

*Please pray for . .*

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR  
AROUND THIS TIME

Harry Anderson, Harold Brimelow  
Christine Campbell, Tom Carney  
Sarah Carters, Tom Finnegan, Martin Jordan  
Mary McLoughlin, Margaret Washington  
Anne Wilkinson

*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 Bartoli, Mary and Gordon  
Beddows, Louise Boughey, Denise Bradley, Frank  
Bradshaw, David Brearley, Mary Bretherton,  
Sarah Brewer, 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, 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 – £315.01

*Thank you!*

*The future belongs to those who believe  
in the beauty of their dreams*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday 10 Dec.**

6.30 pm Don Cullen; Eileen McMahon; Ann  
& Patrick Byrne; Mary McLoughlin

**Sunday 11 Dec.** *Third Sunday of Advent*

11 am Elsie Sheeran; Maureen Bostock;  
Helen Atkins

**Monday 12 Dec.** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

No Mass

**Tuesday 13 Dec.** *St Lucy*

9.30 am People of the Parish

**Wednesday 14 Dec.** *St John of the Cross*

7.30 pm E. & J. Grimshaw

**Thursday 15 Dec.**

No Mass

**Friday 16 Dec.**

No Mass

**Saturday 17 Dec.**

6.30 pm Deacon John Traynor; Sheila &  
Arthur Shuttleworth

**Sunday 18 Dec.** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

11 am Sean Rogers; Mary McMahon

Your very generous donations in Fr Gildea's memory  
amounted to £2,176.25. In accordance with his  
wishes this sum was divided between the following  
charities: Mary's Meals £1,497.50 and Aid to the  
Church in Need £678.75. Thank you.

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

*Newsletter*  
**Sunday 11 December 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (p.88)**

*Psalter Week 3*



*Gaudete –  
Rejoice  
in the  
coming  
of the  
Lord*

**JOY**

**A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS**

*Deacon* Revd Jim McGraw



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## Advent and the Jesse Tree

The season of Advent is a season of penance and prayer in preparation for Christmas. John the Baptist is telling us to take life seriously. Life is short. It could end any time. Each moment should not be wasted, but must be spent in honest preparation for the coming of the Lord. Eternal life awaits those who are prepared to receive the Lord. Life must be taken seriously in view of eternity. Each week a picture or symbol will be added to our Jesse Tree. We add Isaiah (a scroll), Jesse (a house), David (a harp) and Solomon (a crown). The third of our Advent candles – the Candle of Joy – will be lit to remind us that Jesus was born to save us. This third Advent Sunday is also known as Gaudete Sunday, Latin for 'rejoice.'

## Advent Penance Service

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is to be celebrated at St Oswald's church at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 20 December. Canon Dave Heywood invites everyone to join him for this opportunity to confess our sins before the feast of Christmas.

## Christmas Mass Times

This year the Christmas Masses unfortunately do not include midnight Mass. On Christmas Eve (Saturday) there will be Mass at 6.30 pm and on Christmas Day at 11 am.

## School Carol Service

On Monday 19 December at 6 pm our school-children will hold their Carol Service in church. There will be carols and readings and all parishioners are welcome to attend. There will also be a collection on behalf of CAFOD.

## WODAC Appeal

During December we are asked to give items of winter clothing to the homeless in our area, especially underwear. So if you can donate a pack of Y-fronts (all brands accepted) they will be warmly appreciated. We will collect them as usual in the church porch together with socks, vests, gloves, hats and any other winter clothing. All contributions welcome. Thank you.

## Mary's Meals – Double the Love Scheme

Donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous benefactors, up to £1.5 million, until 31 January 2023. With **Double the Love** your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved – find out more at [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) or visit our parish website.

### PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW

#### December Draw This Week

The draw takes place after Mass on 11 December. 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. The next draw will take place on Sunday 15 January after 11 am Mass.

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

## CAFOD Christmas Gifts

New *World Gifts* catalogues are available in the porch for a wide variety of gifts at Christmas which contribute to making the world a better place. Please take a copy home to make your choice and order online, by phone or by using the order form.

## 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

Volunteers to welcome those who come, show them where drinks are etc. are always needed. Can you help?

### A PRAYER FOR YOU

*Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
hold me firmly lest I fall.*

*I am nervous when I am walking  
and to thee I humbly call.*

*Guide me over every crossing,  
watch me when I'm on the stairs,  
let me know you are beside me,  
listen to my fervent prayers.*

*Bring me to my destination safely every day.*

*Help me with each undertaking  
as the hours pass away.*

*And when evening falls upon us  
and I fear to be alone,*

*take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
once again and lead me home.*

### 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.**