St Monica's Catholic

Parish Newsletter

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S PARISH MEMBERS



SERVICES FOR THE WEEK –25TH OCTOBER – 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR TONIGHT

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25TH OCTOBER
10.00am – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

MONDAY – 26TH OCTOBER – SAINTS CHAD AND CEDD. BROTHERS AND BISHOPS, educated at Lindisfarne under Saint Aidan (died 672). Both great missioners to the Saxons in North Yorkshire and Midlands.

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

TUESDAY – 27TH OCTOBER – FERIAL
12.00noon – Benefactors of Sick Clergy

WEDNESDAY – 28TH OCTOBER – SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE. APOSTLES. MARTYRED IN PERSIA
11.30am – Beryl Benson - PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME

THURSDAY – 29TH OCTOBER – THE BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI
Douai, famed college in France, founded in 1568 by Cardinal Allen. 160 Priests, Alumni of Douai martyred in England and Wales for their Catholic Faith

12.00noon – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm – Thomas Colloppy and Austen Family

SATURDAY – 31ST OCTOBER
5.00pm – For the Parishioners of Saint Monica's

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS
10.00am – Deceased Relatives of McStravog Family

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.

CAFOD. Thank you for your generous response to our SECOND CAFOD appeal of 2026. Without any further donations, the total stands at £1684.

NOVEMBER makes its appearance towards the end of this week. Along with giving us a sign and feel of winter, November is a month that evokes memories. All Saints and All Souls Day, each in their own unique way, call to mind those who have gone before us. These include saints we have come to know, love and venerate since childhood, along with many others we have met on our journey through life who have gone to God – parents, family members, neighbours and friends. Remembrance Sunday on the second weekend of November is a deeply honoured tradition in our land when we remember victims of war, conflict, violence and injustice. One of the dearest traditions of the Catholic Church is the practice of having a mass of thanksgiving offered in gratitude for our departed loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Thanksgiving for what they gave us and what they left us in their witness to the Lord in lives of love and generosity. November List Envelopes are available for you to collect and return with your request. You will find envelopes in the porch. Please enter any name(s) of a departed loved one(s) for whom you would wish a mass to be offered in memory and gratitude. It is customary to make an offering for your intention and please do not hesitate to suggest a date for the celebration. It is not always possible for time mentioned to be accommodated but a date near to the proposal will be provided.

BIKES AND BICYCLES Canon Dave Heywod of Saint Oswald, King and Martyr at Padgate is making an appeal to Saint Monica's for bikes for adults to be used by Asylum Seekers in Warrington. It would be good if they are mobile machines or at least easily serviceable. If you have an unused bicycle (with possible accessories) – can you give me a word or better still – ring Miriam Gibbons on 01925-815646. Needless to say, our help would be deeply appreciated and your machine will be collected.

HALF-TERM started this weekend for our youngsters at Saint Monica's. We wish them and their teachers and ancillary staff a very restful and relaxing holiday.

A THOUGHT FROM SAINT JOHN PAUL II – (feast last Thursday)
"Peace is not just the absence of war. It involves mutual respect and confidence between nations. It involves co-operation and binding agreements. Wherever the strong exploit the weak, wherever the rich take advantage of the poor, wherever great powers seek to dominate and to impose ideologies, there the making of peace is undone".
(Homily at Mass, Coventry 1982). I was amongst those present.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK AND MIND HOW YOU GO IN THE GLOAMING
GEORGE BROWNE