

NEWSLETTER

15th October – 19th October 2018

THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about a wealthy young man whose love of money and possessions were stopping him finding true happiness.

So Jesus lovingly challenges him: if he wants to have the true, lasting happiness for which he is asking, then he must give God first place in his life. Living in the way that Jesus taught us, knowing that we are loved forever by God and responding to that love by loving others leads to everlasting happiness.

Dear Lord, May our family be rich in love and filled with the happiness which comes from serving you and others.

Amen

ROSARY CHALLENGE

Pupils are invited to the rosary challenge.

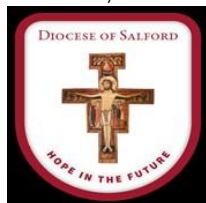
Meet at 1.10pm in the school chapel during October*

*starts Thursday 4th October

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for Our Lady of Grace Parish Mass of the Sick on Saturday 27th October at 11am. The parish would be delighted if some of St Monica's pupils could join to help at the mass and the party afterwards.

If interested see Mrs Allmand, room 14



ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for the 1st – 5th October was 96.4%.

Congratulations to forms 7K & 10B who

Achieved 100% attendance and will have a wear your own clothes day on Monday 15th October.

Please note own clothes must be suitable for school, no baseball caps, children should not show their midriff, no crop tops or low slung trousers that will show their underwear. No offensive clothing should be worn.

Clothes should be suitable for a school environment.



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SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern for the safety of a child at the school you can contact Mrs. Walker, the designated Child Protection Officer on 0161 773 6436 or g.walker@stmonicas.co.uk

You can also contact Bury Social Services directly on 0161 253 5678.

UNIFORM

All uniform should be of the highest standard and in line with school policy. The uniform guidelines are on the school website.

PARKING

Please can parents ensure they do not park in the school car park before and after school unless it has been pre-arranged with the school.



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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

YEAR 11 PARENTS' APPOINTMENT

Mrs Hainsworth and members of the Senior Leadership Team have invited parents of all Year 11 pupils to school to keep you informed of son's/daughter's progress and to identify targets for successful GCSE results next summer. All pupils should have received a letter providing details. If your son/daughter has not booked an appointment, please send them to the main school office to book in.

YEAR 11 LIVE & LEARN SESSION

On Wednesday 17/10/18 Live N Learn will be doing a workshop for parents on study skills and supporting their child. Its open for all parents of Year 11 from 6pm-7pm in the main school hall. Parking is available on site.

CHARITY EVENTS

Every half term an own clothes day will be held in order to raise money for our chosen charities - Caritas, CAFOD, Francis House and Bury Hospice. We also do work with Manchester's homeless, our Parishes and Operation Christmas Child.

This Half Term the money raised will be for MacMillan Cancer support. During the half term there will also be various cake sales and events to support the charity. Notices will be shared on show my homework, the News Letter and to your child during form time. You will be notified in advance when these events will take place.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In order to support Operation Christmas Child again this year, your child will be encouraged to create a shoe box of gifts. A collection will be arranged for **Friday 16th November**, so please can we ask that you to bring in any boxes by **Thursday 15th November**. We need at least 100 boxes to be eligible for a collection. Please bring any boxes to **Room 16 (Miss Atkinson)**
Thank you for your support

WORLD GIFTS CAMPAIGN

CAFOD have asked that we support their 'World Gifts' campaign again this year. There will be different fundraising activities up until Christmas to support the cause.

Each form will receive a box (Similar to a St Joseph's Penny) to fill up with any change that they have. The box does not have to be full but pupils will be awarded 10 Merits per box handed in.

Please send the boxes down to room 16 before half term.

The form that brings back the most boxes will get a prize each and more Merits.

SCHOOL TRIPS

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY ENRICHMENT TRIP TO LONDON 2019

Please see the attached letter from Mr Day regarding the London Enrichment trip in May 2019.

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MARIAN PROCESSION

On the Saturday 6th October 2018 Mrs Allmand and members of The Pupil Chaplaincy team attended the Marian Procession. It is an annual event held on the first Saturday of October (month of the Rosary), through the streets of Rusholme and Fallowfield, in South Manchester (Diocese of Salford).

