

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK – 14th – 21st JANUARY 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 14TH JANUARY

10.00am – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Coffee in the Resource Room after mass

We welcome this weekend Father Tony Myers to Preside at Mass

MONDAY – 15th JANUARY – FERIAL

TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY – FERIAL

WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY – SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

THURSDAY – 18TH JANUARY – FERIAL

12.00noon – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm – Holy Communion Service

THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS TODAY

SATURDAY – 20TH JANUARY

5.00pm – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 21st JANUARY

10.00am – Donald Adamson

4.00pm – Christian Unity Service. Saint Thomas, Stockton Heath

DIED: Maura O'Neill. Aged 88 years Arlington House. *Requiescat in pace*

Please remember in your prayers, all our sick and housebound, and those who love and care for them.

THIS SUNDAY IS PEACE SUNDAY. Last year has been a year of war. The war between Russia and Ukraine continues and the eruption of violence in Palestine and Israel since last October has resulted in terrible violence and suffering with thousands dying, injured and displaced. Pax Christi is an organisation in the Catholic church here in the UK (and elsewhere) advocating for a just peace in Palestine and Israel, alongside building a culture of non-violence, campaigning against war, nuclear weapons and the arms trade. Pax Christi produces resources on peace and non-violence issues, represents the Church in the peace movement and works with young people in our churches and schools. Every year at this time I send a three figure donation to Pax Christi. If you would like to add to our Parish donation – can you designate your offering in an envelope and I will see to it being added to the parish donation? An offering this weekend or next will still be in time.

“Peace must start somewhere and where better than yourself? Not everyone is going to be a globally powerful individual. But individuals make up the power that is required for a harmonious future. If we strive for a world we know can be peaceful, every little thing we do will build the foundations for what we need to achieve it. I stand amongst the beginnings of the future and that future belongs to peace”. (Thea Smith, aged 15

years, pupil at Loreto, Altrincham and winner of the Columban Fathers National School Competition for 2023)

HAVE A GOOD WEEK (and keep warm)
GEORGE BROWNE

Funeral plans for Maura O'Neill

Maura's family have asked for this notice to go on the newsletter if anyone would like to join them. Thursday 1st February 10.30am at St Monica's, 12 noon at Walton Crematorium, 1pm at the Thorn Inn.

Prayers please

Your continued prayers are asked for Kes, the grandson of Suz Collins, who is still a very poorly baby.

St Monica's School

Plea for sponsorship

With the school budget being as tight as it is, I would like to reach out to our St Monica's community for sponsorship help with some projects in school.

Our first project we would really appreciate help with is to upgrade the facilities in the staffroom. Our kitchen area for staff is small, and our appliances are now coming to the end of their life. In particular our fridges (we have two small ones) and our dishwasher are not working to their optimum, and have parts broken due to age. Do you know a kitchen company who would take this on as a charitable project? Do you know someone who can sponsor us to raise money to replace the white goods?

Any help you can provide in talking to contacts would be highly appreciated. The children and their resources always come first, which is how the staffroom has not had the share of the love it desperately needs.

Christmas Fayre update

We are delighted to share with you that we raised a magical £2,365.61 at our Christmas Fayre. A huge thank you to our St Monica's School Family, and St Monica's Parish for your generous contributions and support of this special annual event for the School.

Raffle prizes

There was some confusion around getting prizes to people in the parish for which we apologise, however, there are envelopes in the vestry for Pat Coleman, K Yale, Morgan and Maria Keeley with your prizes in.



SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT... 2023 End of KS2 Results

Pupil results at the end of Year 6 continue to exceed both National and Warrington averages at St Monica's Catholic Primary, in Appleton.

RWM COMBINED

81% of pupils achieved the expected standard or higher across all three key subjects: Reading, Writing and Maths – well above both the National average of 59% and Warrington average of 67% – placing St Monica's in the top 16% of primary schools in Warrington!



WRITING HIGHS!

90% of pupils achieved the expected standard or higher in writing, compared to a National average of 72% and Warrington average of 76% – placing St Monica's in the top 7% of schools in Warrington!

MATHS HIGHER

45% of pupils achieved the higher standard in Maths, compared to a National average of 23.8% and Warrington average of 29.2%.



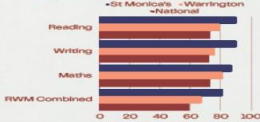
READING HIGHER

52% of pupils achieved the higher standard in Reading, compared to a National average of 29% and Warrington average of 33%.

COMPARISONS

St Monica's results out-perform National and Local Authority averages in every area.

% Pupils achieving Expected Standard and Higher



% Pupils achieving the Higher Standard

