

Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

Briege Brennan, Harold Brimelow
Tom Carney, Don Cullen
John Folkard, Annie Gilfedder
Mary McMahon, Arthur Shuttleworth
Alfred Walklett, Stephen Walklett

*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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Christmas Week Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 11 am; 6.30 pm Family Mass;
11.30 pm Carol Service and Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day: 11 am.

St Stephen's Day: 12 noon.

Wednesday, Thursday: No Mass.

Friday: 9.30 am.

Saturday: 6.30 pm.

Last Week's Offertory – £282.45

Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 16 Dec.

6.30 pm Sheila & Arthur Shuttleworth

Sunday 17 Dec.

11 am Mary McMahon; Sean Rogers;
Stephen Walklett

Monday 18 Dec.

No Mass

Tuesday 19 Dec.

9.30 am People of the Parish

Wednesday 20 Dec.

10.15 am Funeral Service for Kathleen Pidgeon
followed by committal at Walton Lea at 11.20 am

7.30 pm Kathleen Pidgeon; Fred & Dorothy
Marsh

Thursday 21 Dec.

St Peter Canisius

No Mass

Friday 22 Dec.

10.30 am Requiem Mass for Kate Farmer
followed by committal at Walton Lea at 12 noon

Saturday 23 Dec.

6.30 pm Jimmy McGraw; Mike Clifton

Sunday 24 Dec.

Christmas Eve

11 am Beatrice McMahon; Clare Howley
6.30 pm Christine Lowrey; John Shaw
11.30 pm Carol Service & midnight Mass:
Frank Hawley; Stephen Walklett;
Otilie & John Bishop; Thanksgiving
for Special Friends



PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

Newsletter

Sunday 17 December 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (p.87)

Psalter Week 3



JOY

Gaudete –

Rejoice in the coming of the Lord

A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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Advent and the Jesse Tree

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent, which is a season of preparation for the Lord's coming. The theme for this week is **Joy**.

God of Joy, it is in your love that we find lasting joy in the gift of your Son, who came into this world with nothing, yet gave us everything. May his joy fill our hearts and overflow to all we encounter.



Each week in Advent the children will attach a picture or symbol to the Jesse Tree. Various biblical characters or events, including Isaiah (a scroll), Jesse (a house), David (a harp) and Solomon (a crown) are the new additions. The third Advent candle – the Candle of Joy – will be lit at Mass this week.

Gaudete is Latin for 'rejoice.' Today's celebration reminds us that God's second coming is near and we await it with joyous anticipation. St Paul says: 'Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Jesus Christ.'



Christmas is Coming . .

Can you help to put up Christmas decorations in church after Mass this Sunday morning? You will be very welcome and your efforts will be seen by many grateful parishioners over the Christmas period.

Christingle Service

Don't forget the Christingle Service at 4 pm this Sunday 17 December in St Benedict's, Rhodes Street WA2 7QE. This short service (about 35 minutes) is especially suitable for children, who will lead a procession of light around the church.

School Carol Service

On Monday 18 December at 6 pm our school-children will hold their Carol Service in church. There will be carols and readings and all our parishioners are welcome to attend.

WODAC Appeal

Please note that during December we suspend Foodbank collections in favour of **Warrington Open Door At Christmas (WODAC)**, the local charity to help the homeless in our town. We will collect your gifts of socks, vests, gloves, hats and any other winter clothing as usual in the church porch. All contributions welcome.

PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW

December prize of £150 was won by No. 59

Bonus prize of £50 won by No. 42

The draw took place after Mass on 10 December. 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 14 January after 11 am Mass.

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

Parish 100 Club

The December draw included an additional £50 prize which was only available to players who had paid their subs for October, November and December.

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!

Christmas Cheer

We look forward to welcoming you to 'Seasonal Refreshments,' including mulled wine, red and white wine, soft drinks and mince pies, in the Millennium Room after 11 am Mass on Sunday 24 December.

Advent Penance Service

There will be an Advent Penance Service held at St Oswald's, Padgate Lane, starting at 7.30 pm next Tuesday, 19 December.

Exposition and Prayers

Each Wednesday evening there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30 pm before Mass. Prayers will be said, followed by Benediction, for a peaceful end to the Gaza/Israel conflict.

Piety Stall

You will have noticed a splendid new range of gifts is now on sale in the porch. Please consider this as a source of Christmas stocking fillers as well as support for the parish funds.

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.