**SERVICES FOR THE WEEK – 28TH JANUARY – 4TH FEBRUARY 2024**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00am – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica’s

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

**TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY – FERIAL**

10.00am – For Victims of War

**WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY – SAINT JOHN BOSCO.  FOUNDER OF THE SALESIANS**

12.00noon – Exposition  of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm – Family and Friends of Les Campsie

**THURSDAY – 1ST FEBRUARY – FERIAL**

**10.30am – REQUIEM MASS – MAURA O’NEILL**

**12.00noon – FOLLOWED BY CREMATION AT WALTON LEA**

**FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)**

10.00am – In thanksgiving (Clancy)

**SATURDAY – 3RD FEBRUARY**

**11.00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation**

5.00pm – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica’s

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00am – Dave Jack

**SICK**:  Canon Philip Moor, Parish Priest of Holy Apostles and Martyrs, Wallasey.

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

**LENT AND EASTER 2024.**   This weekend marks the end of January and the beginning of February and celebration of Candlemas on Friday, 2nd February  Ash Wednesday falls on the 14th February and in times past on the Thursdays of Lent we have held a soup lunch in aid of the customary Lenten appeal for CAFOD.  Perhaps we continue this marvellous fund-raiser this year and especially in the wake of such enormous privation on the Thursdays of 22nd & 29th February, 7th, 14th, and 21st March.  The format is THREE volunteers for each session – SOUP, BREAD AND MILK to be provided.  I have put a list in the porch for your consideration.  **LENT BOOKS**- our devotional aids from the U.S. – have arrived and are available in the porch.  Donations for them to be placed in the Mission Box for Father Roger Clarke’s Clinic in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

**MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT.**  There is an advert in the porch for any married couples who might enjoy a weekend’s Retreat at Wisaston Hall, Crewe, from 9th – 11th February.

**RETREAT DAY OF PRAYER - SAINT COLUMBA’S PLAS NEWTON. CHESTER**

Saturday 3rd February - 10.00am – 3.00pm Church Hall.

**LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE**.  There are two pilgrimages to Lourdes by Jumbulance in 2024 from Shrewsbury departing from Wirral and Chester.  A Jumbulance is literally a Jumbo-Ambulance.  It has seven beds on board, spacious seating, an accessible toilet and kitchen.  We can take very sick or disabled pilgrims including those needing palliative care including cancer, MND, MS, stroke, etc.  We stay in a four star hotel with excellent facilities to care for them and recruit a team of nurses and helpers to do so.  The experience for younger helpers is good for the CV, especially those considering a career in health or social care.  We all do a DBS.  Everyone must be COVID vaccinated.

The dates are **THURSDAY 30TH MAY TO SATURDAY 8TH JUNE AND THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST TO SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST.**

**THE COST IS £1095** and, as a charity, we are all asked to pay.  However, nurses and young helpers under 25 in FTE pay half.  We do fund raising to help support those who cannot afford the full amount.  Travel Insurance is available at just £70, which is a snip for those with multiple health problems.  Visit our website and read Bev’s story  [www.across.org.uk/?s=AJ](https://www.across.org.uk/?s=AJ)  For further information contact Tony Murphy on 07881656974 or [tonymurphy2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphy2002@yahoo.co.uk)

***HAVE A GOOD WEEK***

***GEORGE BROWNE***

**St Monica’s School**

Please see our latest newsletter using this link

https://www.stmonicasprimary.co.uk/page/newsletters-2023-2024/140306

Join our Homes Team! Volunteer for **CARE UK Charity Warrington🤝**

Are you ready to make a difference in your community? We're seeking volunteers for our Homes Team, a vital part of CARE UK Charity dedicated to supporting, with practical items, those in the community facing hardship. The need can often be urgent.

Roles Include:

 Sorting and categorising practical items such as bedlinen/towels, kitchen ware, cleaning products

🤲 Liaising with the team and other departments

 Qualifying referrals from professionals

Volunteer hours can accommodate your current schedule. Whether you can spare just a few hours or a few days each month, in a charity like ours every minute counts! Due to the nature of the Homes Team’s work, swift action is often required. Training for the roles will be given and will be ongoing.

How to Get Involved:

For details about the Homes Team opportunities, reach out to the team at [info@careukcharity.org.uk](mailto:info@careukcharity.org.uk). Visit us today to get a taste of the volunteer experience. The kettle's always on, and a warm welcome (plus biscuits!) awaits you.

Location: Unit 9 Riverside Retail Park, Wharf Street, Warrington. WA1 2GZ Join us in making a positive impact on the lives of those in our community.

Follow us on Facebook to find out more about what we do.