

Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

Winnie Brady, Brian Corbett
May Deakin, Ged Flanagan
Flora Graham, Samuel Joseph Graham
Elizabeth Hynes, Winifred Mason
Sarah Murdoch, Reg Norris
Agnes Roach, Patrick Smith

*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:

stpeter.woolston@rcaol.org.uk

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A Welcoming Prayer

Heavenly Father, in my dealings with other
people help me to be welcoming and sincere.
May I see everyone who crosses my path as
a brother or sister. Inspire me to share in the
grief and anxiety, the joys and the hopes of all
your people so that they may flourish in the
comfort of your unbounded love. I ask this in
the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 13 Jan. *St Hilary*

6.30 pm Norah & Tom Manley;
Eileen Snape

Sunday 14 Jan. *Peace Sunday*

11 am Thanksgiving for successful treatment;
Joan Redmond

Monday 15 Jan.

9.30 am People of the Parish

Tuesday 16 Jan.

No Mass

Wednesday 17 Jan. *St Anthony, Abbot*

7.30 pm Mike Bretherton; Richard Hall

Thursday 18 Jan.

No Mass

Friday 19 Jan. *St Wulstan*

9.30 am Bridie Kelly; Bill Snow; Frank
Sands; Stan Wright; Kate Farmer

Saturday 20 Jan. *St Fabian; St Sebastian*

6.30 pm Elizabeth & John Hynes;
Frank Hawley

Sunday 21 Jan.

11 am Sarah & John Greene; John Casey

Just make beautiful things – even if no one cares

Last Week's Offertory – £408.85
Thank you!

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

Newsletter

Sunday 14 January 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (p.127)

Peace Sunday *Psalter Week 3*

Peace

I leave

you . .

my peace

I give you



A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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Peace Sunday

This Sunday is Peace Sunday. Archbishop Malcolm writes: "The theme for Peace Sunday is Pope Francis's theme for the World Day of Peace – *Artificial Intelligence and Peace*. I am sure you will agree that it is a highly relevant theme as Governments across the world, including our own, wrestle with the ethics and consequences of significant and potentially dangerous developments in technology. Pope Francis's overriding concern is that artificial intelligence should be used in the service of humanity and the protection of our common home and not to further injustice and inequality or to fuel division and violent conflict."

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of SPAM, St Peter's Parish Council, will now be held on Monday 15 January in the Millennium Room at 7 pm. If anyone has a grievance or a concern, the correct forum for having your say is at SPAM meetings and hopefully a solution can be found by a proper discussion procedure. So come along and together we can make ours a parish for all to be proud of.

Let us continue to stay close, with prayer and concrete support, to tormented Ukraine: May the Lord open ways of peace and give those responsible the courage to follow them.

POPE FRANCIS

WODAC Thanks

Warrington Open Door At Christmas would like to thank all parishioners of St Peter's for their generosity with donations. Once again it was a huge success and Christmas would have been a lot worse without your kindness. Many thanks.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this week on behalf of SPUC. Please respond with your usual generosity. Remembered your envelope?

Warrington Foodbank

The crate is in the church porch for items donated to the Foodbank. It will remain there all year and your continued support ensures the well-being of those less fortunate. Thank you for your kindness.

PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW

January Draw This Week

The draw takes place after 11 am Mass this Sunday 14 January. Members are reminded that payment must have been 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.

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

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!

Recycle Electrical Equipment

There is a local charity based near Riverside Retail Park which processes unwanted electrical items including computer cabling, computers, switches, hubs, routers, hand-held gaming consoles and equipment, boxed or unboxed games, music, DJ and sound equipment, telephones, digital cameras, laptop bags, Freeview and Sky boxes. A full list of items can be found at whatwetakeweecharity.org. In this year's Season of Creation we could have a clear-out and help the planet. Check it out – don't just chuck it out!

Real Peace

IT'S hard to find any period in history when we can say that the world enjoyed peace. Is conflict endemic in the human condition? Are we programmed to create violent disagreement?

Politicians like to talk about world peace as if there were some set of policies that would guarantee it. Well, it's true that material prosperity can create a climate of satisfaction but it doesn't guarantee peace.

And, yes, justice and intolerance can wipe away years of conflict. But this is not peace – it's only truce – it's only the absence of war. And the absence of war is not the same as peace.

The sort of peace that Jesus offers as a gift to his Church is much deeper than a cessation of hostilities. It is that *shalom* guaranteed by God's holy spirit, that deep-down sense of the presence and all-embracing love of God that cannot be shaken by external circumstances. Christian peace means that we can have joy even in sorrow, tranquility even in disturbance; faith even in doubt.

The peace that Jesus offers is about integrity and wholeness, harmony and balance, serenity and security. And Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit who will teach the Christian to live in this peace.

The source of a Christian's peace is God. God is peace itself and without God we can experience no true *shalom*. To know that we are loved by God, that whatever might be happening all around us God still holds us in the palm of his hand, to realise that even death cannot destroy the life that God has given us, all of this creates that sense of wellbeing that accompanies real peace. So peace is not the absence of war – it's the presence of God in our lives.

Fr Pius Mathew CMI