NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
9TH AUGUST 2020

WELCOME!
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Fr James and myself would like to warmly welcome you to our public Mass services that follow the lockdown. We invite you to come out in your numbers. Special circulation and seating arrangements are necessary in both churches, so I kindly ask that you strictly adhere to the instructions of our volunteers on duty. Thanks, and we will be happy to see you at Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:
The listing below shows the dates and times of public Masses this week. On the dates where no time is shown, the Mass Intention will be offered at a private Mass celebrated by Fr. William or Fr. James on that day.

Saturday 8th August
St. Theresa’s 5.00 p.m. Parishioners’ Intentions
St. Columba’s 6.30 p.m. Graham Leech Anniv.

Sunday 9th August – St. Lawrence, Dc, M
St. Theresa’s 9.30 a.m. Stephen Taylor RIP
St. Columba’s 11.00 a.m. The Parish

Monday 10th August – St. Clare V
St. Theresa’s Andrew Lloyd’s Intent.
St. Columba’s Carol & Mark Traynor Wed. Anniv.

Tuesday 11th August
St. Theresa’s Priest’s Intention
St. Columba’s Priest’s Intention

Wednesday 12th August
St. Theresa’s Private Intention
St. Columba’s 10.30 a.m. Parishioners’ Intentions

Thursday 13th August
St. Theresa’s Priest’s Intention
St. Columba’s Private Intention

Friday 14th August – St. Maximilian Kolbe
St. Theresa’s 10.00 a.m. Paul Gilsenan RIP
St. Columba’s Margaret Watson RIP

Saturday 15th August
St. Theresa’s 5.00 p.m. Parishioners’ Intentions
St. Columba’s 6.30 p.m. Priest’s Intention

Sunday 16th August
St. Theresa’s 9.30 a.m. Tom & Ruth O’Donnell’s Golden Wedding Anniversary
St. Columba’s 11.00 a.m. The Parish

OPENING THE CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC MASSESS: Due to social distancing requirements, our buildings can only take a limited number of parishioners at a time, and in order to support as many parishioners as possible, we have added an additional weekend Mass. These are the ongoing arrangements:

St. Theresa’s Church:
Saturday Evening: 5.00 p.m.  
Sunday Morning: 9.30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass: Fridays 10.00 a.m.  
Confessions: Fridays 2pm-4pm. (Confessionals cannot be used). Please phone the parish to book.

St. Columba’s Church
Saturday evening: 6.30 p.m.  
Sunday Morning: 11.00 a.m.  
Weekdays: Wednesday 10.30 a.m.  
Confessions: Tuesdays 2pm-4pm (Confessionals cannot be used). Please phone the parish to book.

For the weekend Masses, due to the limited number of people we can take, please indicate which Mass you are going to attend. Please fill the form by clicking the link here: https://forms.gle/9EKaWsLQk11eWo3f8

Please note:
- No Children’s Liturgy until further notice.
- No altar servers to help the priest at Mass.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass after which you leave the church.
- There will be no home Communion visits until further notice.
- There will not be any singing at Mass.
- The priests would like parishioners attending Mass to arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass.

FACE COVERINGS:
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, face coverings will be mandatory in churches from Saturday 8th August. All who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. I ask for your usual co-operation in this matter.

BAPTISMS:
These should be arranged through the Parish offices. Those booked before the lockdown kindly get in touch with the parish office. The number of people to attend is not to exceed 30.

WEDDINGS:  
Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and discover they were the big things.

LATELY DEAD:
Please pray for Adrienne Rosina Davis who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends. The funeral service is on Thursday 13th August at 2pm at St Theresa’s followed by burial at Blacon cemetery.

ANNIVERSARIES:
Bep Le Miere, Teresa Howard, May Walsh, Gordon Edward Townsend, Nancy Corley, Bertha Cummings, Barbara Knight, Ellen Joan Astbury, Catherine Josephine Foster, Jane Wilbraham, John Edward (Jack) Harley, Beatrice Frances Dunne, Patricia Joan Shone, Bill Bailey, Marjorie Howarth, Margaret Newsham, June Anna Mary Smith, Gertrude Joan Jones, Harry Colley, Helena Wilbraham, Joan Margaret Pickmere, Lilian Mary Rogers, Stuart James Parkinson, Brian Lewis Sweeney, Joseph Anthony McHugh, Terence Waters, John Francis Phillips, Roy Gent, Christine Ann Meaney.

BULLETIN:
The Prayer and Worship section of the Bulletins page on the parish website includes prayer suggestions and readings for this Sunday, the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, along with notes on the Saints whose feasts we celebrate this week. Deacon Tom’s Thought for Today looks at the many lessons we may draw from today’s readings: in the Old Testament Elijah’s encounter with the Lord on Mount Horeb, and in the Gospel reading the disciples’ initial terror at the sight of Jesus walking on the stormy waters of the lake.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:
This week we pray for:
• The residents of Caughall Road, Acorn Court, The Acorns, Rosedene Close, Endsleigh Gardens, Endsleigh Close, The Glen, Jonathan’s Way, Sumner Road, Fisher Road, and Graham Road.
• For the PCC Members, Elders and all who hold Office in the Church. For strong leadership by those elected and appointed.

