

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK – 11TH – 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00am – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

Coffee in the Resource Room after mass

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – FERIAL

CLERGY DAY OF RECOLLECTION. WISTASTON HALL

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY – ASH WEDNESDAY – DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

12.00noon – Benefactors of the Sick Clergy Fund

6.00pm – Tom McPhail

Ashes will be distributed at these masses

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY – 15TH FEBRUARY

12.00noon – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm – Patrick Nolan

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY - 16TH FEBRUARY

11.15am – Funeral Service – Mary Agnes Redmond

Conducted by Father Peter Montgomery

10.00am – Requiem Mass Saint Thomas Becket. Tarporley.

Michael Desmond O'Connor. Headteacher, Saint Nicholas High School, Northwich, 1965 – 1995

Requiescant in pace

SATURDAY – 17TH FEBRUARY

5.00pm – Brian Surridge

2.30pm – Saint Wilfrid's Grappenhall. Warrington Male Voice Choir

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10.00am – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

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

LENT BOOKS are available in the porch in readiness for the beginning of the season this coming Ash Wednesday when two masses will be celebrated at 12.00noon and 6.00pm when Ashes will be distributed. Please leave a donation in the Mission Box to the left of the inner entrance to the church in aid of Father Clarke's Clinic in Santa Cruz. The Advent, Lent and Easter Books always afford great inspiration for our daily prayer in this time of preparation for the central feast of our Faith – the Resurrection of the Lord. Lent denotes the advent of Spring when days stretch, light and new life and growth become ever more visible and plentiful. A time for us all for deeper reflection and greater commitment in a world battered with violence and debilitated by privation.

CLERGY EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION. This collection should have been taken last November, but there was such a demand on our charity – I felt it better to delay to the New Year. On the training and formation of our future Priests, the survival of any Diocese depends. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund Those seeking to undertake the work of the Church in our diocese of Shrewsbury have many training needs. Candidates for Priestly Formation spend around six years in preparation. Training is expensive – it costs around £30,000 a year to prepare for Ordination. The Church receives no state aid and so provision is necessary for salaries, maintenance of buildings, libraries, food, church requisites – the list goes on. An important collection in the life and future of any and every diocese.

A very happy half term break to all our teachers, children and young people.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK
GEORGE BROWNE

Thank you

Suz Collins and family would like to thank everyone who prayed for her grandson, Kes, who was rushed into intensive care just before Christmas. He was on life support for a while and then not expected to survive when he came off it – but against the odds he actually came home from hospital this week. Maybe he is our little miracle.