

Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

Frank Bradshaw, Margaret Carney
Hugh Gilbride, Mary Hughes
Peter McMahan, Fred Marsh
Rosena Mentior, Tony Mitchell
Brian Pennington

*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.*

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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

Problems are guidelines – not stop signs

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 16 March

6.30 pm All Holy Souls

Sunday 17 March

St Patrick

11 am Fred Marsh; Mary Wilkinson

Monday 18 March

St Cyril of Jerusalem

9.30 am Peter McMahan; Albert Heesom

Tuesday 19 March

St Joseph

12.30 pm Requiem Mass for Rita Carters

Followed by committal at Fox Covert Cemetery

Wednesday 20 March

7 pm Stations of the Cross

7.30 pm People of the Parish

Thursday 21 March

No Mass

Friday 22 March *Pray for Victims of Sexual Abuse*

12 noon **Deanery Mass at St John Fisher,
Widnes**

Saturday 23 March *St Turibius of Mongrovejo*

6.30 pm The Graham Family; Frank Hawley

Sunday 24 March

11 am Neil Carroll; Rita Corless

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

*If you wish to contribute to the cost of floral
decorations for our church at Easter there are
envelopes available in the porch which may be
placed on the offertory plate. Thank you.*

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL
Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

Newsletter
Sunday 17 March 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (p.169)

Psalter Week 1



*A pure
heart
create
for me
O God*

A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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Action in 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.

Offertory Envelopes

The new sets of offertory envelopes which we start using in April are laid out in alphabetical order on the front bench of our church for your collection. If you do not do this already, it is a good time to consider a gift aid declaration which means we can reclaim an extra 25p for each £1 donated if you are a taxpayer.

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 sub-group to lead the Children's Liturgy once a month to begin with.

Chrism Mass

This year's Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday 27 March. The coach will depart from St Oswald's at 6.10 pm and St Benedict's at 6.20 pm. The Mass usually ends by 9.15 pm so we should be back by 10 pm. Just phone St Benedict's (630127) to book a place. The fare is suggested at £5 per adult.

Warrington Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support for the Foodbank. It is very much appreciated at this time.

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Family of Parishes Event

Our next Family of Parishes event will be Stations of the Cross at Stephen's on Saturday 23 March at 10 am, followed by tea, coffee and cake. Please put the date in your diary and come along if you're free. Our Family of Parishes include Blessed James Bell, St Peter's and St Stephen's.

PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW

March prize of £114 was won by No. 51

The draw took place after Mass on 10 March. 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 April 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!

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. Their visit will be from Saturday to Saturday, 1-8 June, 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.

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Second Collection

There is a second collection this weekend in aid of **Financing Our Schools**. A Catholic education is vital for the continuation of our faith but it needs our financial support.

■ We are looking for one or two volunteers to help set up our Easter garden. This will be done after morning Mass on Friday 22 March. Please help if you can.

■ St Joseph's Family Centre's 2023 Christmas appeal enabled over 300 Christmas food parcels to be sent out to families in December, plus 50 in January, supporting a total of more than 800 children.

A PRAYER FOR LENT

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.

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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

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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.

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