## Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

Teresa Charlesworth, Teresa Forde Paul Grainger, Margaret Hankey Christine Millington, Charlie Parry Frances Roach, Margaret Smith Agnes Trimbel

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, 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:

stpeter.woolston@rcaol.org.uk

## **Confirmation 2024**

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please visit the website www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page. Registration is open until 15 March 2024. More Information about the Preparation Scheme is on the website.

Look back and thank God, look forward and trust God

## Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday 24 Feb.

6.30 pm Golden Wedding Anniversary; Terry Bate

## Sunday 25 Feb.

11 am Patricia McCarthy; Mary Wilkinson

## Monday 26 Feb.

9.30 am Norma Moorfield; Hattersley, Dearnaley & Judd Families

Tuesday 27 Feb.

St Gabriel; St Gregory

No Mass

## Wednesday 28 Feb.

St Oswald

7 pm Stations of the Cross

7.30 pm Peter Newton; Revd J. Walmsley

## Thursday 29 Feb.

No Mass

Friday 1 March St David, Patron Saint of Wales

9.30 am People of the Parish

## Saturday 2 March

6.30 pm Kath Wilkinson; Frank Hawley

## Sunday 3 March

11 am Paul Burgess; The Graham Family

Stations of the Cross at 7 pm will replace Exposition and Benediction on Wednesdays in Lent, prior to Mass at 7.30 pm.

Last Week's Offertory – £361.40 Standing Orders (Jan.) – £1,216

-Thank you!----

### PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

# Newsletter

# Sunday 25 February 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (p.151)

Psalter Week 2



'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'

## A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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#### Lent

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal and we can receive grace and blessings by taking something up or by giving something up. There is no need to strive for perfection, just give it our best efforts as we keep in touch with Our Lord. This could entail daily prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (for instance CAFOD or Mary's Meals). Whatever we choose to do we can make a fresh start with God.

#### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection this week in aid of **CAFOD**. Please respond to this appeal with your usual generosity to enable humanitarian aid to reach those most in need.

#### Can You Count?

For many years Pat Howley has totted up the collection figures and helped look after parish finances. She now feels it is time to hang up her abacus and is looking for a suitable person to succeed her. If you are able to fulfil this position please speak to Fr Mark or Deacon Jim.

## Children's Liturgy

Father Mark aims to start the Children's Liturgy on the first Sunday after Easter. At their last meeting the Parish Council established a subgroup to lead the Children's Liturgy once a month to begin with.

## Legion of Mary Campaign

We have been contacted by the Legion of Mary to see if we would have a team of up to 12 Legionaries in the parish for a week in late May or early June this year. Their visit will be from Saturday to Saturday, staying in parishioners' homes, enabling them to visit all houses in the parish. If you would be prepared to allow one (or more) of the Legionaries to stay at your home and provide them with bed and breakfast you will be paid £100. If you can accommodate any of them during their stay, please give your name to the parish email address or let Fr Mark, Deacon Jim or any parish council member know.

## **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.

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

## February prize of £120 was won by No. 55

The draw took place after Mass on 11 February. 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 10 March 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 to apply. Places are limited so please apply soon!

#### **Extended Tea and Toast**

A 'Reaching Out' social event is planned for Sunday 3 March after 11 am Mass. As well as tea, toast and cakes there will be sausage and bacon from the barbecue plus all the resources recently enjoyed at the Winter Wonderland event provided by the With Love, Steph charity. We intend this to be an extended parish event to include neighbours and to bring our local community together. There will be ample seating and cover from the elements if necessary while we enjoy a mini tov fair and games, craft stall and music. Charities supported on the day will include an appeal to help young persons' mental health awareness in Warrington. Please support this worthy cause if you can.

#### 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

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 LENT

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Help me, Lord, to live my faith. In the ordinary events of daily life make me merciful, poor in spirit and pure of heart. Teach me to hunger and thirst after justice, to be a channel of your peace and in times of mourning or sorrow to count on your comfort. O God, you showed us in the passion of your Son the way to eternal glory by the Way of the Cross. Grant that we may follow Him now, by our prayers, to share his triumph with Him for all eternity. Amen.

#### A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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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.