26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
29th SEPTEMBER 2019

Saturday 28th September  
St. Theresa’s 10.00 a.m. Parishioners’ Intentions  
St. Columba’s 6.30 p.m. Alan Harrison - Vigil

Sunday 29th September  
St. Theresa’s 9.30 a.m. Keith Evans RIP  
St. Columba’s 11.00 a.m. The Parish

Monday 30th September – St Jerome, P.D.  
St. Theresa’s 9.00 a.m. Private Intention  
St. Columba’s 9.15 a.m. P. I. (STR)

Tuesday 1st October – St Theresa of the Child Jesus, V.R  
St. Theresa’s NB 9.30 a.m. Parishioners’ Intentions  
St. Columba’s 9.15 a.m. Alf Roach

Wednesday 2nd October – Guardian Angels  
St. Theresa’s 7.00 p.m. James Casey RIP  
St. Columba’s 9.15 a.m. Priest’s Intention

Thursday 3rd October  
St. Theresa’s 9.00 a.m. Priest’s Intention  
St. Columba’s 9.15 a.m. Parish Intention

Friday 4th October – St Francis of Assisi, R  
St. Theresa’s 8.00-8.55a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
St. Columba’s 7.00 a.m. John Dolan RIP

Saturday 5th October – St Thomas of Hereford, B  
St. Theresa’s 10.00 a.m. Parishioners’ Intentions  
St. Columba’s 6.30 p.m. Austin Pinnington A.

Sunday 6th October  
St. Theresa’s 9.30 a.m. Dorothy Groom RIP  
St. Columba’s 11.00 a.m. The Parish

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba’s):  
With effect from 16th September, Morning Prayer will take place in the Iona Chapel before the Blessed Sacrament – Monday to Thursday at 9 a.m, 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.

CONFESSIONS:  
St. Columba’s: Between 6.00 p.m. and 6.25 p.m. before the Vigil Mass. At other times by arrangement with Father.  
St. Theresa’s: Confessions are heard after every weekday Mass.

BAPTISMS:  
St. Columba’s: By appointment. After speaking to Fr. William to arrange a date, please contact Claire O’Donnell, 07743 704383.  
St. Theresa’s: To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. William or Mike Maxwell on 07851 720217 or email mike.max28@gmail.com

ANNIVERSARIES:  
Elizabeth Maria McCarron, Margaret Carol Hughes, Margaret Murray, Marie Tobin, Doreen Nicholls, Joyce Bownas, Gale Bunker, Frank Queenan, Kathleen Galvin, Kathy Dempsey, Rev. Allan John Collina, Stephen Blundell, Patrick Joseph Hayes, Patricia Margaret Evans, Keith Alexander Evans, Stephen Blundell, Patrick Joseph Hayes, Patricia Margaret Evans, Keith Alexander Evans, Eric John Hocking, Veronica Thomas, Frances Davies, Margaret Ann Mullarkey, Julie Townsley, Mary Dorothy Groom, John Anthony Davies.

OFFERTORY:  
St Columba’s: Loose Plate £416.21, Planned Giving £271.55, Average weekly standing orders £677.00, Candles £54.11.  
St Theresa’s: £286.55; average standing orders £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:  
St Columba’s:  
29th Sept MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING  
6th Oct Joseph O’Neill Friends of the Holy Land  
13th Oct Volunteers Please  
20th Oct SVP  
Tea, coffee and juice 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 9.30 Mass. All are very welcome.

SONGS OF PRAISE AT ST COLUMBA’S:  
St Columba’s is hosting a Churches Together Songs of Praise this Sunday, 29th September at 6.30pm. This will be a short service of favourite hymns and prayers chosen by visitors to the Churches Together stall at the Pavilion Playing Fields Festival last weekend. It would be wonderful to fill the church with great singing. Everyone will be made most welcome and there will be refreshments in the Hall after the service.

PARISH PASTORAL MEETING:  
The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st October at 7.00 p.m. at St Columba’s.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 11.00 a.m. MASS:
Alleluia
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap
Alleluia

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:
This week we pray for:
• The residents of Church Lane, Nield Court, Grangeside, Hafod Close, Nevin Road, Penmon Close and Treborth Road.
• For the church organists and music leaders, for the ministry of music and worship.

CHESTER FESTIVAL OF THE BIBLE, 1st-31st OCTOBER:
Over 25 churches and organisations in Chester have come together to present an ambitious month-long celebration of the Bible – over 70 events, something happening every day. Please pick up a copy of the programme booklet, or download it from www.kingswaychapel.org.uk/ChesterFestivalBibleProgram me.pdf

Among a very varied programme of events and activities:
• Exhibition of Christmas Cribs on 3rd October at St Francis Church Hall with churches/people invited to exhibit – please phone 0151 648 6358 or 07814 125525 for further information about this.
• Recipe for making “The Bible Cake”, the ingredients to be found by looking up a list of verses in the Bible!

TALKS: “The Bible in Troubled Times”:
Four sessions led by Trevor Dennis (retired Canon, Chester Cathedral), giving a chance to see famous biblical passages in a new light, to address some of the burning issues of our own day, to face awkward questions about the Bible – and to enjoy it. Tuesdays: 8th, 15th, and 22nd October, 7.30 – 9.00pm at St Mary’s Handbridge Centre. Suggested donation a minimum of £5 per session, each session self-standing. Proceeds divided between Christian Aid and the Centre.

