

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK – 26th NOVEMBER – 3rd DECEMBER 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

10.00am – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

FAIR TRADE STALL AFTER MASS IN RESOURCE ROOM

TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER – FERIA

10.00am – Benefactors of the Sick Clergy Fund

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – FERIA

10.00am – Dawn Magee

THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER – SAINT ANDREW. APOSTLE. PATRON OF SCOTLAND

12.00noon – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm – Andrew Cusick

SATURDAY – 2ND DECEMBER

11.00am – Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 3RD DECEMBER

10.00am – Marcelle Keeley



DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

DEAD: Elizabeth Mary Allen. Cheshire Grange Nursing Home. Aged 94 years.
Requiescat in pace. Catholic Service at Walton Lea at 12.00noon, Monday 11th December.

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH is at The Partridge, Stretton, on Tuesday, 12th December at 1.00pm. Menus are still available on the stand in the porch for you to order your choices. We are, however, moving towards finalising arrangements as the month of December beckons, so it would be good if this weekend your intentions were made clear.

BRIC A BRAC The sale of the effects from the Appleton's Bungalow in Walton in support of Roger Clarke's clinic for seriously sick children in Bolivia's Santa Cruz, realised £346.00 (and still counting) Thank you very much for your generosity and

support. Any further donations you can leave with me to add to the final amount. There are some really excellent books from the store of Des Appleton's library on offer FREE in the porch.

CARITAS (CHILDREN'S SOCIETY IN SHREWSBURY DIOCESE). Can box holders bring their boxes to the Vestry in the next couple of weeks? An amount of their contents recorded would be much appreciated by Marie Flanagan who hopes to forward our contribution before Christmas.

ADVENT BOOKS for 2023 are available in the porch. The saga began in September when I was on holiday and after SEVEN alleged attempts, they were returned to Saginaw, Michigan, U.S.A. They were subsequently re-posted (at a further cost of 105 dollars – about £85) and were due last Friday. I waited all day to be informed at 6.00pm that there had been a delay and would now arrive on Monday – no time given. They came at 4.20pm. Blessed is the man who lays down his life for his Advent Books. Again as always, I simply ask you to place your donation in the Mission Box. This will be added to the proceeds from the sale mentioned above in support of Bolivia.

This weekend marks the end of Ordinary Time and the beginning of the Advent Season which this year is just three weeks.

**HAVE A GOOD WEEK
GEORGE BROWNE**

St Monica's School

A busy time is coming up in school. There are lots of dates for your diaries. Parishioners are warmly invited to the various events.

Friday 1st December Christingle Service at 2pm at church

Friday 8th December Christmas Fayre at 3.30pm at school

In preparation for this raffle tickets will be on sale before Mass on Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

Tuesday 12th December at 5pm at church is the **NATIVITY PERFORMANCE** to families

We do not charge for tickets but we shall be collecting donations for St Joseph's Family Centre afterwards and thank you in advance for your support.

Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am Strings Concert to school

Wednesday 13th December at 6pm Drama Club Christmas Panto in school

Thursday 14th December at 6pm Junior Choir Concert in school

BOOKS FOR BUGS

Launch date: Monday 20th November - Closing date: Midnight Sunday 26th November

Our Books for Bugs Book Fair has begun! Gain access to hundreds of discounted books this week with free delivery to school!

How to order-

Visit www.booksforbugs.co.uk

- Choose your books and add them to the basket- if you are not sure where to start why not checkout our new Quick Shop feature with the top 100 for each key stage. At the checkout stage add your billing details as normal and for shipping put

Your Child's Name

Your Child's Class (Or 'School Office' if it's a gift you don't want the child to see or you do not have a child in school)

Name of School: St Monica's School

Address: St Monica's Close, Appleton, Warrington

And most importantly...

WA4 3AW the school's postcode. It is the postcode that will activate the free shipping option called 'Virtual Book Fair only'.