

THE PARISH OF ST PETER & ST MICHAEL

Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington WA1 4QQ



Sunday 18 April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalter Week 1

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Synod Update

Our Synod leaders and members have been progressing the Synod journey. We are on the final part and 19 recommendations have been made to the Synod which can be found at Synod2020recommendations.org.uk. The recommendations over the four discussion topics have been published in **'Together on the Road'** and a Zoom meeting to further discuss these has been arranged for 12 June 2021. All the recommendations are listed on the Synod website. These will now be rated and the recommendations voted on. To look at the recommendations we would welcome your participation in Zoom meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm, with different people each week. Please let Heather or Mary know if you would like to take part. Our email addresses are: hjbabington@gmail.com for Heather, and maryhllm@yahoo.co.uk for Mary.

Offertory Envelopes

More than 30 sets of offertory envelopes still remain to be collected. It may be thought they are not required if you have taken out a direct debit arrangement but envelopes for special collections are still necessary. Please remember to pick up your set after weekend Masses.

Last week's offertory – £184

Thank you!

Second collection for Priests' Training Fund next week

Warrington Foodbank

Thank you for all your generous donations. Present shortages are jam, milk (whole and semi-skimmed) and tinned chicken in a sauce (not curry sauce as they have plenty), so if you are able to help with that it would be appreciated.

Mary Hallam

SPAM Zoom Meeting

This meeting had been called on Tuesday 6 April to update the Parish Council on activities during the last 12 months since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Deacon Jim McGraw said it was hoped that First Communion would be in September as last year and that Confirmations could be held when the Archbishop visits the deanery in November. Fr Gildea added that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Tony Wright said there were now 50 parishioners making their offertory contributions by standing order which accounts for nearly £1,200 per month of church funds. Tony thanked them and said the Parish Council should continue to encourage more parishioners to join the scheme.

Christine Wilkinson thanked all those who have helped with the work on the Memorial Garden. Further work is needed and will be addressed as part of the actions for the new parish maintenance group which the Parish Council intends to set up by the end of the month.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 May at 7.30 pm.

Mass Attendances

Sadly, last Sunday people had to be denied access to Mass at 11 am as the permitted 40 places were full. Please note that ALL three Masses fulfil the Sunday requirement and since attendances on Wednesdays and Saturdays are less than Sundays it will help everyone if numbers can be levelled out over the week to avoid disappointment.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 17 April

11 am Arthur Wilkinson

Sunday 18 April

11 am Clare Howley

Monday 19 April

People of the Parish

Tuesday 20 April

The Grimshaw Family

Wednesday 21 April *St Anselm*

7.30 pm William Massey

Thursday 22 April

Friday 23 April *St George, Patron of England*

Fr J. Walmsey

Saturday 24 April

11 am Arthur Wilkinson

Sunday 25 April

11 am Mary McAteer

Please note the times of Masses which are being live-streamed are available on the Archdiocesan website: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Please remember to have your name and contact number with you when you attend Mass

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK —

If work was so good, the rich would have kept more of it for themselves

Please pray for . .

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR
AROUND THIS TIME

**John Bailey, Arabella Bretherton,
William Bretherton, Colin Davies,
Gerard Healy, Mary McCourt,
Maureen McCourt, Michael Terry**

*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, Valerie Ashby, Luciano
Bartolo, Mary and Gordon Beddows,
Denise Bradley, David Brearley, Mary
Bretherton, Sarah Brewer, Craig
Cook Jnr, Tina Corkill, Les Cowell,
Barbara Cowell, Dennis Cowell,
Sheila Cowell, Peter Cuff, Mary
Davies, John Dean, John Delouise,
F.D. Jr, Anita Dubique-Ashton,
Barbara Eden, Barbara Edmundson,
Frank Hawley, Jayne Heaton, Brian
Hume, Carol Hume, Jonah, Michael
Larkin, Laura, Ruth Lightfoot, Owen
Mccourt, Heidi Milne, Maria Moretti,
Lynne O'Reilly, Steve O'Reilly, Eileen
Peet, Joan Redmond, Pat Singleton,
Barry Stirrup, Tony Stirrup, Arthur
Terry, Len Thomas, Jayne Torvill,
John Tyson, Sheila Walsh, Graham
Wells, Bridie Wright, Stan Wright.**

*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.*

Liturgy of the Hours – Week 1

The Liturgy of the Hours keeps us all at
the heart of Christ's body, the Church.
Our prayers unite us with God, sanctify
our whole day and all our activities.

Prayer in preparation for Synod 2020

Father, we thank you for the love
you have shown us in the gift of
Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the
Church, through which you show
us that you are always with us and
are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod
2020 help us to become the Church
that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully
at work among us. Strengthen
each of us and guide Francis our
Pope and Malcolm our Archbishop.

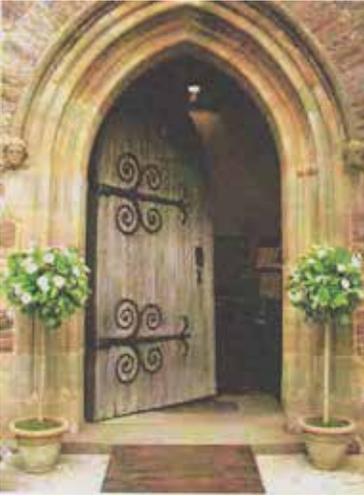
Help us to respond to the
challenges of our times in new
ways to bring your love to all our
sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus
Christ Our Lord. Amen.



