

Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

**Norman Appleton, Dominic Christopher Byrne
Linda Ann Dibble, Teresa Evans
Jimmy McGraw, 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, 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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*And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us, and we have seen his glory;
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.*



*Thank you, Lord, for Christmas dinner,
without which we'd all be thinner*

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday 25 Dec.

The Nativity of the Lord

11 am Brenda Hattersley; Dennis & Jean
Foy; Hynes & Byrne Families

Tuesday 26 Dec.

St Stephen

12 noon Teresa & Terry Evans

Wednesday 27 Dec.

No Mass

Thursday 28 Dec.

The Holy Innocents

No Mass

Friday 29 Dec.

St Thomas à Beckett

No Mass

Saturday 30 Dec.

St Eugene

6.30 pm Dominic Christopher Byrne;
Frank Hawley

Sunday 31 Dec.

The Holy Family

11 am Mike Bretherton; Kate Farmer

Last Week's Offertory – £347.30

Thank you!

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

Newsletter

Sunday 24 December 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (p.90)

Psalter Week 4



LOVE

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

A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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Advent and the Jesse Tree

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

God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus, to shine bright like the sun, lighting the way for all who walk in darkness. Let your love shine like a light to all people, and may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. Let your love transform us and inspire us to love more deeply. Amen



Each week in Advent the children will attach a picture or symbol to the Jesse Tree. Added this final week is Joseph (a hammer and saw), Mary (a rose), John the Baptist (a writing board and pen) and Jesus (a star). The fourth Advent candle – the Candle of Love – will be lit at Mass this week.

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.



Father Mark and Deacon Jim
wish all our parishioners a



Happy and Holy Christmas
and a
Prosperous New Year 2024

WODAC Appeal

Collections for **Warrington Open Door At Christmas** have now closed and your contributions, as always, have been most generous. Thank you for your kindness in supporting those less fortunate at Christmas. Please note that Foodbank collections will resume in the New Year.

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.

Your Gifts at Christmas

Traditionally, collections over the Christmas period are a personal offering to our clergy. If you wish to make a donation but do not have an offertory envelope please use your own envelope marked 'Christmas Offering' to place on the plate. Envelopes are available in the porch for donations towards floral decorations at Christmas. Thank you in advance for your usual generosity.



*As a parish we extend a warm welcome to
any visitors to our church and
wish everyone a Happy Christmas*

All is Forgiven . .

Canon Dave Heywood held an Advent Penance Service at St Oswald's last Tuesday. Many of our parishioners joined other parishes in a moving sacrament of reconciliation ready for Christmas.

Thank You . .

Mary Bretherton and family would like to thank all the parishioners of St Peter's for their kind wishes, support, sympathy cards and Masses, since the death of Michael. So far we have raised almost £500 for his charity – **Let The Children Live** – which supports young people in Columbia.

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!

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.

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

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.