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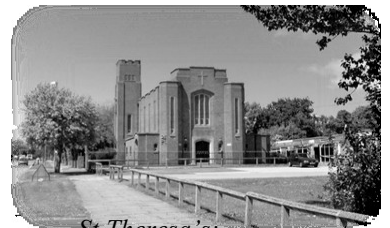
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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th SEPTEMBER 2018

Saturday 15th September

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish - **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 16th September

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Graham Leech RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Mary Devine

Monday 17th September

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intentions
St. Columba's 1.15 a.m. **Requiem Mass for
Hubert McDermott**

Tuesday 18th September

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Michael Sullivan RIP
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Private Intention

Wednesday 19th September

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mulhearn Family
St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Michael Dunne RIP

Thursday 20th September – Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Mm

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Terry Whatmough RIP

Friday 21st September – St Matthew, Ap, Ev

St. Theresa's 8.00-8.55 am Expos. of the Blessed
Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Parishioners Intentions
St. Columba's 7.00 p.m. Mary & Walter Bristow

Saturday 22nd September

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. **NO MASS**
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish - **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 23rd September

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. James Casey RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Mary Devine

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.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY;

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this week for Home Missions.

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 07743 704383.

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

mike.maxwel28@gmail.com

Today we welcome into our parish family, Reuben Francis Pell. May God bless him and his family.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £420.68; Planned Giving 321.44; Average Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £50.93.

St. Theresa's: £221.29 plus av. weekly standing orders of £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Eustacie (Stan) Nowakowska, Hubert McDermott and Brian Kelly, who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends. Hubert's Requiem Mass will be held on **Monday 17th September** at St. Columba's at 1.15 p.m., and Brian's Requiem will be held at St. Columba's on **Wednesday 26th September** at 12 noon.

ST COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Anthony Wolfe, Gloria Mary Durick, Kevin Kavanagh, Wallawa Jalzabek, Phyllis Mary Galvin, Peter McLean, Catherine (Kitty) Kane, Thomas Anthony Chambers, Murial Williams, Eileen Letitia Jones, Kathleen Green, Kathleen Lockhart, Jane Ann (Ann) Melia, Mary Elizabeth Pendlebury, Richard Edwin Jones, Joan Margaret Mary Woods, Kathleen Jones, Paul Kavanagh, William Anthony Kirkham, Magdalene Pleavin, Christopher Paddock, Brian Henry Woodstream

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (St Theresa's):

Children's Liturgy starts again at the 9.30 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Jessica Spencer and Sean Ray who were married at St Theresa's recently. May God bless their lives together.

ROTAS (St Theresa's):

The new Eucharistic Ministers' and Readers' rotas are available in the sacristy. Please also take a GPDR form and sign and send it back, this is for the purpose of organising the rotas. Thank you.

MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SICK:

This will take place at St. Theresa's at 2.00 p.m. on **Sunday 30th September**.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

16th Sept Catholic High PTA Parish
23rd Sept SPUC SPUC
30th Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall after the 11am Mass. All are welcome.

St. Theresa's:

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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 2018:

St. Columba are holding their annual Macmillan coffee morning after the 11am Mass, **Sunday 30th September**. Cake donations would be very much appreciated. It's a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends to meet in the Hall and make a huge difference to people facing cancer. Any queries contact Marg Curtis 318424. Thank you for your support.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT:

This Sunday we welcome, at each Mass, our young parishioners who are being enrolled onto the Confirmation programme. We also welcome the parishioners of other Chester parishes who are being enrolled here, and their families. Please pray for the young people as they prepare to be Confirmed in November.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of St Christopher's Close, Dale Drive, Heath Road, Willow Drive, Naomi Close, Dentith Drive, and Egerton Road
- For the Treasurers, Finance Organisers and the Gift Aid Recorders.
- For those who are responsible for the financial affairs of our Churches.

RED MISSION BOX (St. Columba's):

Could those holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy. You can collect them, once emptied, from the table in the rear porch of the Church. Thank you.

