

Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

Nora Buchanan, Sean Byrne
James Doherty, Wyn Ellis, Kathleen Gatley
Patrick Healy, Isabella Hughes
Christine Lowrey, Francis McKenna
Lyla Rae, Margaret Mary 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 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

The only valuable things in life are free

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 30 March **EASTER VIGIL**

7 pm Easter Vigil (People of the Parish)

Sunday 31 March **EASTER SUNDAY**

11 am

Monday 1 April

No Mass

Tuesday 2 April

No Mass

Wednesday 3 April

7.30 pm Frank Hawley

Thursday 4 April

No Mass

Friday 5 April

9.30 am People of the Parish

Saturday 6 April

6.30 pm Frank Hawley; Brenda Hattersley;
Nora Moorfield

Sunday 7 April

11 am Anne Dillon; Dennis & Jean Foy

Recent Offertory Donations –

25 Feb. £315; 3 Mar. £414.15

10 Mar. £402.02

CAFOD £249.80

Thank you!

PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

Newsletter

Sunday 31 March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY (*vigil p.216; Sun. p.251*)

Psalter Week 1

*Christ the Lord is
risen today.*

Alleluia!



A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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**Father Mark and Deacon Jim
wish all our parishioners
a Very Happy Easter**

Happy Easter!

Easter Sunday is the greatest day in the Church's calendar. It reminds us that Jesus offers each one of us a share in his everlasting life and eternal happiness. Pope Francis says: "Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Take a small step towards him; he awaits you with open arms."

■ There will be a collection this week for our **Easter Offering**. Please respond to this appeal with your usual generosity. Hope you didn't forget your envelope!

St Peter's AGM and SPAM Meeting

The next meeting of St Peter's Parish Council will be held in the Millennium Room at 7 pm on Monday 15 April, preceded by the Annual General Meeting. All are invited to attend.

Family Gathering

Our Family of Parishes came together last Tuesday at St Oswald's for the Lenten Penance and Reconciliation service led by Canon Dave. It was nice to see our parish so well represented at a sincere and moving service attended by so many penitents.

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. Volunteer helpers are needed.

Mission Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances the planned mission by the Legion of Mary in June has been postponed until further notice. Thank you to those who volunteered to accommodate the legionaries – it has been greatly appreciated.

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.

Warrington Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support for the Foodbank. They are short of jam and fruit juice at the moment if you can help. Your donations can be left in the crate in the church porch to help those less fortunate.

Parish 100 Club

The next draw will take place after 11 am Mass on Sunday 14 April. Please remember that payment of £3 per number must be made the week before the draw takes place.

Pilgrimage to Knock

An escorted tour to Westport, Knock and Co. Mayo on 16 June 2024 is available at a cost of £899 per person. The price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, five nights at the 4-star Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with dinner, bed and breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport will be included. We visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick and Ashford Castle. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557. You can email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com if you wish to join.

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!

PRAYERS AT EASTER

*Lord, at this time of Easter,
open our eyes that we may see you
in the poor.
Open our hearts that we may love you
in those who need our forgiveness.
Lend us your spirit that
we may share you with those
far from your mercy and love. Amen*

*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 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.*