

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's, Warrington



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 2 December 2018

First Sunday of Advent (C)



Our Benedictine Heritage

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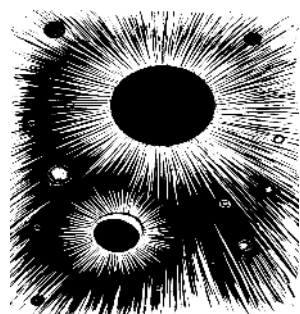
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St Benedict's Church is open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 4.30 pm for Private Prayer (Exc. Bank Holidays)

St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 2 - 9 December 2018

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 2 December <i>First Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Ken Hindle</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>John McGinty</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners, Ellen Cox</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 3 December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 4 December	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Anthony Dewane</i> 7.00 pm Mass to Remember Children	9.30 am Mass <i>Joe Butler</i>
Wednesday 5 December <i>St John Almond, Priest & Martyr</i>	9.15 am Mass <i>Emily Whitfield</i> 12.20 pm Funeral Service at Walton Lea <i>(William Cartledge)</i>	
Thursday 6 December		9.30 am Mass <i>Pope Francis</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 7 December <i>St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor</i>	9.30 am Children's Mass with KS2 12.15 pm Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 8 December <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Kathleen Postlethwaite</i>
Sunday 9 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent (C)</i> Bible Sunday	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Peter King</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Weekdays 11.40 am - 12.05 pm St Mary's Shrine
 Tuesday 11.30 am - 12.05 pm St Benedict's*
 Saturday 10.00 am - 11.45 am St Mary's Shrine*
 5.15 pm - 5.45 pm St Oswald's

*With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEBSITES Parish: www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk

St Mary's: www.fssp.co.uk/warrington



St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NS

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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

Rector: Fr de Malleray FSSP malleray@fssp.org Assistant: Fr Konrad Loewenstein FSSP padrek@libero.it

Assistant: Fr Ian Verrier FSSP iverrier@fssp.org

LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)

Holy Mass <i>Sunday</i> 11.00 am & 6.00 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 12.10 pm	Confessions <i>Everyday</i> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 11.45 am	Adoration & Benediction <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 12.00 noon	Holy Rosary <i>Sunday</i> 5.30 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 11.30 am
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THIS WEEK

CHRISTMAS FAIR'S

St Oswald's Catholic Primary School

Today (Sunday), 11.00 am – 3.00 pm

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

Tuesday 4 December, 3.00 – 5.00 pm



MASS TO REMEMBER CHILDREN

The Annual Mass to Remember Children who died before birth, at birth, or anytime afterwards will take place this Tuesday, 4 December, at 7.00 pm in St Benedict's. The Mass will be a gentle celebration for all the children we miss so much. During the Mass, there will be an opportunity to light a candle for the baby, child or teenager you may be remembering and for their names to be read out during the eucharist. If you know someone who might appreciate an invitation, please let them know about the Mass. Thank you.

PARISH TRIP TO MANCHESTER

There will be a coach going to the Christmas Markets and City Centre in Manchester this Wednesday, 5 December, departing St Benedict's at 10.00 am and St Oswald's at 10.10 am, arriving back in Warrington at approx. 3.45 pm. Cost: £5 per person. If you would like a place on the coach, please sign the sheet at the back of church **today**. Thank you.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Parish SVP are hosting a Christmas Party for Senior Citizens next Sunday, 9 December, 1.00 – 4.00 pm, in St Oswald's Parish Centre. The afternoon will include good food, a game of bingo, a Banjo Band and lots more. If you would like to come along, please sign the sheet at the back of church **today** (or ask someone to sign it for you). If you need transport, please contact John Lawless (07765 496957). Many thanks.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

READERS

Next Sunday is 'Bible Sunday'. It's a good opportunity to invite Readers to renew their commitment to proclaiming the Word of God at Mass. So, at each of



the Sunday Masses next weekend, Readers will be invited to come forward after the Homily to renew their commitment. This little ceremony also gives parishioners an opportunity to pray for our Readers and to thank them for the important ministry they share with us.

ADVENT YOUTH ALIVE!