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST:
At the 11.00 Mass at St Columba’s this Sunday, 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 available at both churches this weekend, in readiness for the Harvest Fast Day on Friday 4th October. The envelopes will be collected in the normal collection baskets at Masses on 5th /6th October.
• We have a table in the Hall after the 11am Mass this Sunday for any produce, preserves or plants you may wish to donate, proceeds to CAFOD. If you would like to donate tins or packet food, please put those in the baskets placed in either porch in the church. They will go to the Foodbank collection. Thank you.

PRAYER WALK:
There is a Prayer Walk on Saturday 5th October at 10.45 a.m., starting and ending at Holy trinity Church, Blacon, with refreshments afterwards. This is a short walk with pauses for prayers at points along the way.

ANNUAL COUNT:
The Annual Count will take place again this week-end. Pens and paper can be found in baskets in the front porch for both 6.30 p.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses.

HEALING MASS – 29th SEPTEMBER 2019:
This is taking place at St Theresa’s on Sunday 29th September at 2.30 p.m. There will be refreshments and entertainment in school afterwards. All welcome.

ST THERESA’S FEAST DAY, 1st OCTOBER:
We would be grateful for donations towards the flowers to decorate the church for this. Please put in an envelope marked “St Theresa’s Feast Day Flowers” and put in the Offertory basket. Many thanks.

READERS’ ROTAS (St Theresa’s):
The new rotas are now available in the sacristy.

DAY OF REFLECTION, SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER:
A Day of Reflection and Healing for those affected by mental health issues and their families. Bishop Richard Moth, who leads the ministry to those affected by mental health issues, will lead this day of reflection and celebrate Mass with anointing of the sick at St. Columba’s Church, from 11am to 5pm. More information on the posters.

QUIZ EVENING, FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER:
This is our annual Quiz Night, arranged in conjunction with Churches Together in Upton and held in St. Columba’s Hall, at 7.30pm. Admission on the door; £2, nibbles provided, teas and coffees served, bring your own wine. The Quiz is arranged for teams of 4 to 6 – either pre-arranged or made up on the night, so if you are “unattached” do please come along! Not too serious, always a very enjoyable evening. Proceeds to CAFOD and Christian Aid.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY AT ST COLUMBA’S:
This takes place during 11 am Mass on Sundays during term time. It is run by a group of volunteers who take it in turns, in pairs, to read the Gospel of the day to the children in a simple format and then lead a discussion about what it means for them. Sometimes the children do some art or craft work as well. We would appreciate some more people joining the rota to help out. You do not need to have a child who attends the liturgy. All materials are provided and training can be given. If you are interested please contact Catherine on 07462 780 302 or catherine.green@care4free.net

PIETY STALL:
All cards and CTS booklets have been put into the piety stall at the front of the church for safe keeping until the building work has been completed. We will endeavour to find a suitable place at the back later. Please put payment for purchases in the marked boxes at either end of the church. Thank you for your support. Please ask if you would like other gifts.

AUTUMN FAYRE:
If anyone has any bottles etc they would like to donate towards the Tombola at this year’s Autumn Fayre would they please leave them in the back porch at St Columba’s or the Front porch at St Theresa’s thank you.

MARY’S MEALS:
Sincere thank you to all the parishioners who gave items for the above. Your generosity has been amazing and we are helping children from 6-11. Marie Becker CWL.

A NOVENA WITH NEWMAN:
“I have a part in this great work; I am a link in a chain”. All over the world, people are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on Sunday 13th October. This is a time of special grace for us to join together and
form links in a great chain of prayer, where we call upon the soon-to-be-Saint to crown our prayers with his intercession in heaven.

We encourage you to form links in that chain by joining in our Novena with Newman - nine days of prayerful preparation for the canonisation, starting on Friday 4th October and finishing on Saturday 12th October on the eve of the canonisation.

So sign up to the Novena with Newman - as a parish or school prayer group, as a family or simply as a single link in the chain.

BEING AN INCLUSIVE PARISH:
As part of our work towards becoming a more inclusive parish, 12 of us attended a Dementia Friends Awareness session in July. The session gave us more information about what dementia is and how it affects people and their families and friends. It helped us to think about what we, as individuals and a parish, can do to help. Dementia care is becoming vital in our world and is increasingly becoming everybody's responsibility. We are arranging another session and would encourage anyone to attend, especially Eucharistic Ministers and members of the SVP. If you are interested in attending, or have already attended a session elsewhere, please let Ann McCarthy know on mccarthyj@talktalk.net

ALDI VOUCHERS:
St Theresa's School is collecting the vouchers from Aldi. Please put any vouchers in the offertory basket.

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
Hall availability can be checked by looking at St.
Columba’s Church website – section for Church Hall gives
a calendar of events in the Hall. Then contact Sue Carr on
07553 114531 or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com
to arrange booking.

NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:
This will be compiled by Bernard Payne
Tel: 01244 350323
email: bernard.payne691@btinternet.com
Items for inclusion can be left in the Sacristy at either
church. Please ensure that all items are in place by
9.00am on Thursday. Please include a phone number in
case of queries.
Website https://stcolumbachester.wordpress.com