The procession is an expression of popular piety. It is a public gathering of a small portion of the Church in God's presence and it is both a powerful moment of community prayer and of witness and evangelisation. Every year, around 1000 people of different ages (adults, elderly, youth and children), backgrounds, cultures and parishes gather together to celebrate and share their common love and faith for Jesus Christ and their filial devotion to Our Lady.

During the procession a large wooden cross is carried by young volunteers, followed by a statue of Our Lady seated on a large platform adorned with flowers and carried by groups of 12 trained volunteers in stages along the way.

The route of the procession is as follows: Thurloe Street (St Edward's RC Church)- Wilmslow Rd - Wilbraham Rd - Hart Rd (St Kentigern's RC Church) - Yew Tree Rd - Whitmore Rd - Platt Fields Park.

The procession was an important way for staff and pupils to become witnesses to their faith.

We hope to be invited to attend next year



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Please read the attached letter regarding operation encompass, the school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that is a police initiative and is supported by Bury Safeguarding Board.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

The school car park is for staff & pre-arranged visitors only. There are limited spaces available and with the introduction of the security gate the turning circle is not available to members of the public. Therefore, unnecessary vehicles on the car park can cause a Health & Safety issue.

There are plenty of parking facilities near school on Bury Old Road (just past the Ostrich pub) or on Scholes Lane. We have limited disabled parking spaces and these should only be used should you have a valid disabled badge. Mrs Cannon

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HOUSEKEEPING

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Could we remind all parents who drop off/ collect children in the school day not to park in the school entrance or in the bus stops, please do not park on the opposite side of the road this compromises the Health and Safety of our pupils and carries a fine. If you are collecting pupils by car, please arrange to collect pupils at a location a little further away from the school or after 3.10pm when most pupils have left. Thank You.

YEAR 11 – DINNER MONEY USING PARENT PAY FROM SEPTEMBER 2018

Year 11 dinners should be paid for via Parent Pay as Year 11 dinners are served in the Hub. If you need to set up your Parent Pay account and need your activation code to do this, please contact Mrs Firth. You can set yourself a reminder so you know when your funds are running low. Year 11 pupils should not top up their dinner monies in the main school.

PARENT PAY – General

Please remember to log onto your account regularly to check you are up to date with any payments for trips and revision guides. If a refund has been actioned via Parent Pay from school you should receive a notification on your Parent Pay account and be able to withdraw the money to your bank by clicking on your parent account, statement, withdrawal.

PARENT PAY YEAR 7 LOG IN DETAILS

All year 7 pupils will have received a letter detailing log in details for Parent Pay (distributed Thursday/Friday registration). Any pupils that were not in school on these days the letter will be posted home. For any further information please contact the finance office.

CHANGE AT SCHOOL

Please can you make sure pupils have the correct notes/ change to top up their dinner money account if they are year 7- 10. With the introduction of Parent Pay at school the finance office has limited funds so does not always have change.

SPORT

MONDAY 15th OCTOBER

Year 8 & 9 Netball match V's Bury Church
Boys Rugby training 3.00pm – 4.15pm

TUESDAY 16th OCTOBER

Year 7 & 8 Girls football training 3pm – 4pm
Year 7/8 boy's fixture Vs Bury grammar (A) 4.00pm Kick Off

WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER

Year 7, 8 & 9 Cross Country training @ Heaton Park all welcome 3pm-4pm
Girls Rugby Training 3pm – 4.15pm

THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Operation Encompass

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that is a Police Initiative and is supported by Bury Safeguarding Board.

The project, Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. This information will be shared on school days during the school term. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police will contact the relevant school the following Monday.

Nominated members of school staff, known as a Key Adults, will be trained to liaise with the police. At St Monica's RC High School our Key Adults are Mrs G Walker and Mrs J Davies. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe that Operation Encompass is going to be beneficial and supportive for all concerned; children and families.

Full information about Encompass can be found on St Monica's RC High School website or you can contact our Key Adults at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr J P Costello
Chair of the Interim Executive Board

Mrs A M Hainsworth
Head Teacher