(St. Theresa's): Would all those at St Theresa's who have the Red Mission Boxes please bring them in and leave in the sacristy to be counted. Thank you.

WORLD WEEK FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL FROM 16th – 23rd SEPTEMBER:

The World Council of Churches invites member churches, faith-based communities and civil society organisations around the world to join together for a week of prayer for a just peace for all in Palestine and Israel.

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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Year 7 and 8 Cheese and Wine Evening – All Year 7 and 8 parents **and their children** are invited to a Cheese and Wine Evening with a Family Quiz on **Friday 21st September** at 7.30 pm in the School Hall. An evening to meet and socialise with other parents. The event is free.

MUSIC GROUP AT 11.00 a.m. MASS:

The Music Group restarts this Sunday. As always, we welcome new members and especially players. Do you play the flute, clarinet, recorder or guitar? Or do you enjoy singing? Please consider helping us to lead the singing at 11.00 a.m. Mass on alternate Sundays from 16th September. Your only commitment is to come to the practice at 10.30 a.m. before Mass. Please come along, or phone Pauline Payne, 01244 350323 or email pauline.payne4@btinternet.com

ADOREMUS 2018:

Many thanks to everyone who supported Adoremus. About 10,000 Catholics were in Liverpool last weekend for three inspirational days which deepened our understanding and relationship with the Eucharist. A very special thank you to all those who came into Liverpool on Sunday for the Blessed Sacrament procession and braved the downpours. Adoremus is still available for all to experience with video keynotes and highlights at www.shalomworldtv.org/videos/index/2590 and sound files along with downloadable copies of the talks at <http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage>. Do contact Fr Pat Munroe or Helen Jones should you have any comments or queries: pat.munroe@btinternet.com or helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST (St Columba's):

At the 11.00 Mass **next Sunday 23rd September**, as we give thanks for our own harvest, we will be thinking of people in countries whose harvests may have failed. We would therefore ask you to kindly take a CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelope which will be available with Church Newsletters the following weekend (29th /30th Sept) in readiness for the **Harvest Fast Day on Friday 5th October**. The envelopes will be collected in the normal collection baskets at Masses on 6th /7th October.

- If you would like to bring your own harvest gifts on Sunday 23rd we will have a table in the Hall after Mass for any produce, preserves or plants you may wish to bring for sale at the Harvest coffee morning, proceeds to CAFOD. If you would like to donate tins or packet food, please put them in the baskets placed in either porch in the church. These will go to the Foodbank collection. Thank you.

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 **Monday 17th September** 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST COLUMBA'S:

Could you take a turn leading the Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass once every couple of months? All resources and ideas are provided. Dates to suit you. At present it is for primary school children, older children who'd like to help, and pre-school children with a parent or guardian. If you'd like more information or to volunteer, please contact Catherine on 07462 780 302 or catherine.green@care4free.net. Or come to a meeting after 11 o'clock Mass on **Sunday 30th September** in the Iona Chapel. The next rota will start in October so you are welcome to come and see what happens before then.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Ladies would you like a visit to Abbeywood Gardens? We will meet at the gardens car park at 12pm on **Wednesday 26th September**. Lunches and refreshments are available at the cafe. If you would like to join us, but need a lift please contact Barbara Wall on 07999 365336. Marian Curtis would like to thank all the people who supported the afternoon tea party. £240 was raised and donated to 'Reaching the Unreached'.

QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER:

This is our annual Quiz Night, arranged in conjunction with Churches Together in Upton and held in St. Columba's Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Admission on the door £2, nibbles provided, teas and coffees served, but bring your own wine. The Quiz is arranged for teams of six - these can be pre-arranged or made up on the night, so if you are "unattached" do please come along! Not too serious, it is always a very enjoyable evening. Proceeds go to CAFOD and Christian Aid.

2019 WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:

If anyone is interested in going on **Monday 29th April 2019** for 3 nights, please give your name and deposit of £20 to Gerry Templeton 01244 374343 or e mail: geraldtempleton@btinternet.com or Ellesmere Port parishes Susan Lavender 0151 3552804

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 columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Eileen Irwin
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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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