



Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2ND SEPTEMBER 2018

Saturday 1st September

St. Theresa's	10.00 a.m.	Parishioners' Intention
St. Columba's	6.30 p.m.	Frank Barcroft - Vigil Mass

Sunday 2nd September

St. Theresa's	9.30 a.m.	Michael Piercy's Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00 a.m.	The Parish

Monday 3rd September – St Gregory the Great, Pp, D

St. Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Priest's Intention
St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	P.I. (S.T.R.)

Tuesday 4th September – St Cuthbert

St Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Graham Leech RIP
St. Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention

Wednesday 5th September

St Columba's	9.15 a.m.	David Evans
St Theresa's	10.00 a.m	Requiem Mass for Christine Anne Meaney

Thursday 6th September

St Theresa's	10.00 a.m	Funeral service for Francisco Senhorinho
St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Patrick Bennett

Friday 7th September

St Theresa's	8.00-8.55 am	Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.00 a.m	Priest's Intention
St Columba's	7.00p.m	All the Saints in Purgatory

Saturday 8th September – Nativity of the B.V.M.

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m	Parishioners Intentions
St Columba's	6.30 pm	The Parish – Vigil Mass

Sunday 9th September

St. Theresa's	9.30 a.m.	George Kelly
St. Columba's	11.00 a.m.	John Caldecott

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):

Until further notice Morning Prayer will take place before the Blessed Sacrament in Church 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 in the Iona Chapel.

CONFESSIONS

St. Columba's: Between 6.00p.m. and 6.25p.m. before the Vigil Mass. At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.

St. Theresa's: Confessions are heard after every weekday Mass.

BAPTISMS:

St. Columba's: By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743704383.

A very warm welcome to the Goffs, who this Sunday celebrate the baptism of Tia Louise Jennifer. We wish Tia's family and friends a wonderful day and welcome her into the parish family of St. Columba's and St. Theresa's. Please keep the family in your prayers.

St. Theresa's: To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Isidore or Mike Maxwell on 07851 720217 or email mike.maxwell28@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £308.72, Planned Giving £418.11; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00, Candles £38.19.

St. Theresa's: £257.00 Average weekly standing orders £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for **Eustachy Antoni Nowakowski, Diane Bradshawe and Hubert McDermott**, who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

Diane's Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday 11th September at 1.20 at Blacon Crematorium and Hubert's Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 17th September at St. Columba's at 1.15 p.m.

ST COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Lawrence Francis James Burns, Michael Terence Hutfield, Joyce Townson, Robert (Bob) Killen, Frederick A Davies, Derek Mycock, Carol Hughes, Lorna Cater, Carole Joan Bowness, Gloria Durick, Ellen Lavinia Lally, Elizabeth Martha Holdcroft, Molly Addison, Mary Wilde, Robert Charles Jones, Lucy Maria Taylor, Lionel John Sheridan, Philomena Byrne, Dorothea Steiner.

Michael James Graham, Margaret Mary Coppack, Catherine Elizabeth Bowers, Peter Lane, Jessie Teresa Andrews, Mary Phillips, Baby Jessica Howell, Frederick Alexander Davies, May Dodd, Shirley Ann Stanton, Freda Rose Morris, Thomas Gerald O'Toole, Brenda McGrath, Carol Ann Crimes.

THANK YOU:

Please can I say a Big Thank You for your generous donations to the Holy Ghost Fathers. We made a total of £659.19. Thank you once again

ADDITIONAL ALTAR SERVERS:

There is a growing need for additional altar servers as the current team members begin to move on. If anyone who has received their First Holy Communion is interested in becoming an altar server,

please contact Richard Curtis on rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk or 07787 782255.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

These classes are held in St. Columba's Church Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time from 5pm to 6pm. They are for children who come to either St. Columba's or St. Theresa's churches but do not attend one of the Roman Catholic Primary Schools. The preparation for First Sacraments starts when the children are in Year 3 at school (age 7 in September). The start date this term is **Wednesday 19th September**. Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 or email pauline.payne4@btinternet.com to enrol or for more information.

CONFIRMATION:

If you would like to prepare to be Confirmed in November and have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. You must be going into school year 8, or older - there is no upper age limit for Confirmation.

Adults please speak to Father Jonathan. To join the youth preparation group email stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk, or speak to Denise Lusk (01244 379742). If you are not sure about being Confirmed please come to the first few sessions to find out more about it.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

2 nd September	Scout Jamboree	Rebecca Rippon
9 th September	Needles & Pins	Parish
16 th September	Cath High PTA	Parish
23 rd September	SPUC	SPUC

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Hall after the 11am Mass.