SUNDAY MESSAGE & “LOOK” LEAFLETS:
During the Coronavirus restrictions our weekly newsletter isn’t printed. However, the Sunday Message and the Children’s Liturgy “Look” leaflets published by the Redemptorists can be found on the parish website – now covering the full month of August.
• If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive the newsletter via email during this time, please email the Parish Office.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:
During this period in which public services will resume, but with limited numbers, we will continue to stream Masses each weekend. There will be one Mass streamed each weekend, and we intend to make use of both churches.
This Sunday’s Mass stream will be from St Theresa’s and will start at 9.30. It will be available to view online at a later time, should you wish.
https://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaan dsttheresa/

OFFERTORY GIVING:
The running expenses of the churches will continue during the coming months so it will be very helpful if those of you who can continue with your regular donations do so; whether you normally give through the plate or use envelopes you could set your weekly offering aside to be brought to church when normal service is resumed. If you would prefer to make a donation by standing order please contact the Gift Aid Coordinators:
Jan Roberts: 07952 463146, jan64roberts@gmail.com
John Steele 01244 552129, steele.john.ps@gmail.com

With the continuing restrictions on church attendance, the system for ONLINE GIVING remains in place. You can access this via the parish website. Donations made this way are received by the Diocese but are credited to the parish account. Your support will be very greatly appreciated.

LOCKDOWN RESOURCES:
For all those movers and shakers, the NHS has put together a set of fitness studio videos, including belly dancing and La Bomba dance for beginners. There are plenty of other options too and advice on their website for over 65s including chair based Pilates. Take a look at their get fit for free pages which has plenty of ideas to keep active. And, if none of those appeal, how about walking football? held in Blacon, the link above has all the necessary contact details. Their phone number is 07512 355396. Keep safe and speak to your GP if you have any concerns about exercising.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN:
Crayola has pages of free printable colouring sheets by category, plenty to choose from: people, Disney, characters, science, plants and animals, sports, create comics and movies and adult colouring pages too.

WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:
While we have all faced the same storm, we are not all in the same boat. This is clear when we hear and read the statistics in relation to, for example, our ethic minority population, who the Government is indicating have been disproportionately harmed by Covid-19. We also see the rate of unemployment rising with the number of people out of work and claiming work-related benefits in the UK jumping by 23% to 2.8 million last month, and this may well continue to grow. We hear of hundreds applying for a single job. We continue to see the rate of domestic abuse rising and domestic abuse killings have also been higher over this period. The use of food banks continues to rise. It is a period of great uncertainty for a lot of people. Please be assured that our Parish is here for you and our SVP are working hard to help. We have a number of leaflets on our web site with contact names and phone numbers of organisations that may be able to provide help for you along with help on mental health and wellbeing. If you are unable to print or access these leaflets and would like a copy sent to you, please contact our Parish Office.

WANTED:
If anyone could spare an hour or so a month to help with the church garden at St Theresa’s it would be very much appreciated. If you do have some spare time available, please e mail or ring St Theresas. Many thanks.
FOODBANK COLLECTION:
Please note that there is no Foodbank collection point here at St. Columba’s until further notice. Donations of food are still as urgently needed as ever and can be dropped off in most of the main supermarkets. Please continue with your usual generous donations as best you can, using these drop off points. The West Cheshire Foodbank website gives updates on local collection points. Food urgently required is Cup a Soup, Tinned cooked meats (e.g. corned beef, ham), Tinned meats (e.g. stew, steak, hot pot), UHT juice/ small bottles of cordial, Tinned potatoes, Instant Mash. Financial contributions are also gratefully received at this time, via their website www.westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

SVP APPEAL:
Dear Parishioners, thanks to your generous contributions, over the years our SVP conference of St Columba and St Theresa, have been able to offer support to some of the most vulnerable and marginalised of our society. Despite the unprecedented situation we are all experiencing, with the use of technology and a little imagination we have been able to continue our work on your behalf.

Along with helping some local families and supporting our Priests, we have been able to give financial support to our local food banks and homeless shelters. However, as difficult as the past few months have been, it does appear that going into the Autumn and next year, the economic consequences of the pandemic will be at least as equally severe. With the likelihood of high unemployment and the rolling back of government support the financial pressure on some families will be great.

To help us support those in difficult situations we would ask you if you would like to make a financial donation. Our usual fund-raising involves coffee mornings and occasional church collections, but these are not available to us at the moment. If you feel you can help please put your donation (any amount) into an envelope marked SVP and leave it in the collection basket at either of our Churches. Thank you for your continued support.