# Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

John Bailey, Arabella Bretherton William Bretherton, Mike Clifton Colin Davies, Gerard Healy Christy Rafferty Kathleen Shaw, Rheinhold Wagner Richard Warner

May all who sleep in Christ find in your presence light, happiness and peace, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

ALSO THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Celia Adams, Colette Bartolo, Ellie Beaton, Louise Boughey, Mary Bretherton, Sister Charles, Tina Corkill, Les Cowell, Sheila Cowell, Anita Dubique-Ashton, Tony Dubique, Margaret Harrison, Jayne Heaton, Jim and Pat Heffey, Pat Hindley, 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

#### 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 20 April

6.30 pm Luciano Bartolo; Mary Wilkinson

# Sunday 21 April

11 am Fred & Dorothy Marsh; The Graham Family Baptism at 12.30 pm: Leonard David Mullen

# **Monday 22 April**

9.30 am People of the Parish

**Tuesday 23 April** St George, Patron of England No Mass

**Wednesday 24 April** St Fidelis of Sigmaringen 7.30 pm All Holy Souls

Thursday 25 April

St Mark, Evangelist

No Mass

# Friday 26 April

9.30 am Mike Clifton; E. & J. Grimshaw

### Saturday 27 April

6.30 pm Maureen Hughes; Nathan Cavannan

#### Sunday 28 April

11 am Fr William Ball; Mary & Lily McAteer



Father William Ball was the last parish priest of St Michael's Church, Rixton, and today is the 50th anniversary of his death in 1974 in the 48th year of his priesthood. He is buried in Hollins Green Cemetery.

Last Week's Offertory £397.75 Standing Orders (March) – £1,121

-Thank you!—

#### PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington

# Newsletter

# Sunday 21 April 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p.261)

Psalter Week 4



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

#### A WARM WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS

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#### Tea and Toast

Join us after Mass on Sunday for tea and toast in the Millennium Room – an excellent way to bring our fellow parishioners together, get to know people and make new friends.

#### Christenings

This Sunday, 21 April, we welcome into our parish family Leonard David Mullen, who is to be baptised at 12.30 pm. Next Sunday we have the baptism of Henry Anthony Carter. We wish them every future blessing and congratulate their parents.

#### First Holy Communion 2024

We welcome our Year 4 pupils and their families this weekend as they present themselves at weekend Masses in preparation for receiving their First Holy Communion in May. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### **Exposition and Benediction**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 6.30 pm before evening Mass will now resume on Wednesdays.



#### Parish 100 Club

Our parish 100 Club enables us to keep up the maintenance of church projects. This would not be possible without your continued support but income is falling. If you do not yet support our monthly draw why not give it a go? Those who pay annually are reminded that annual subscriptions are due for renewal before the May draw takes place.

### **Warrington Foodbank**

Thank you for your continued support for the Foodbank. Current shortages are jam, sugar, tinned meat and fish, and cleaning products. Donations may be left in the crate in the porch.

It is against the rules of humanity to believe there is nothing we can do

#### **Second Collection**

This Sunday is the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a Second Collection for the **Priests' Training Fund** at weekend Masses.

■ There are still some uncollected offertory envelopes in the church porch.

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

#### April prize of £120 was won by No. 29

The draw took place after Mass on 14 April. Any allocated numbers not paid for on this occasion were not included in the draw. If you pay annually please be reminded that subscriptions are due for renewal before the May draw takes place. Please pay by 5 May. The next draw will be made on Sunday 12 May after 11 am Mass.

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

# **Piety Stall**

We have on order a variety of card designs which include First Communion, Confirmation, new baby etc. If you have any specific requirements for cards or can suggest any other purchases please write your ideas down and place them in the box in the church porch.

#### Thank You, Pat

For many years Pat Howley has carried out 'sterling' work in counting offertory donations, paying bills and banking what's left. Now she has retired and we have Pat's successor, the new Countess of St Peter's, Janet Worley, who has taken over her role. Welcome aboard!

# **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!

#### **Children's Liturgy**

The Children's Liturgy due to start after Easter is subject to administrative issues still to be resolved. We still need volunteers to assist in this essential process and there are numerous guides and people on hand to help you, plus further information on the parish website. If you feel you are able to help deliver the liturgy every few weeks (no liturgy during summer holidays) please let Fr Mark or Deacon JIm know.

# Open Our Hearts 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

#### 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.