St. Theresa's:

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 9.30a.m. Mass. All are very welcome.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Lumley Road, Demage Lane, Willow Close, Blacon Avenue, Keats Terrace, Blacon Hall Road and Malvern Road.
- For our senior schools: Upton High School, The Catholic High School and Bishops High School. For all teachers especially those working in RE departments. For all young people attending these schools, especially those from our congregations.

POPE'S LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

You may have heard in the news that Pope Francis has written a heartfelt letter to the whole Church in response to further reports of clerical sexual abuse and cover-ups. In his letter he calls on the Church "to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such atrocities". There is a link to the full text of the Pope's letter on our parish website, Resources Section: <https://stcolumbachester.wordpress.com/pastoral-letters>

BLESSING AND DEDICATION CEREMONY OF GREAT WAR MEMORIAL ST. WERBURGH'S:

This will take place on **Tuesday 6th November** at 7:00p.m. Bishop Mark Davies will officiate, and many civic and other dignitaries will be present. Though anyone is welcome to attend, we particularly wish relatives of men named on the memorial to be present. The full list of these men can be seen

on the parish website. For those who do come, parking will be available locally – follow the signs on the right. We ask that you be seated in Church at 6.45p.m. if possible. It would also help if those coming could let us know the numbers, so that sufficient seats are reserved for them. Email: Cheshire.historian@outlook.com

CAFOD:

We all want to leave our mark on the world. What better way to do so than to touch the lives of those most in need, now and in years to come. A gift in your will to CAFOD is a very special way to put your faith into action and CAFOD offers a free will-writing service. You can find information leaflets about this service at the back of both churches.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GCSE RESULTS:

Following on the heels of this year's very good A-level results, we now offer congratulations to the students and all at the school for excellent GCSE results. School Principal John Murray comments that Standards in English and Maths are even higher than last year, when these two subjects were the first to adopt the new '9-1' grades. Head of Year Dylan Green was the first to congratulate the students on their achievements: 'We are really proud of this year group. Despite the changes, the new specifications, the lack of past papers, and a relentless exam season, they have come through it all with credit. Whether they are heading for Sixth Form, apprenticeships or college courses I wish them all the best for the future.'

Jane Johnson, Chair of Governors, added 'I am proud of these young people and the staff who have worked so hard with them. I am sure they will go on to great things in life, founded on the support of their families and what they have learnt here. Well done.'

GDPR TRAINING SESSION:- 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018:

Following on with the new GDPR Regulations which came into effect on 25th May 2018, a training session will take place at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Ellesmere Port and will last no longer than two hours.

Sarah Williams will provide an overview of the new Data Protection Regulations that came into force on 25th May 2018 and she will also answer any questions that you or members of your teams may have.

The training is aimed at all parish administrators, volunteers and staff who handle personal information, and to those who are interested in the regulations in general.

Can you please let Carol know as soon as possible whether or not you are able to attend so that I can relay the numbers to Sarah. ManyThanks.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Just a brief update – the Council has been looking into some very specific issues over the past year. These include support for families and young people (a member of the Youth Mission Team has been invited to the next meeting), issues regarding the elderly (proposal for a luncheon club and looking into dementia friendly churches) and improving communication (website and newsletter). The minutes of the meetings are posted at the back of both churches. The next meeting is on 17th Sept in St Theresa's Centre. If you would like to offer any ideas or raise any areas of concern, please contact a member of the Pastoral Council – members' photographs and contact details are at the back of both churches.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

Upton Playing Fields Festival - **Saturday 15th September**

We are manning a stall at this festival which will be held on The Upton Pavilion Playing Fields. The 3 Upton churches will be publicising the work of their churches including details of services, prayer groups and the work of parish groups. If you have any leaflets or material which explains the work of St. Columba's parish groups, could you leave a copy (or preferably several copies) in a folder, titled CTU, which will be kept in the church office. Please mark for the attention of Stella Lunney.

If anyone is able to help with the stall, particularly from 3pm to 5pm, please contact Stella on 01244 313872 or email stellalunney@tiscali.co.uk Any help would be really appreciated.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 2018:

St. Columba will hold the Macmillan Coffee Morning after the 11am Mass 30th Sept. Offers of cakes would be very welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE – QUIZ NIGHT, FRIDAY 12 OCT:

The annual (and very enjoyable) Quiz Night, run on behalf of Churches Together in Upton. Being held in St. Columba's Hall. Make a note of the date! Further information to follow.

FOODBANK:

Thank you very much for your kind donations. Items especially needed this month are UHT juice, tinned fish, biscuits, instant custard, and toiletries.

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

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on
07553 114531 or email
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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

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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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