his involvement in WYD with a five-day visit to Poland. He flew to Krakow on Wednesday, the day after the brutal murder of the elderly priest Fr. Jacques Hamel in Normandy, and spoke movingly to journalists about violent events across the globe: *"Let us not be afraid to say this truth: the world is at war, because it has lost peace. Youth always speaks to us of hope. Let us hope that the young people will say something that gives us a little more hope, in this moment."* He went on to explain he was not talking of a "war of religion": no, all religions want peace; wars are for money, resources, domination of peoples. We join with the Holy Father in his hopes and prayers.

### THANK YOU:

To our Parish Social Committee, from parishioners and friends who joined the recent trip to Worcester, for organising a happy, sunny and enjoyable day out. The work of the Committee is much appreciated.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Thank you very much for supporting our recent coffee morning which raised £100.75 and the strawberry tea party in aid of Bro. Kimpton that raised £233.00.

### KNIT & NATTER (St. Theresa's):

Please leave your donations of wool in the basket at the back of church. Thank you.

### WEST CHESHIRE FOODBANK:

Thank you for your continued donations to the Foodbank, which are collected from St. Columba's every Monday. A report has just been published, **#still hungry**, which looks in detail at the West Cheshire operations over a 2 year period, also at the actions needed to deal with the underlying problems of food poverty.

See <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk>

- At St. Theresa's, please leave your Foodbank items in the basket at the back of church. Thank you.

### ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BUILDING WORK:

The Hall is now out of use until early September for building works to be undertaken. The grant-aided works will include significant improvements to the entrance from the car park, replacement of the main glazed wall with one of higher energy efficiency, along with other energy efficiency measures. The scheme, designed and supervised by the Diocese, will improve access to the Hall, especially for those with disabilities, and improve the comfort and warmth of the Hall.

### ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS:

If you wish to arrange meetings etc. in either the Church or the Iona Chapel please make a booking through Carol Galvin, Church Office: 01244 624019, email

[stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com](mailto:stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com)

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney, 01244 327462, email: [harrye\\_sweeney@hotmail.com](mailto:harrye_sweeney@hotmail.com)

Items for inclusion can be left in the Sacristy at either church. Please ensure that all items are in place by 9.00 a.m. on **Thursday**. Please include a phone number in case of queries.

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