

*Please pray for . .*

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR  
AROUND THIS TIME

**Norman Appleton, Briege Brennan  
Don Cullen, Linda Ann Dibble  
John Folkard, Annie Gilfedder  
Jimmy McGraw, Arthur Shuttleworth  
Alfred Walklett, Stephen Walklett**

*May all who sleep in Christ find in your  
presence light, happiness and peace, through  
Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

ALSO THOSE WHO ARE SICK

**Sister Charles, Valerie Ashby, Philomena Barrett,  
Colette and Ciano Bartoli, Mary and Gordon  
Beddows, Louise Boughey, Denise Bradley, Frank  
Bradshaw, David Brearley, Mary Bretherton,  
Sarah Brewer, Craig Cook Jnr, Tina Corkill, Les  
Cowell, Barbara Cowell, Dennis Cowell, Sheila  
Cowell, Peter Cuff, Mary Davies, John Dean,  
John Delouise, F.D. Jr, Anita Dubique-Ashton,  
Tony Dubique, Barbara Edmundson, Frank  
Hawley, Jayne Heaton, Pat Hindley, Brian Hume,  
Carol Hume, Michael Larkin, Ruth Lightfoot,  
Georgina Lomax, Christine Lowrey, Eileen Peet,  
Angela Rawlins, Joan Redmond, Pat Singleton,  
Tony Stirrup, Jayne Torvill, Rosina Turco, John  
Tyson, Graham Wells.**

*God holds the whole world in his hands.  
We ask him to embrace those who are sick  
that they may be brought to a fullness of  
health and life.*

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LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH THAT IT MAY RECEIVE  
FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT THE GRACE AND STRENGTH TO  
REFORM ITSELF IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL  
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■ This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Expectant  
Mothers. Let us give thanks and keep all our  
mothers in our thoughts on this occasion.

**Last Week's Offertory – £325.55**

*Thank you!*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday 17 Dec.

6.30 pm Deacon John Traynor; Sheila &  
Arthur Shuttleworth; Maureen  
Bostock

### Sunday 18 Dec. *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

11 am Sean Rogers; Mary McMahon;  
Stan Wright

### Monday 19 Dec.

No Mass *School Carol Service at 6 pm*

### Tuesday 20 Dec.

9.30 am The Graham Family

### Wednesday 21 Dec. *St Peter Canisius*

7.30 pm People of the Parish

### Thursday 22 Dec.

No Mass

### Friday 23 Dec. *St John of Kanty*

No Mass

### Saturday 24 Dec. *Christmas Eve*

6.30 pm Father Gildea; Jimmy McGraw

### Sunday 25 Dec. *Christmas Day*

11 am 60th Wedding Anniversary; Brenda  
Hattersley; Hynes & Byrne Families;  
Dennis & Jean Foy

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*Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look  
back and discover they were the big things*  
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PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

# Newsletter

## Sunday 18 December 2022

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (p.90)**

*Psalter Week 4*



# LOVE

*May the Christmas season fill your home  
with joy, your heart with love  
and your life with laughter*

**A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS**

*Deacon* Revd Jim McGraw



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## Advent and the Jesse Tree

The season of Advent is a season of penance and prayer in preparation for Christmas. Each week a picture or symbol is added to our Jesse Tree. This final week we add Joseph (a hammer and saw), Mary (a rose), John the Baptist (a writing board and pen) and Jesus (a star). The fourth of our Advent candles – the Candle of Love – will be lit this weekend to remind us that Jesus was born to save us.

## School Carol Service

On Monday 19 December at 6 pm our school-children will hold their Carol Service in church. There will be carols and readings and all parishioners are welcome to attend. There will also be a collection on behalf of CAFOD.

## Advent Penance Service

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is to be celebrated at St Oswald's church at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 20 December. Canon Dave Heywood invites everyone to join him for this opportunity to confess our sins before the feast of Christmas.

## Christmas Mass Times

This year the Christmas Masses unfortunately do not include midnight Mass. On Christmas Eve (Saturday) there will be Mass at 6.30 pm and on Christmas Day at 11 am.

## Christmas Fayre

St Peter's Christmas Fayre raised a wonderful £2,968, which includes £874 raffle ticket money. There is a promise of plus £500 match-funding. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who contributed in any way for the benefit of our schoolchildren.

## WODAC Appeal

During December we are asked to give items of winter clothing to the homeless in our area, especially underwear. So if you can donate a pack of Y-fronts (all brands accepted) they will be warmly appreciated. We will collect them as usual in the church porch together with socks, vests, gloves, hats and any other winter clothing. All contributions welcome. Thank you.

## Mary's Meals – Double the Love Scheme

Donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous benefactors, up to £1.5 million, until 31 January 2023. With **Double the Love** your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved – find out more at [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) or visit our parish website.

### PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW

**The December prize of £135 was won by No. 11**

The draw took place after Mass on 11 December. Any allocated numbers not paid for on this occasion were not included in the draw. Members are reminded payment of £3 for each number must be made by the weekend before the draw takes place. The next draw will be made on Sunday 15 January after Mass.

**If you're not in you can't win – Good Luck!**

## CAFOD Christmas Gifts

New *World Gifts* catalogues are available in the porch for a wide variety of gifts at Christmas which contribute to making the world a better place. Please take a copy home to make your choice and order online, by phone or by using the order form.

## Warm and Cosy Spaces

Parish centres in our area hosting Warm Spaces, a scheme where free hot drinks and biscuits are made available to those in need, are as follows:

**St Benedict's, Rhodes Street, WA2 7QE**

Wednesdays 12 to 3 pm in the sacristy  
(with soup from 12 to 1 pm)

Thursdays 1 to 3.30 pm in the Parish Centre

**St Oswald's, Padgate Lane, WA1 3LB**

Mondays 1 to 3.30 pm

**St Joseph's, Meeting Lane, WA5 2BB**

Thursdays 1 to 3.30 pm

■ Deacon Jim and Selena wish everyone a Very Joyful Christmas. Instead of sending cards they will make an increased contribution to WODAC.



### A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

*God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus,  
to shine bright like the sun,  
lighting the way for all who walk in darkness.*

*Let your love shine like a light  
to all people, and may the light of your love  
always shine in our hearts.*

*Let your love transform us and  
inspire us to love more deeply.*

*Amen*

### A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Lord, help us to fulfil our mission  
of bringing your joy and love to others;  
through our prayers, our listening,  
our words and our deeds.

May we be a parish that is welcoming  
and eager to share our faith.

Show us new ways to reach out and  
encourage those searching for the peace  
only you can give. Amen

### A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid, that you will  
be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion,  
strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of  
crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our  
brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in  
your ways so that peace and justice become  
a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all  
the world. Amen.