

*Please pray for . .*

RECENTLY DECEASED

Luciano Bartolo, Mary Wilkinson, RIP

AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR  
AROUND THIS TIME

Jack Brady, Marjorie Brady  
Joe Byrne, Peggy Carman, May Deakin  
Jean Foy, John Forde  
Bernard McCourt, Anne Snow

*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.*

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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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**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 20 Jan.** *St Fabian; St Sebastian*

6.30 pm Elizabeth & John Hynes;  
Frank Hawley

**Sunday 21 Jan.** *Sunday of the Word of God*

11 am Sarah & John Greene; John Casey  
*Baptism at 12.30 pm: Indi Mae Gillman*

**Monday 22 Jan.** *St Vincent*

9.30 am The Baynes Family

**Tuesday 23 Jan.**

No Mass

**Wednesday 24 Jan.** *St Francis de Sales, Bishop*

6.30 pm Exposition, Prayers & Benediction  
7.30 pm Richard Hall; Mike Bretherton

**Thursday 25 Jan.** *Conversion of St Paul*

No Mass

**Friday 26 Jan.** *Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops*

12 noon Deanery Mass at St Peter's

**Saturday 27 Jan.** *St Angela Merici*

6.30 pm Ann Snow; Frank Hawley

**Sunday 28 Jan.**

11 am Mary Wilkinson; Ian Ritchie

*Every gift, however small, is in reality great  
if given with affection*

**Last Week's Offertory – £369**  
**Standing Orders (Nov.) – £1,132**  
*Thank you!*

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

*Newsletter*

**Sunday 21 January 2024**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (p.129)**

*Psalter Week 2*



*Lord,  
make me  
know  
your  
ways*

**A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS**

*Parish Priest* Fr Mark Drew

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## Christening

This Sunday, 21 January, we welcome into our parish family Indi Mae Gillman, who is to be baptised at 12.30 pm. We wish her every future blessing and congratulate her parents.

## Exposition and Benediction

Each Wednesday evening there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30 pm before Mass, followed by Benediction.

## Ollie's Marathon

Ollie Bold wishes to thank everyone who contributed to his marathon Christmas fundraising event recently in aid of St Rocco's Hospice which has now exceeded £2,000 – beating his expected £200! There is further information on our parish website.

## The Frank Hawley Challenge

Just a quick update for those unable to access Facebook – After nine months of fundraising the official cheque hand-over was carried out at St Rocco's Hospice on Saturday 13 January. **The Frank Hawley Challenge** raised £13,007.14. This was further boosted to £17,141.49, which included the JustGiving Page (Knox & Son), monies raised by his youngest daughter Francesca, Mark and Julia (Rita's sister and husband) and his long-time friend Paul.

Thank you to everyone who donated to any of the fundraising events and to people who gave their time and talents free of charge enabling this amazing sum to be achieved. St Rocco's are already planning events for 2024!

*Tony Hawley*

## 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.

## 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 prize of £120 was won by No. 38**

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

**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](http://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.org.uk](http://whatwetake.org.uk):WEECHARITY. 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!

## Parish Council Meeting

Last Monday we had our monthly SPAM meeting as usual in the Millenium Room. As Chairman of the Parish Council I would just like to say how wonderful it was that so many people joined us.

The meeting was productive as usual decisions were made just like normal but it was nice to have input from people who had not attended before, which meant we could obtain wider views and opinions and hopefully more people who attend these meetings mean we could create a larger team of volunteers to help Father Mark and Deacon Jim in the running of our wonderful church.

St Peter's is unique and it has lots of people attending this church who are obviously passionate and really caring about our faith family. Let's hope we can push this message out to even more people in the future and please remember at these meetings we can – and we do – make a difference. God bless from myself and all on the parish council.

*John Glynn, Chairman*

## Deanery Mass

On Friday next week, 26 January, our monthly deanery Mass, which gathers together parishioners from the various parishes of the Warrington and Widnes deanery, will be held in our church at 12 noon. The Mass will be presided by Bishop John Rawsthorne, who is about to retire later this year from his role as a member of the Widnes pastoral team. I hope that our own parishioners will turn out in good numbers to pray with our neighbouring parishes, and show in this way our commitment both to our own parish and to building up the wider church in our area.

*Fr Mark*

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