

St Monica's Catholic Parish Newsletter

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S PARISH MEMBERS



SERVICES FOR THE WEEK – 18TH – 25TH OCTOBER 2026

TWENTYNINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18TH OCTOBER

10.00am – Eileen and Michael Day

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

MONDAY – 19TH OCTOBER – SAINT PETER OF ALCANTARA

Franciscan Priest, spiritual director to Saint Teresa of Avila and Secondary Patron of the Cathedral. St Peter was the choice of Bertram, 17th Earl of Shrewsbury, who paid for the building of the Cathedral, but died at the age of 23 years, two months before it was opened.

7.00pm – 8.00pm – Prayer Group. Saint John Newman Church. ALL WELCOME

TUESDAY – 20TH OCTOBER – FERIAL

12.00noon – Referend Paul O'Grady

WEDNESDAY – 21ST OCTOBER – FERIAL

12.00noon – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm – For Prisoners and their Families and Relations

THURSDAY – 22ND OCTOBER – SAINT JOHN PAUL THE SECOND. POPE (1978 - 2005)

A Pope who made numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. He died on Divine Mercy Sunday – a feast he instituted.

9.30am – Bob Shaw. This is our first school mass for the academic year and it precedes half-term which begins tomorrow. (Friday 23rd October)

SATURDAY – 24TH OCTOBER

5.00pm – Burton, Considine, Diakun, O’Sullivan and Wardel – deceased families and friends

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25TH OCTOBER

10.00am – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica’s

SICK: Sheila Miller and Angela Turner. Please remember in our prayers all our sick and housebound and especially those who love and care for them.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND. The mass for the Sick and Housebound with our parishioners and those from other parishes was a great success – prayerfully, socially and gastronomically. I record our deepest thanks to the S.V.P. for their efforts in co-ordinating this happy event and those who went to such trouble to provide such wonderful refreshments. Hospitality will always be among my deepest and abiding memories of my years at Saint Monica’s. The Readings of our Sunday Mass were so appropriate to the celebration.

CAFOD. Thank you also for quite a substantial addition to our initial collection for CAFOD two weeks ago. A further £220.00 was donated last weekend bringing the total to £1624. We will close the Appeal this weekend. If you would like to contribute – CAFOD envelopes are still available in the porch with a chance to Gift Aid if we pay tax.

THE MASS COUNT for the last two Sundays in September and first two in October averaged out at attendances of 150 each weekend. This is an increase each weekend of an extra TEN attenders. I continue to be extremely perturbed by the almost TOTAL absence of children and young people who are the church of TODAY not TOMORROW.

THIS WEEKEND IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY when we remember all those marvellous, generous men and women who give their lives and talents to preaching the Gospel in other lands – often in hardship and opposition. We remember them, especially today.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK
GEORGE BROWNE