A Prayer from the Archbishop

GOD OUR FATHER, each person is
precious to you. You are the giver of
life. Have mercy on us and protect us at
this time, as the coronavirus threatens
health and life. You are an ever-present
helper in time of trouble. Watch over
those who are suffering, give strength
to those who are aiding the sick and
give courage to all in this time of
anxiety. We ask this of you in the name
of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Our church is now open for Mass

Please arrive for Mass 15 minutes before the start and remain socially distanced whilst queuing.

In order to meet the requirements of track and trace we are asking you to provide your name and contact number on a piece of paper which will be collected by the steward.

This will enable us to get people into Mass quickly and on time.

The times of Masses have changed and the number able to attend is limited.

The normal Mass times are —

11 am Saturday and Sunday

7.30 pm Wednesday

Each Mass will be celebrated as the Sunday Mass.

A maximum of 40 people plus four stewards will be able to attend each Mass.

Church will open 15 minutes before the start of Mass and entry is through the doors on Weir Lane. The back gate to the garden will be open to allow you to get to the car park and Weir Lane.

You will be required to wear a face mask or face covering and to sanitise your hands on entry and exit.

Volunteer stewards will show you to your seat so we can ensure social distancing and comply with the regulations set out by the Bishops' Conference and the Government. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass as you leave.

It is appreciated that these changes may be difficult but we have to protect our priest, parishioners and the wider community.

We look forward to seeing you again as we gradually return to normal.



Parish Working Party

Following our first meeting of SPAM for 12 months, we have identified a number of small jobs which need doing mainly around the church garden and grounds.

We are looking for volunteers who would be able to give a little time to begin tackling these tasks. Examples are jet-washing concrete paths, painting fence panels, cleaning the pavilion.

Due to Covid regulations these tasks would have to be undertaken in very small groups but if you are willing to help out – could you put your name, contact number and when you would be available to help, on a piece of paper (marked ‘Working Party’) and leave it either in the presbytery letter box of church or in the collection basket.

We are hoping to begin the tasks towards the end of this month so any offer of help would be most appreciated.

SPAM

ALL CALLED AND GIFTED BY GOD

*From the Parish of the Most Holy Redeemer, Porthmadog
(Parish Newsletter, 1 September 2013)*

ONE DAY, a woman came up to Leonard Bernstein, the famous composer and conductor, and asked him, “Mr Bernstein, of all the instruments in the orchestra which is the most difficult to play?” He told her, “Second fiddle is the hardest. You see, I can get plenty of first violinists, but to find someone who plays second violin with enthusiasm, or even second horn, or second flute, now that’s a real problem. And if no one plays second, then we have no harmony.”

The thing about second fiddle, second flute etc, is that it never gets the tune to play. It’s always a support line to the main melody and so the audience always applaud the instruments that they recognise for having provided the beautiful tune but they rarely are aware of the supporting sections. Yet without these ‘second fiddles’ these solo instruments would sound very thin indeed.

In our society today no one wants to be second fiddle. All politicians want to be Cabinet ministers; all actors want the leading roles and all weather forecasters want to be celebrities. No one wants to be last; everyone wants to be first.

Being a disciple of Christ means being humble. Rather than putting yourself in first place it means accepting that last can be just as good. This topsy-turvy way of thinking and behaving seems alien to many people. We are taught from a young age to strive to come first, and yet Christ tells us that the Christian’s favourite number should be ‘two.’ Of course, to try always to come second means that we come first in humility!

There is nothing fake about humility. It does not involve denying our gifts and talents; it’s not about hanging back and not helping just in case our true skills become apparent. But what it does mean is that we recognise where our talents have come from. We can claim no merit for ourselves; every good thing we have comes from God. So, humility allows us to do everything within our power to display our gifts, while at the same time giving the glory to God rather than claiming the limelight ourselves.

FATHER JOHNSON KATTIPARAMPIL, CMI

Vacancy for Foundation Governor

As a Foundation Governor you are required to be a Catholic who attends Sunday Mass regularly and gives true witness to the teachings of the Church.

You don't need any special qualifications, all we ask for is:

- The right attitude to be part of a strategic team to help develop St Peter's School;
- A willingness to share and develop your existing experience and skills;
- That you are prepared to work with discretion as a member of the full governing body and attend training events to help build up a body of knowledge and expertise;
- Time to take on the commitment of at least a few hours a month, including six meetings a year.

As a Foundation Governor, there is no requirement to be a parent or work in the education sector. However if you have a financial, educational, strategic or HR/legal background this will be valuable to our governing body. If you have experience of chairing meetings or a willingness to develop these skills, through chairing committee meetings, that would be a valuable asset.

You will work with the Governing Body in undertaking its collective duties to lead the school and meet the contemporary requirements of the Department for Education and Ofsted.

The Governing Body plays a critical role in a school's success and the success of its children.

Being a school governor is a fulfilling and challenging role. Governors work together as a team to ensure an outstanding standard of education is being achieved and that the school continually improves. Governors are responsible for ensuring that the vision, Catholic ethos and strategic direction are implemented and are responsible for holding the head teacher and senior leaders to account for the performance of the school.

Being a governor is an opportunity to develop the skills you have and to improve the futures of children today. This is a voluntary role. References are required.

Do you have the skills needed to be a Foundation Governor of St Peter's Catholic Primary School?

For further information and application pack or to speak to Chair of Governors, Mrs Val McCowen, please contact Mrs O'Hara in the school office: **01925 815314** or email

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Catholic
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*"Let your
light shine"*