

Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

- Catherine Burke
- Alf Brown, Celia Chamberlain
- Julia Charlesworth, Norman Johnson
- Hugh Rafferty, Eileen Randle
- Harry Richardson, Linda Savage
- Martha Gatley Warburton

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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If anyone wishes to be visited by a Eucharistic Minister to receive Holy Communion please contact Fr Mark or Deacon Jim. Just email:

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A Welcome Prayer

Heavenly Father, in my dealings with other people help me to be welcoming and sincere. May I see everyone who crosses my path as a brother or sister. Inspire me to share in the grief and anxiety, the joys and the hopes of all your people so that they may flourish in the comfort of your unbounded love. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 6 Jan.

6.30 pm Rita & Geoff Boyer; Anne Byrne

Sunday 7 Jan. *The Epiphany of the Lord*

11 am Christine Lowrey; Paul Vernon; Kathleen Pidgeon

Monday 8 Jan. *Baptism of the Lord*

9.30 am People of the Parish

Tuesday 9 Jan.

No Mass

Wednesday 10 Jan. *St William*

No Mass or Benediction

Thursday 11 Jan.

No Mass

Friday 12 Jan. *St Aelred of Rievaulx*

9.30 am Matthew McCarthy

Saturday 13 Jan. *St Hilary*

6.30 pm Norah & Tom Manley; Eileen Snape

Sunday 14 Jan.

11 am Thanksgiving for successful treatment; Joan Redmond

Those who predict don't have knowledge; those who have knowledge don't predict

Last Week's Offertory – £422.50

Thank you!

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

Newsletter

Sunday 7 January 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (p.115)

Psalter Week 2

The Lord will bless his people with peace



A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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The Epiphany

The Epiphany is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation (theophany) of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus, and thus Christ's physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

Oh, What a Year

It has hardly been a good 2023 – one of the most depressing years in recent history with extremes of weather, conflict everywhere, mass protests blocking roads causing mayhem, surges in energy prices, inflation and interest rate rises, joined by strikes on the railways and in the NHS. And the binmen. We pray that in 2024 our government can sort out what really matters to the British public – the cost of living, stable affordable energy prices etc. We live in hope! Happy New Year.

All Gratefully Received

WODAC would like to thank all parishioners of St Peter's for their generosity with donations. Once again it was a huge success. Many thanks.

Sorry We Missed It

Last Tuesday was World Introverts' Day when people were invited to stay at home, speak to nobody and hide behind the settee. We can then join in all the fun of National Obesity Awareness Week, Dry January and Veganuary, in order to promote abstinence and meat-free lifestyles. Can't wait to support these noble causes! Ah well, there's always next year.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next week on behalf of SPUC. Please respond with your usual generosity. Don't forget your envelope!

Warrington Foodbank

The crate is in the church porch for items donated to the Foodbank. It will remain there all year and your continued support ensures the well-being of those less fortunate. Thank you for your kindness.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of SPAM, St Peter's Parish Council, will be held on Monday 8 January in the Millennium Room at 7 pm. The agenda will be circulated before the meeting.

PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW

Next Draw 14 January – Pay This Week

The next draw will take place after Mass on Sunday 14 January. There are still numbers available so you need to choose one to make sure you are in the January draw. If you have chosen your number please remember that payment of £3 for each number must be made by the weekend before the draw takes place.

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

Marathon Challenge

Our altar server Ollie Bolt (not Usain) has sent us the following information:

I challenged myself to run the distance of a marathon over a week starting 30 December and ending on 6 January. This is part of Cardinal Newman's head student Christmas Fundraising which we chose to do for St Rocco's. The JustGiving page will stay open for a week after I finish the run. There is more information about the challenge on the parish website JustGiving page plus a link on how to support our quest. Many thanks for your donations. *Ollie*

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

Next year's Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be from 19-26 July. Make a note of the dates if you wish to join. The Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes is now open for applications for young people from Year 10 up to the age of 22, and it will cost £700. Raffle tickets will be on sale in the porch this weekend to help our young parishioners who wish to join the pilgrimage. Please go to liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk to apply. Places are limited so please apply soon!



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!"

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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

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

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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

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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.