

*Please pray for . .*

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR  
AROUND THIS TIME

**Terry Bate, Alan Bennett  
Albert Carman, Paul Grainger  
Dennis Patrick Green, Bridget Hughes  
Jenny Mann, Christine Millington  
Maurine Mulrine, Geoff Richardson  
Ian Sherratt, Margaret Smith**

*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 Bartolo, Mary and  
Gordon Beddows, Louise Boughey, Denise  
Bradley, Frank Bradshaw, David Brearley, Mary  
Bretherton, Sarah Brewer, Ann Carmen, 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, James Faulkner, Margaret Harrison,  
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

**Last Week's Offertory – £394.89**

**Standing Orders (Jan.) – £1,219**

*Thank you!*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday 18 Feb.**

6.30 pm Terry Bate

**Sunday 19 Feb.**

11 am People of the Parish

**Monday 20 Feb.**

No Mass

**Tuesday 21 Feb.**

*St Peter Damian*

9.30 am The Baynes Family

**Wednesday 22 Feb.**

*Ash Wednesday*

7.30 pm People of the Parish

**Thursday 23 Feb.**

*St Polycarp, Bishop*

No Mass

**Friday 24 Feb.**

No Mass

**Saturday 25 Feb.**

6.30 pm Matthew McCarthy

**Sunday 26 Feb.**

11 am Father Gildea

■ As one who has seen war, one thing I have  
learned is that the absence of war does not  
bring about peace. Neither does material  
prosperity. We seek peace, yet we fail in our  
efforts to attain peace, until we encounter the  
source of peace. To reject the peace God offers  
is to embrace despair. *Robert Leroe*

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*It's what we don't say that says so much about us*  
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PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

*Newsletter*  
**Sunday 19 February 2023**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (p.139)**

*Psalter Week 3*



*The  
Lord  
is  
compassion  
and  
love*

A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

*Deacon* Revd Jim McGraw



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Let us continue to stay close, with prayer and concrete support, to the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. And let us not forget tormented Ukraine: may the Lord open ways of peace and give those responsible the courage to follow them.

POPE FRANCIS

### Lent Starts This Week

Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence, falls on 22 February, the start of our Lenten season. This is a time of spiritual renewal and we can receive Lenten grace and blessings by taking something up or by giving something up. Whatever we choose to do we can make a fresh start with God. Don't forget to enjoy your pancakes on Tuesday – it's going to be a long wait for your Easter eggs.

### Warrington Foodbank

Collections have now resumed and any surplus food items would be much appreciated. Your donations can be left in the crate in the church porch to help those less fortunate.

### Award for Louise Crossey

At this month's SPAM meeting our Parish Council agreed to make an award to Louise Crossey in recognition of her assistance to Fr Gildea over many years.

### 2023 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Dates have been finalised for 21-28 July with flights from Liverpool Airport to Lourdes Airport and costs will be between £829 to £979 depending upon the hotel selected (3\* or 4\*). The price does NOT include medical insurance or travel to and from Liverpool Airport. The reason for the increased costs is that previous pilgrimages were for five days (four nights), whereas this pilgrimage is for eight days (seven nights). The pilgrimage organisers do not run shorter pilgrimages. If you wish to join us we can send you a full list of travel and hotel details and options available from the pilgrimage organisers.

### Parish 100 Club

Standing order payments can now be accepted via Lloyds Bank. The account name is St Peter's Lottery; sort code 30-99-50; account no. 31110460. Please pay by the 4th of the month and put the first five letters of your surname followed by your draw number(s), e.g. SMITH 22 47 90. Green cards are in the porch to take advantage of this facility so you don't forget to join in the monthly draw.

### PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW

**The February prize of £125 was won by No. 58**

The draw took place after Mass on 12 February. 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 12 March after 11 am Mass.

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

### Monthly Working Party

All are welcome to come along after Mass on Tuesday 7 March, as there is always something to do to keep our church grounds looking good.

### Tea and Toast

It is hoped that we can soon resume Tea and Toast in the Millennium Room after 11 am Mass on Sundays – an excellent way to keep our parish together.

### 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

### PRAYERS FOR LENT

*I love you, Jesus my love,  
above all things.*

*I repent with my whole heart  
of having offended you.*

*Never permit me to  
separate myself from you again.  
Grant that I may love you always  
and then do with me  
what you will. Amen.*

*O God, you showed us in the  
passion of your Son the way to eternal glory  
by the Way of the Cross.*

*Grant that we may follow him now,  
by our prayers, to share his triumph  
with Him for all eternity. 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.**