Please pray for . .

RECENTLY DECEASED Peter Newton, RIP AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME Teresa Charlesworth, Elsie Fearnley Teresa Forde, Mary Gilbride

Margaret Hankey, Charlie Parry Frances Roach

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 Bartolo, Mary and Gordon Beddows, Louise Boughey, Denise Bradley, Frank Bradshaw, David Brearley, Mary Bretherton, Sarah Brewer, Ann Carmen, 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, James Faulkner, Margaret Harrison, Frank Hawley, Jayne Heaton, Pat Hindley, Christine Hudson, 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

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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 – £473.10 -Thank you!-----

Never let a bad situation bring out the worst in you

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 25 Feb.

6.30 pm Matthew McCarthy

Sunday 26 Feb.

11 am Margaret & Roger (Golden Wedding); Father Gildea

Monday 27 Feb.	St Gabriel
No Mass	

Tuesday 28 Feb.St Oswald

9.30 am Moreen Wagner

Wednesday 1 Mar. *St David, Patron of Wales* 7.30 pm People of the Parish

Including Stations of the Cross during Lent

Thursday 2 Mar.

No Mass

Friday 3 Mar.

No Mass

Saturday 4 Mar.		St Casimir
6.20	Vath Willingson	Cime on Williams

6.30 pm Kath Wilkinson; Simon Williams

Sunday 5 Mar.

11 am Peter Newton; Joseph Durkan

Our parish representative Mary Hallam recently attended a meeting of the Deanery Synodal Council. Canon Dave has asked her to hold a 'group listening/ responding' synodal exercise during Lent. Each session will last about an hour and Mary will be chairing our meetings on Sunday 5th and Tuesday 7th March after Mass. Please support Mary by attending one of those meetings if you can.

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

Newsletter

Sunday 26 February 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (p.151) Psalter Week 1



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

A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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2023 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

St Peter's Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 21-28 July and is affiliated to the Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. A list of the major events has been received from Liverpool and sent to participants. We have 12 pilgrims travelling with the parish but it's not too late for anyone wishing to join us – please add your name to the list at the back of church.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next week in aid of **CAFOD**. Please respond to this appeal with your usual generosity at this time of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Welcome Eucharistic Ministers

Four new Eucharistic Ministers were last week commissioned in our parish. They are: John Glynn, Steve O'Reilly, Susan Totton and Sonia Hankinson. Let us keep them in our prayers.

About Lent

This is a time of spiritual renewal and we can receive Lenten grace and blessings by taking something up or by giving something up in order to celebrate the paschal mystery. Whatever we choose to do we can make a fresh start with God through a spirit of repentance and prayer. Stations of the Cross will be included during evening Mass on Wednesdays during Lent.

Parish Council Meeting

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

Warrington Foodbank

Collections have now resumed and any surplus food items would be much appreciated. Your donations can be left in the crate in the church porch to help those less fortunate.

Let us continue to stay close, with prayer and concrete support, to the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. And let us not forget tormented Ukraine: may the Lord open ways of peace and give those responsible the courage to follow them.

POPE FRANCIS

Parish 100 Club

Standing order payments can now be accepted via Lloyds Bank.The account name is St Peter's Lottery; sort code 30-99-50; account no. 31110460. Please pay by the 4th of the month and put the first five letters of your surname followed by your draw number(s), e.g. SMITH 22 47 90. Green cards are in the porch to take advantage of this facility so you don't forget to join in the monthly draw.

PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW Next Draw 12 March – Pay Next Week

The next draw will take place after Mass on Sunday 12 March. There are still numbers available so you need to choose one to make sure you are in the March draw. If you have chosen your number please remember that payment of £3 must be received by the weekend of 4 and 5 March to be eligible to win. Do we have your phone number?

Make sure you are included – No Pay, No Play!

Monthly Working Party

All are welcome to come along after Mass on Tuesday 14 March, as there is always something to do to keep our church grounds looking good.

Tea and Toast

It is hoped that we can soon resume Tea and Toast in the Millennium Room after 11 am Mass on Sundays – an excellent way to keep our parish together. Can you volunteer to help?

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

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PRAYERS FOR LENT

I love you, Jesus my love, above all things. I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will. Amen.

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 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.

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