

*Please pray for . .*

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR  
AROUND THIS TIME

**Fred Bond, Margaret Byrne  
Margaret Dickenson, Brenda Gartside  
Annie Gregory, Timothy Gregory  
Mary Holcroft, Beatrice McMahon  
Michael McQuillan**

*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, Colette and Luciano Bartolo,  
Ellie Beaton, Louise Boughey, Mary Bretherton,  
Tina Corkill, Les Cowell, Sheila Cowell, Anita  
Dubique-Ashton, Margaret Harrison, Jayne  
Heaton, Jim and Pat Heffey, Pat Hindley, Marian  
Hodson, Bernard Johnson, Ruth Lightfoot, Peter  
McKeown, Angela Rawlins, Joan Redmond,  
Mary Wilkinson.**

*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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**Christenings**

This Sunday, 5 November, we welcome into our parish family William Dennis Edward Quilter and Charles Isambard Constantinou, who are to be baptised at 12.30 pm. We wish them every future blessing and congratulate their parents.

**Youth Pilgrimage 2024**

The Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes is now open for applications for young people from Year 10 up to the age of 22. It will cost £700, with fundraising and support available. Please consider being part of this life-changing experience and go to [liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk](http://liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk) to apply. Search for us on social media for further information. Places are limited so please apply soon!

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday 4 Nov.**

6.30 pm Christine Lowrey

**Sunday 5 Nov.**

11 am Michael Emerson

*Baptisms* William Dennis Edward Quilter  
at 12.30 pm — Charles Isambard Constantinou

**Monday 6 Nov.**

No Mass

**Tuesday 7 Nov.**

*St Willibrord*

9.30 am Pious List

**Wednesday 8 Nov.**

*All Saints of Wales*

7.30 pm Bernard Johnson

**Thursday 9 Nov.**

*Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica*

No Mass

**Friday 10 Nov.**

*St Leo the Great, Pope*

9.30 am Pious List

**Saturday 11 Nov.**

*St Martin of Tours*

6.30 pm Pious List

**Sunday 12 Nov.**

11 am Bernard Fox; Ian Ritchie

*Don't worry about avoiding temptation –  
as you grow older it will avoid you*

**Last Week's Offertory –  
£466.91**

*Thank you!*

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL  
Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

*Newsletter*  
**Sunday 5 November 2023**

**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.149)**

*Psalter Week 3*



*Keep  
my soul  
in peace  
before you,  
O Lord*

**A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS**

*Parish Priest* Fr Mark Drew  
*Deacon* Revd Jim McGraw



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## Exposition and Prayers

Each Wednesday evening there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30 pm before Mass. Prayers will be said for a peaceful end to the Gaza/ Israel conflict followed by Benediction.

## Memorial Bench

A bench has been installed in the prayer garden of St Peter's School dedicated to the memory of Fr Gildea. A service in which Fr Mark blessed the bench, inscribed: 'Fr John Gildea – much-loved and missed parish priest. He loved to hear the children pray and sing and we know he is watching over us,' took place recently.

## Tea and Toast This Week

We look forward to welcoming you to Tea and Toast after Mass on Sunday in the Millennium Room. This is an opportunity to bring our parish together, to socialise with others and to raise funds for the parish. Why not join us?

## SPAM Meeting

The next meeting of SPAM, St Peter's Parish Council, will be held on Monday 6 November at 7 pm in the Millennium Room. The agenda will be circulated before the meeting.

## Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday, 12 November, is Remembrance Sunday. As a parish, we will be taking part in the service at the Cenotaph, Martinscroft Green, (top of Weir Lane) at 12 noon. Poppies are on sale in the porch – the proceeds from which go to the Royal British Legion who support ex-Service personnel in need of assistance.

## Red Wednesday

Our church will be floodlit in red after dark on Wednesday 22 November to show solidarity with persecuted Christians worldwide.

## Winter Wonderland Event

An outdoor event in the church garden is being organised for Friday 24 November. Featuring crafts, games etc. and including food and drink, we can make it a memorable parish occasion.

## Pope Francis on Israel and Palestine

"I continue to follow with great sorrow what is happening in Israel and Palestine. I renew my appeal for the freeing of the hostages and I strongly ask that children, the sick, the elderly, women, and all civilians not be made victims of the conflict. Humanitarian law is to be respected, especially in Gaza. Please, let no more innocent blood be shed, neither in the Holy Land nor in Ukraine, nor in any other place! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!"

## PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW

### Next Draw 12 November – Pay This Week

The next draw will take place after 11 am Mass on Sunday 12 November. Members are reminded that payment must be made by the weekend before the draw takes place to be included. Also, please ensure your contact telephone number is known in order to be informed if you win.

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

## Firework Display

This year there will be no bonfire at St Peter's but there will be a firework display in the school grounds on Wednesday 8 November. Family activities, a bar and refreshments are available. Tickets may be obtained from school.

## Warrington Foodbank

Shortages include chocolate snack bars, semi-skimmed milk, cordial, tinned meat and fish. Your donations can be left in the crate in the church porch for those less fortunate. Thank you.

## Could You Be a Deacon?

Archbishop Malcolm will host an information evening for men who may feel called to the diaconate on Thursday 23 November at St Bede's Guild Hall, Appleton Village, Widnes WA8 6EL.

The evening will begin at 7.30 pm, with refreshments available from 7 pm, and end by 9 pm. Wives and supporting deacons or priests will also be very welcome. If you are interested but are unable to attend, please email Fr Chris Fallon, [c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk), or Deacon Paul Rooney, [p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk) for information.

## A QUIET PRAYER

*Thank you for this time of quiet reflection, Lord.*

*Thank you for speaking to my heart.*

*Grant me the grace to open my heart to you ever more generously every day.*

*Preserve me from keeping the door of my heart closed to you.*

*I never want to separate myself from you.*

*Jesus, you are the source of healing, love and life.*

*Thank you for your presence here and now.*

*Stay with me so that as I leave here I do so as a living tabernacle of your presence. 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.