

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK – 29th OCTOBER – 5th NOVEMBER 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 29TH OCTOBER

10.00am – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER – VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS – A HOLY DAY

6.00pm - For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY

11.00 – William Campsie, Kathleen Wolke and Sheila McDonald

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER – COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

12.00noon – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm – James Glennon and Deceased Members

SATURDAY – 4TH NOVEMBER

11.00am – Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

THIRTYFIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5TH NOVEMBER

10.00am – Warren Coleman

SICK: Maura O'Neill. Please remember in your prayers, all our sick and housebound, and those who love and care for them.

NOVEMBER. This week sees the beginning of the month of the Remembrance of our departed loved relatives and friends. It is also the time when we recall those who lost their lives in the world conflicts of 1914-18 and 1939-45 and in the subsequent hostilities around the nations which continue to rip the fabric of humanity. One of the finest traditions of the Catholic Church is the practice of causing a mass to be offered in thanksgiving for our departed loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. When I remember my parents and brother in the celebration of mass (which is quite frequently) my thoughts are always those of what they gave me and what they have left me. The theme is always gratitude. November List Envelopes are available in the porch for you to collect and return with your request.

CAFOD. This collection is still open for donations before I send off our contribution to London. Currently the total stands at £1602. Thank you for your generosity.

APOSTOLIC NUNCIO. On Tuesday, 24th October, I went to Saint Joseph's, Stockport, along with Bishop Davies and Priests of the Shrewsbury Diocese to meet and greet Archbishop Miguel who is the new Papal Nuncio to the United Kingdom. He will reside in London but is making a tour of all the dioceses to acquaint himself with the Catholic Church in England, Wales and Scotland. He will be a liaison between the U.K. and the Vatican on matters of mutual interest and importance. I was very impressed with his mastery and clarity of the English language. He is Spanish by birth and upbringing, but part of his formation in learning to speak our native tongue took place when he resided at Saint Hugh of Lincoln, Timperley as a young priest.

We wish all our children, young people, teachers and support staff a very happy half term holiday.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK
GEORGE BROWNE

St Monica's School

We Need You! - Sharing in our Mission Statement - Loving to Learn; Learning to Love Like Jesus .

As part of our conversations in school about the school mission, we talk to the children about learning as a lifelong gift. Do you have a hobby you could talk to the children about? Would you be willing to come into school to talk to the children about your job, giving the children an understanding of the world of work and the different careers there are? Maybe you work in a role which challenges traditional gender stereotypes? Do you have a skill or expert knowledge in an area where you could enhance the curriculum? We have a number of parents/grandparents who have shared their time and expertise with our pupils over recent years - eg. engineering sessions to support pupils' knowledge in DT, a range of different science sessions from parents with expertise which fits into the children's curriculum learning, a session with a magistrate to discuss the history topic of crime and punishment in the context of the justice system today.

We'd love for our extended St Monica's community to join with us in sharing your love of learning. If you think you'd be interested in any of the above, then we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch via our school office - email: stmonicas_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk phone: 01925 267609 (after the holidays though please).

Please see note on next page with an appeal from CARE UK Charity. Thank you for all that many of you already do to support them.



CARE UK Charity

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Our friend, Steve Holland, founder of the Children of Ukraine project, has requested our support for his upcoming trip to Ukraine in late November. Steve and his team plan to visit several orphanages throughout the country, where they hope to provide essential items desperately needed whilst bringing a smile to every child they meet. Prior to the conflict, Ukraine had over 105,000 children in 700 orphanages, boarding schools, and other institutions. The numbers have been challenging to track since then due to children being relocated to safe areas, but it is certain that the number of children in need has increased significantly. To support the project, we are asking for specific items (see list below) that have been requested directly by the orphanages.

Drop off at our Home Store and More at Riverside Retail Park in Warrington 7 days. Every contribution, regardless of size, will have a significant impact. If you have any questions, please reach out to us!

Urgent needs list

Power banks

Torches (inc. head torches)

Sleeping bags

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Shower gel

Batteries (AA & AAA)

Children's stationery - coloured pencils, felt tips, notebooks

Skipping ropes

Lego

Dog food

Children's Underwear & socks - new

Warm clothing

Roll up/yoga mats.

New children's toys