

Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

**Graham Banks, Mary Hibbits
Michael Mannion, Kathleen Parry
Frank Sands, John Stubbs
Arthur Terry Snr**

*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, Colette and
Ciano Bartolo, Ellie Beaton, Mary and Gordon
Beddows, Louise Boughey, Denise Bradley,
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, Jayne Heaton, Pat
Hindley, Christine Hudson, Brian Hume, Carol
Hume, Michael Larkin, Ruth Lightfoot, Georgina
Lomax, Peter McKeown, 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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■ May is the month of Mary, the Mother of
Jesus. Let us try to set aside some time to say
the rosary daily in honour of Our Lady.

Last Week's Offertory – £371.60

Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 20 May *St Bernardine of Siena*

9.30 am First Communicants' Mass

6.30 pm Mike Clifton

Sunday 21 May *World Communications Day*

11 am Frank Sands

Monday 22 May *St Rita*

No Mass

Tuesday 23 May *St William of Rochester*

9.30 am Frank Hawley

Wednesday 24 May *Our Lady Help of Christians*

11.45 am Funeral Service for Marion Barrie

followed by committal at

Walton Lea Crematorium at 12.40 pm

7.30 pm People of the Parish

Thursday 25 May *St Bede; St Gregory VII*

No Mass

Friday 26 May *St Philip Neri*

No Mass Year 4 Assembly in School (9 am)

Saturday 27 May *St Augustine of Canterbury*

6.30 pm Ollie Smith

Sunday 28 May *Pentecost Sunday*

11 am Ian Ritchie

There will be no Friday Mass until Friday 9 June at 9.30 am.

Friday Masses from that date onward will be at

9.30 am and NOT 6.30 pm

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

Newsletter

Sunday 21 May 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p.275)

World Communications Day Psalter Week 3



*I am sure
I shall see
the Lord's
goodness
in the land
of the
living*

A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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Memorial Garden Fundraiser

The £550 raised at the parish Fun Day has enabled us to clear the outstanding monies spent in carrying out the remedial works to the garden. Considering the inclement weather on the day this is a fantastic amount. A big 'thank you' to everyone involved in setting up, providing refreshments and clearing up after the event. Also those who provided prizes for the draw, donations and to all parishioners who attended on the day.

World Communications Day

There will be a collection this weekend for the work of the **World Communications Office** in promoting the gospel through the media on current issues. Please respond to this appeal with your usual generosity.

Universe in Print

A new print edition of the *Universe Catholic Weekly* was launched on Friday 19 May. It costs £2.50 per copy and individual subscription rates are also available with direct home delivery.

First Holy Communion

At 9.30 am Mass on Saturday 20 May our First Holy Communicants received the sacrament. We congratulate our children, our school and catechists who have worked so hard in the parish to achieve this memorable occasion.

Tea and Cakes is Back

We look forward to welcoming you on the parish lawn after Mass on Sunday 28 May. This is an opportunity to bring our parish together, to socialise with others and to raise funds for the parish. Pray for good weather!

Mary's Meals

Throughout the month of May we are invited to pray that the work of Mary's Meals will continue to flourish and grow, and that more children will see their lives transformed by receiving nutritious school meals.

Mass Numbers Up

Attendances at Mass are getting better each week with an average 189 (an increase of 5 per cent on March), which is up 12 per cent on 2022 figures.

Confirmation Dates

Deanery Confirmations by Bishop Tom Williams will be at St Oswald's Church, Padgate Lane, on Saturday and Sunday, 1 and 2 July at 2 pm. There are five candidates from our parish taking part.

PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW

The May prize of £117 was won by No. 57

The draw took place after Mass on 14 May. Any allocated numbers not paid for on this occasion were not included in the draw. Some members have not yet renewed their annual fee and all are reminded that 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 11 June after 11 am Mass.

Make sure you are included – No Pay, No Play!

2023 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Saint Peter's Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 21-28 July and is affiliated to the Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. A list of the major events has been received from Liverpool and sent to participants. There are 12 of our parishioners taking part up to now but it's not too late for anyone wishing to join us – please add your name to the list at the back of church.

Warrington Foodbank

Any surplus food items would be welcomed, especially rice pudding, tinned tomatoes, Smash, hot dogs and jam. Your donations can be left in the crate in the church porch to help those less fortunate. Thank you for your help – it is much appreciated.

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*If you are doing your best, you will not have time
to worry about failure*
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A WORD FROM FATHER MARK . .

When I announced that I was coming to St Peter's, many people told me that I was lucky to be appointed to such a wonderful community. Of course, I had come to see that already over the weeks as I said the Sunday morning Mass here. But since being appointed your parish priest, I have been even more impressed by the warmth of your welcome, as well as the vibrant community spirit in the parish. So thank you all for welcoming and encouraging me. In particular, I would like to thank those who have given time and physical effort helping with my move. We have a great team here and I look forward to the years ahead! God bless you all.

Fr Mark

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.