

*Please pray for . .*

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR  
AROUND THIS TIME

Terry Bate, Alan Bennett, Albert Carman  
Dennis Patrick Green, Bridget Hughes  
Jenny Mann, Maurine Mulrine  
Peter Newton, Helen Rafferty  
Geoff Richardson, Ian Sherratt, Bill Snow

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

*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.*

**PETER MCKEOWN RIP**

The Requiem Mass for Peter McKeown will be St Alban's,  
Bewsey Street, at 9.30 am on Thursday 22 February  
followed by committal at Walton Lea Crematorium and  
refreshments afterwards at Halliwell Jones Stadium. All  
are welcome to attend.

**Confirmation 2024**

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive  
the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please  
visit the website [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk)  
and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top  
right-hand side of the page. Registration is open  
until 15 March 2024. More Information about  
the Preparation Scheme is on the website.

*Mistakes are an apprenticeship to achievement*  
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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday 17 Feb.**

6.30 pm Peter McKeown; Monica Murphy

**Sunday 18 Feb.**

11 am Healthy Recovery;  
Mike Bretherton; Peter Newton

**Monday 19 Feb.**

9.30 am Peter Newton; Luciano Bartolo

**Tuesday 20 Feb.**

No Mass

**Wednesday 21 Feb.**

*St Peter Damian*

7 pm Stations of the Cross

7.30 pm People of the Parish

**Thursday 22 Feb.**

*Chair of St Peter, Apostle*

No Mass

**Friday 23 Feb.**

*St Polycarp, Bishop*

9.30 am Jimmy McGraw; Philip Wharton

**Saturday 24 Feb.**

6.30 pm Golden Wedding Anniversary;  
Terry Bate

**Sunday 25 Feb.**

11 am Patricia McCarthy; Mary Wilkinson

■ Stations of the Cross at 7 pm will replace  
Exposition and Benediction on Wednesdays in  
Lent, prior to Mass at 7.30 pm.

**Last Week's Offertory – £476**

*Thank you!*

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

*Newsletter*  
**Sunday 18 February 2024**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (p.148)**

*Psalter Week 1*



*Have mercy  
on us,  
O Lord,  
for we  
have  
sinned*

**A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS**

*Parish Priest* Fr Mark Drew

*Deacon* Revd Jim McGraw



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## Lent

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal and we can receive grace and blessings by taking something up or by giving something up. There is no need to strive for perfection, just give it our best efforts as we keep in touch with Our Lord. This could entail daily prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (for instance CAFOD or Mary's Meals). Whatever we choose to do we can make a fresh start with God.

## Welcome Eucharistic Ministers

Three new Eucharistic Ministers have been commissioned in our parish. They are George Lowrey, Margaret Plant and Chris Wright. Let us keep them in our prayers.

## Second Collection

There will be a second collection next week in aid of CAFOD. Please respond to this appeal with your usual generosity to enable humanitarian aid to reach those most in need.

## Legion of Mary Campaign

We have been contacted by the Legion of Mary to see if we would have a team of up to 12 Legionaries in the parish for a week in late May or early June this year. Their visit will be from Saturday to Saturday, staying in parishioners' homes, enabling them to visit all houses in the parish. If you would be prepared to allow one (or more) of the Legionaries to stay at your home and provide them with bed and breakfast you will be paid £100. If you can accommodate any of them during their stay, please give your name to the parish email address or let Fr Mark, Deacon Jim or any parish council member know.

## Tea and Toast is Back

Now that the new kitchen has been installed, Tea and Toast will be resumed from this Sunday. Why not come along after 11 am Mass to the Millennium Room where you can enjoy making friends with other parishioners and discuss all the news in the parish (including the kitchen)?

## 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. Current shortages are washing-up liquid, men's deodorants, tins of fruit, meat or fish. Thank you for your kindness.

### PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW

**February prize of £120 was won by No. 55**

The draw took place after Mass on 11 February. Any allocated numbers not paid for on this occasion were not included in the 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. The next draw will be made on Sunday 10 March after 11 am Mass.

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

## Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

This year's Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be from 19-26 July. Make a note of the dates and add your name to the list in the church porch 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. Please go to [liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk](http://liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk) to apply. Places are limited so please apply soon!

## Recycle Electrical Equipment

There is a local charity based near Riverside Retail Park which processes unwanted electrical items including computer cabling, computers, switches, hubs, routers, hand-held gaming consoles and equipment, boxed or unboxed games, music, DJ and sound equipment, telephones, digital cameras, laptop bags, Freeview and Sky boxes. A full list of items can be found at [whatwetake.org.uk](http://whatwetake.org.uk). We could have a clear-out and help the planet. Check it out – don't just chuck it out!

## NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O Mary, who appeared to Bernadette in the cold of winter in the hollow of a rock, you brought to her the warmth of a presence and the light of beauty and grace. In the hollow of our obscure lives, in the hollow of this world where evil is strong, bring hope, give more trust. Give us the courage of conversion, the humility of penitence and perseverance in prayer. We confide to you all we carry in our hearts, especially the sick. You guided Bernadette to discover the spring, guide us to Him, the source of eternal life, He who gave us the Holy Spirit. Amen

### A PRAYER FOR LENT

*Help me, Lord, to live my faith. In the ordinary events of daily life make me merciful, poor in spirit and pure of heart. Teach me to hunger and thirst after justice, to be a channel of your peace and in times of mourning or sorrow to count on your comfort. 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 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.**