

Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

Dominic Christopher Byrne
Teresa Evans, Frederick Sullivan
Brian Taberham, Alan Thacker
Len Whittle, Ian Wightman
Stella Wilkie

*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, Tom
Fiddler, 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.*



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 – £242.60

Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 24 Dec.

6.30 pm Father Gildea; Jimmy McGraw;
Mr & Mrs Oillie Bishop;
Stephen Walklett;

Sunday 25 Dec. *The Nativity of the Lord*

11 am 60th Wedding Anniversary; Brenda
Hattersley; Hynes & Byrne Families;
Dennis & Jean Foy

Monday 26 Dec. *St Stephen*

No Mass

Tuesday 27 Dec. *St John, Apostle*

9.30 am Teresa Evans; Helen Bowden

Wednesday 28 Dec. *The Holy Innocents*

7.30 pm People of the Parish

Thursday 29 Dec. *St Thomas à Becket*

No Mass

Friday 30 Dec. *Holy Family*

No Mass

Saturday 31 Dec. *St Sylvester, Pope*

6.30 pm Dominic Christopher Byrne;
Maureen Bostock

Sunday 1 Jan.

11 am Father Gildea; Father Petty;
Tom & Margaret Washington

*Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps
if you are not willing to move your feet*

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PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

Newsletter
Sunday 25 December 2022

CHRISTMAS DAY (p.103)

Psalter Week 1



*This day, in the
city of David,
a Saviour has
been born
for you –
the Lord Christ
Himself*

A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

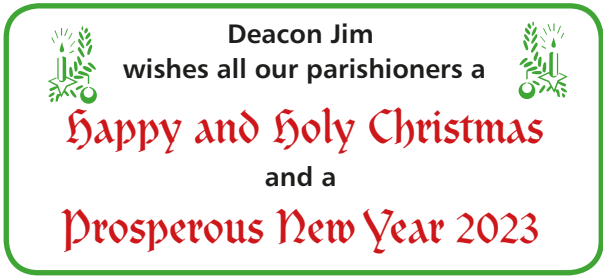
Deacon Revd Jim McGraw



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*May the Christmas season fill your home
with joy, your heart with love
and your life with laughter*

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All Is Forgiven . .

Canon Dave Heywood conducted an Advent Penance Service at St Oswald's last Tuesday. Many parishioners from St Benedict's, St Oswald's and St Peter's were in attendance and took part in a very moving sacrament of reconciliation.

Tea and Toast

It is hoped that we can resume Tea and Toast in the Millennium Room after 11 am Mass on Sundays – an excellent way to keep our parish together. This will obviously depend on volunteers and any forthcoming offers of help will be appreciated. Let us know in the sacristy.

Christmas Offering

Traditionally, collections on Christmas Day are a personal offering to our parish clergy. As we are now without a parish priest any donations will go into parish funds. Please place your envelope on the plate in the porch.

WODAC Appeal

During December we are asked to give items of winter clothing to the homeless in our area, especially underwear. 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 are 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 or visit our parish website.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of SPAM, St Peter's Parish Council, will be held on Tuesday 10 January in the Millennium Room at 7 pm. The agenda will be circulated before the meeting.

PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW
The December prize of £135 was won by No. 11
The draw took place after Mass on 11 December. Any allocated numbers not paid for on this occasion were not included in the draw. Members are reminded 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 15 January after Mass.
If you're not in you can't win – Good Luck!

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?

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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.