Animate, the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry, will be holding their Advent Youth Mass at St Oswald's on Sunday 16 December at 6.30 pm. This Mass will be led by young people and is especially for young people, although everyone is welcome.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAROL SERVICE

The Annual Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service will take place in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Friday 14 December at 2.00 pm with Archbishop Malcolm. The service will feature the students from St Benedict Catholic Primary School in Netherton and Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Liverpool, as well as the 'Songs We Remember' Choir. Refreshments will be served afterwards, and everyone is most welcome.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year, we are providing a 'Christmas Dinner' on Christmas Day for those who would like a little company, individuals and families who are struggling, and anyone who would simply appreciate a hot meal on Christmas Day.



Do you know someone who might appreciate this? The meal will be in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Benedict's, 12.00 – 2.00 pm. **If you would like to come or if you are able to help in any way, or for more information, please let Fr Dave know or phone Celia in the Parish Office on 01925 630127.**

ADVENT 2018

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

There will be a Service of Reconciliation for the whole parish on Wednesday 19 December at 7.30 pm in St Oswald's Church.

Archdiocesan Mission Statement

"Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation."

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character. It begins by directing our minds to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Then, from 17 December onwards, we remember the first coming of Jesus as a baby born in Bethlehem by preparing for the solemnity of Christmas. So the atmosphere of the season is one of devout and joyful expectation. Advent begins on the First Sunday of Advent and ends with Evening Prayer on Christmas Eve.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ; he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples; he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; he is the Saviour of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



ADVENT COLLECTIONS

This year's Advent Collections will run until 16 December:

a) A **'Caritas' Collection** – 'Caritas' is the Latin word for 'charity'. Donations of money or tokens will be used to help those most in need in our community, i.e. providing the basics we take for granted for individuals and families who are struggling financially or in debt (e.g. food, clothing, bus fares for a month, Christmas presents for children, etc).

b) A **'St Francis' Collection** – Dog and puppy, cat and kitten food, treats and toys to help Warrington Animal Welfare care for the enormous number of animals that are tragically abandoned over the Christmas period.



Thank you so much for your kindness. *Fr Dave*

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOLY LAND

Palestinian Christians, who live in the state of Israel or in the Occupied Territories of the West Bank, endure considerable hardship. In Israel itself, Palestinians are discriminated against in employment and sometimes their houses are demolished. In the West Bank, the separation wall completely encircles some of the major centres of population. Palestinians frequently have to wait a considerable length of time at checkpoints to travel to work or school, and sometimes have to cross through checkpoints even to cultivate their land. Sixty women have given birth at these checkpoints in recent years!

In these circumstances, parishes in the Holy Land really appreciate receiving Christmas Cards from their fellow Christians in the UK. In the words of one priest, they see it as a 'beautiful act of solidarity'. If you would like to send a Christmas Card to one of the parishes in the Holy Land, cards will be available for signing after Mass this weekend.

SYNOD 2020

OPEN MEETINGS (Part 2)

At the Synod Open Meetings, many questions were asked or submitted in written form. The full list of themes covered can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church. Some of the questions concerned the following:



Synod & Young People

Every effort is being made to ensure that young people are at the heart of our Synod Journey. As well as working with Animate Youth Ministries and school chaplains, a team of primary specialists are producing resources for younger children. Two of the planned ten focus groups will be specifically for young people. In addition, every Pastoral Area has been asked to ensure that at least two of the Synod Members are aged 15-25.

As a direct consequence of the Open Meetings, Archbishop Malcolm has invited Kate Wilkinson, a school chaplain and national president of the Young Christian Workers, to join the Working Party to help ensure the concerns of Young People are not overlooked.

Outcomes

Synod 2020 can only address those things that are within the Archbishop's power to make decisions on. This means that issues concerning the law of the Universal Church, which may emerge as key themes during our listening and discerning, are not within the scope of the Synod to address. Archbishop Malcolm has resolved to take these issues to Rome to ensure these views from our Archdiocese are heard.

The process will be as open and transparent as possible. The outcomes are not pre-written. We are embarking on this journey with openness to the Holy Spirit working in all of us. It is through listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other that we will be able to discern where God is calling us.

Other diocesan Synods have led to the development of a Pastoral Plan. It may be that our Synod does too. Our Synod Co-ordinator's role extends one year after the Synod to begin the task of implementation.

Issues

It is difficult to talk in specific terms about issues that may come up and themes that may emerge from our Synod Journey for fear of prejudicing the process. What is clear from the Open Meetings is that there are many issues and pastoral concerns that affect the faithful of our diocese.

