## Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

Leo Davies, Christine Harrigan Sarah Mainwaring Murdoch, Violet Roach Francis Spiers, Susan Spiers

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 Bartolo, Ellie Beaton, Louise Boughey, Mary Bretherton, Tina Corkill, Les Cowell, Sheila Cowell, Anita Dubique-Ashton, Tony Dubique, Margaret Harrison, Jayne Heaton, Jim and Pat Heffey, Pat Hindley, Marian Hodson, Ken and Margaret James, Bernard Johnson, Ruth Lightfoot, Peter McKeown, Angela Rawlins, Joan Redmond.

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.

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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The Requiem Mass at St Peter's for Mary Wilkinson will be at 10 am on Tuesday 6 February, followed by burial at Hollinfare Cemetery at 11.30 am.

#### **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

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 27 Jan.

St Angela Merici

6.30 pm Ann Snow; Frank Hawley

Sunday 28 Jan.

11 am Mary Wilkinson; Ian Ritchie

Monday 29 Jan.

9.30 am People of the Parish

Tuesday 30 Jan.

No Mass

Wednesday 31 Jan.

St John Bosco

7.30 pm E. J. Grimshaw; John Szaloky; Jenna Hoyle-Patterson

Thursday 1 Feb.

No Mass

Friday 2 Feb.

Candlemas Day

No Mass

**Saturday 3 Feb.** St Blaise, S

St Blaise, St Ansgar, Bishops

6.30 pm Matthew McCarthy; Frank Hawley; Mike Bretherton; Vincent Buckley

Sunday 4 Feb.

11 am

Ged Snelson; Dorothy Coulson; Peter Newton; Stan Wright; Joseph Durkan

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing

Last Week's Offertory - £443.90

SPUC - £232.17

Thank you!

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

# Newsletter

Sunday 28 January 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p.132)

Psalter Week 3



O that today you would listen to his voice!

#### A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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#### The Presentation of the Lord

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. On Friday we celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, when Simeon and Anna recognised Jesus as Messiah. It is also known as Candlemas Day when the candles to be used in church during the year are traditionally blessed.

#### **Second Collection**

There is a second collection this week to help towards **Financing Our Schools**. Please respond to this appeal with your usual generosity. A Catholic education is vital for the continuation of our faith but needs our financial support.

#### No Exposition or Benediction

There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Benediction for the next two Wednesdays before 7.30 pm Mass as Fr Mark will be away. Father Austin Griffin will be covering both these Wednesday evening Masses as well as the Masses on Saturday and Sunday 3 and 4 February.

#### Ollie's Marathon

Oliver Bold wishes to thank everyone who contributed to his marathon Christmas fundraising feat recently in aid of St Rocco's Hospice, which has now raised £2,450 – a magnificent sum in excess of his £200 expectations! Thank you.

#### **Parish Council Meeting**

It was good to see a welcome increase in the number attending this month's SPAM meeting. A number of topics were discussed and will be debated fully at the meeting on 12 February.

#### **Tea and Toast**

Why not join us for tea and toast in the Millennium Room after Mass on Sundays? It is a way to meet and chat with fellow parishioners, and visitors are especially welcome. However, due to the new kitchen installation there will be a break on 4 and 11 February but normal service should be resumed after that.

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#### **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. Current shortages are washing-up liquid, men's deodorants, tins of fruit, meat or fish. Thank you for your kindness.

#### **PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW**

#### **Next Draw 11 February – Pay Next Week**

The next draw will take place after Mass on Sunday 11 February. There are still numbers available so you need to choose one to make sure you are in the February 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.

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

#### **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024**

This year's Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be from 19-26 July. Make a note of the dates and add your name to the list in the church porch 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. 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 whatwetake::WEEECHARITY. We could have a clear-out and help the planet. Check it out – don't just chuck it out!

## POPE FRANCIS ON ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

"I continue to follow with great sorrow what is happening in Israel and Palestine. I renew my appeal for the freeing of the hostages and I strongly ask that children, the sick, the elderly, women, and all civilians not be made victims of the conflict. Humanitarian law is to be respected, especially in Gaza. Please, let no more innocent blood be shed, neither in the Holy Land nor in Ukraine, nor in any other place! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!"

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.