

## **SERVICES FOR THE WEEK – 10TH – 17th DECEMBER 2023**

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 10TH DECEMBER**

10.00am – Hopkinson and Colville Families

Coffee after mass and Preserves Sale. Resource Room

12.30pm - Baptism

### **MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER – FERIAL**

10.00am – Bernard Johnston

12.00noon – Elizabeth (Judy) Mary Allen. **Service at Walton Lea**

### **TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER – FERIAL**

10.00am – Rooney Family

1.00pm – Parish Lunch at The Partridge, Stretton

5.00pm – Nativity Play in Church. With the pupils of Saint Monica's

### **WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER – SAINT LUCY. MARTYR**

11.00am – End of Term mass for pupils of Saint Monica's - Private Intention

7.00pm – Penitential Service with Absolution. Saint John Newman

### **THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER – SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS**

12.00noon – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm – Seamus Farren

6.00pm – Carols at Cardinal Newman High School

### **SATURDAY – 16TH DECEMBER**

5.00pm – Stanley and Caroline Hubbard

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 17TH DECEMBER

10.00am - For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

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

**CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023** The Bishop has written to the Priests of our diocese this Advent to highlight the struggles of many in our communities in paying their way and coping with the high cost of living – be it energy, food and providing a home. Next weekend at the two masses on Saturday and Sunday there will be a RETIRING COLLECTION with 100% of our donations going to those in the most vulnerable situations within the diocese, ensuring they receive crisis food vouchers and practical support. We can donate ONLINE at: [www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) OR if not cash, cheques made payable to Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury. If you wish to post your donation direct, the address is Caritas, Wheatland Lane, Wallasey, Wirral. CH44 7ED. Otherwise, I shall be delighted to forward our offerings.

**ADVENT BOOKS** Thank you for your support for Roger Clarke's charitable work in Santa Cruz, Bolivia for very sick and impoverished children. Your donations for the books, which have all gone, were way over the asking price. I shall give you the amount realised and sent in the next bulletin.

**A THOUGHT FOR SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT** "Christians continue to believe that the search for God much begin with the acceptance of the human. They believe this because it is in the stable of humanity that God has come in search of us. In the human experience of Jesus, God became available to us as the depth of human life. A Christian believes that the experience of ultimate meaning comes not from a leap out of the human condition, but a journey through its dark waters."

**HAVE A GOOD SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**

**GEORGE BROWNE**