Over the coming months, the people of our diocese will be invited to reflect deeply on our Synod questions about the joys, sorrows, hopes and struggles of Christian life today. We will be invited to speak from the heart and to listen compassionately to each other as we share our stories and speak about the things that touch our lives and the lives of those we know and love. *More next week..*

SAFEGUARDING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL!

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Celia Baxter, Doreane Child,
Clare Fraser & Claire Lancaster

Telephone (01925) 630127

If you believe that a child or vulnerable adult has suffered or is in immediate risk of suffering significant harm, for example, physical or sexual assault or theft of their property, then you should contact the Police immediately.

QUOTES FROM POPE FRANCIS

“None of us can survive without mercy. We all have need for forgiveness.”

24 November

“We cannot truly follow Jesus when we are weighed down by things, because if the heart is crowded with other goods, there will be no room for the Lord, who will become just one thing among others.”

28 November

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Two places are available on the Pilgrimage to Walsingham, 11-14 March 2019. Costs £135.00 p.p (incl. accommodation, pilgrimage programme and day excursion to Norwich). Call Chris Sykes on 07587 046985 for more information.

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Rite of Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Monika Opara, Isabella Moore and Eric Sullivan who will be baptised this month.

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

St Benedict's Paul Vernon, Jean Molphy, Anne Hill, Susan Keating, Ann Brown, Bill Hampson, Peter Milner, James Malone, Vera Brindle, Pat Buist, Thomas Ireland, Matilde Valentine, Brenda Snelson, Syd Bradshaw, Sandra Richardson, Kate Rigby, Ged Wallace, Margaret Russell-Cruise, Barbara Edmondson

St Mary's Luciano Bartolo

St Oswald's Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne, Jo Roberts, Sam Johnson, Betty Mannion, Margaret Watts (nee McGinty), Mike McCarrick, Doreen Thurston

Other Parishes Margaret Fay, Catherine Donaldson, Laurence Finn, Fr John Gildea, Fr Malcolm Prince, Alan Brompton, Mgr Austin Hunt, Steven Brandl, Rebekah Stone (age 12)

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Oswald's John Glanville, Irene Price

St Benedict's William Cartledge



This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For the many children, women and men who are living with HIV or AIDS.
- † For asylum seekers and refugees driven from their homes, separated from their families and forced to live in another country.
- † For peace and justice for our Christian sisters and brothers living in the Holy Land.
- † For a greater reverence for the environment and for a proper response to the dangers ensuing from climate change.
- † That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time (Pope Francis).

If you would like to add a parishioner to the prayer list, please check with them first and then email Fr Dave on frdave@rcaolp.co.uk or give him a note of their name and phone number. Many thanks.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday - 1st Sunday of Advent (C)
Weekdays - Week 1 of Advent
Divine Office - Psalter Week 1

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3: 8-14
Mk 1: 1-8

ST BENEDICT'S - 200 CLUB WINNER

18 & 25 November: To be confirmed
Subscriptions are now due

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please ensure the Parish Office receives items for the Newsletter by Wednesday at the latest. Tel: 630127

ST OSWALD'S PARISH CENTRE

Padgate Lane, Warrington, WA1 3LB

The Week Ahead

Sunday 9.00 pm Quiz – Concert Room

Monday 2.00 pm Sequence Dancing

Wednesday 8.00 pm Bingo

For Bookings call 07932 404364 before 7 pm, or 812266

PARISH FINANCE

Total Offertory Collection for 25 November 2018

St Benedict's	£365.50	(£200.00 GA)
St Oswald's	£511.98	(£228.92 GA)
Standing Orders	£48.34	(£41.42 GA)
PARISH TOTAL:	£925.82	(£470.34 GA)

OTHER INCOME

Advent Caritas	£867.52 so far
<i>(Donations can be given until 16 Dec)</i>	
Poor Box	£40.42
R.B.L (poppies)	£42.14

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Last Week: Animate Youth £258.00
Next Week: The Annual SVP Christmas Collection
Thank you so much for your generosity

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

Rhodes Street, Warrington, WA2 7QE

The Week Ahead

Sunday 8.30 pm Cabaret

Monday 6.00 pm Rainbows
7.45 pm Bingo

Wednesday 7.00 pm Drama - Rainbow room

Thursday 7.30 pm Line Dancing

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920