

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 16 December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent (C)



Our Benedictine Heritage

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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 16 - 23 December 2018

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 16 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent (C)</i> Gaudete Sunday	10.30 am First Communion Preparation Mass (2) <i>Rosalee Bostock</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm First Communion Preparation Mass (2) <i>The Parishioners</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Fr Nicholas Hird</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass 6.30 pm Youth Alive Mass
Monday 17 December		7.30 pm Prayer Group <i>(Next meeting: 14 January 2019)</i>
Tuesday 18 December	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Sr M Helena</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Eileen O'Donoghue</i>
Wednesday 19 December	9.30 am Mass <i>Pope Francis</i>	7.30 pm Advent Penance Service <i>(Service of Reconciliation)</i>
Thursday 20 December	6.30 pm School Christmas Production <i>(In Church)</i>	9.15 am School Christmas Mass <i>Emily Whitfield</i> <i>(No Novena)</i>
Friday 21 December	9.15 am Christmas Mass (in School) 12.15 pm Mass <i>People of Palestine</i> <i>(No Meditation)</i>	
Saturday 22 December	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>
Sunday 23 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)</i> Day of Prayer for Expectant Parents	10.30 am Mass <i>Arthur Brindle</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Alan Oxley</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass



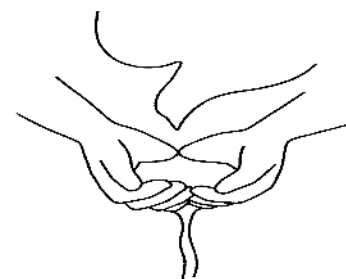
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

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

Telephone: 01925 635664 Website: www.fssp.co.uk/warrington

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

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to the children in Year 4, and their parents and families, who are joining us for Mass this weekend as part of their preparation for First Communion.



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

In Rome, on the third Sunday of Advent, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their Crib at home to St Peter's Square where the Pope blesses the figurines during the Angelus. We will celebrate this tradition, known as 'Bambinelli Sunday', during the Masses this weekend.

ADVENT YOUTH ALIVE!

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

'ROOM AT THE INN'

'Room at the Inn' and 'The Y Project' in Winmarleigh Street, Warrington, provides overnight relief to some of Warrington's homeless like the YMCA used to do. Could you support them over Christmas by purchasing a £5 Gift Card? Cards will be on sale after Mass this weekend only. Place the Gift Card in with a Christmas Card and say: "I haven't sent you a gift this year, instead I bought this gift card which helped someone homeless have a meal and a bed for the night on your behalf." For further details of how you can help, please contact Sue Blythe on 01925 576678. Many thanks.

ADVENT COLLECTIONS

The Advent Collections close this weekend. Thank you so much for your amazing generosity. The money raised for the Advent 'Caritas' Collection will help individuals and families who are surviving on next to nothing. The food you have donated to the 'St Francis Collection' will feed a lot of cats and dogs who sadly will be abandoned over the Christmas period. Thank you so much for your kindness. *Fr Dave*

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thanks again for your generosity with the annual SVP Christmas collection. The Parish managed to raise £364.00.

The money will be used for individuals and families in need in our parish.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

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

APPEAL FOR FUNDRAISING PRIZES

Do you have anything you could spare (i.e. Smellies, Chocolates, Wine etc.) to donate to help raise funds for Parish projects? Any donations would be gratefully received by Mike and Angela Birchall or the parish office. *Thank you.*

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club are holding their annual Christmas Lunch this Tuesday, 18 December at St Benedict's Parish Centre for those who have purchased tickets. It takes place from 12.00 - 2.30 pm. With a hot Christmas dinner, live entertainment, prize draw etc.

PARISH CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The Parish Quiz takes place this **Thursday 20 December** at 7.30 pm (*not Wednesday due to the clash with the Penance Service*). Come out for a night of fun whether you are good at quizzes or not. The funds raised help with the upkeep and maintenance of **both churches** for which there are many expensive works to be done. Tickets cost £4.50.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 an invitation? 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 for more information, please let Fr Dave know or leave your name and number with the Parish Office on 01925 630127.**



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."

SYNOD 2020

OPEN MEETINGS (Part 4)

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 Process

The Synod began in October 2017 with a Year of Prayer which culminated with the Eucharistic Congress.

Year 2 (October 2018—September 2019) is for Listening and Discernment. The Synod Membership will be confirmed by mid-January 2019 with the Synod Opening Ceremony taking place in the Cathedral on Sunday 3 February. Members will attend an initial gathering in early February before taking part in listening and discernment preparation during Lent 2019. Local listening will take place in our communities between May and July where everyone will get the chance to share their reflections on our Synod Questions.

From this listening, themes will emerge and these will be taken back to local communities at Pastoral Area pre-Synods. Here the themes will be discussed, discerned and developed into practical proposals to be taken forward to Synod.

At the Synod (17-18 October 2020), these proposals will be voted on by the Members and a plan for the Archdiocese of the Liverpool will begin to emerge.

The four Synod Questions have been developed to be open and allow for people to speak freely and from the heart. They are currently being tested and fine-tuned.

The names of our Parish and Pastoral Area Synod Members will be announced this weekend.

FAITH FOR LIFE

Are you looking to deepen the links between your faith and your life? Please consider the 'Faith For Life' course that is being offered on four weekends in Warrington in 2019 (19-20 January, 16-17 February, 6-7 April, 11-12 May). The course runs from 9.30 am – 5.00 pm on Saturday and 1.00 - 4.45 pm on Sunday. Past participants have said: 'I'm going home with treasures', 'There is an enthusiasm around this course that is answering a hunger in the people of God at this time', 'Does what it says on the tin.' To book a place, speak to Fr Dave or phone the parish office at St Stephen's on (01925) 632849.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve (Monday 24 December)

- 4.00 pm Slovak Christmas Mass at St Benedict's
- 6.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
- 8.00 pm Polish Christmas Mass at St Oswald's
- 11.30 pm Midnight Mass at St Benedict's

Christmas Day (Tuesday 25 December)

- 8.30 am Christmas Dawn Mass at St Oswald's
- 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass at St Benedict's
- 2.00 pm Polish Christmas Mass at St Oswald's

Boxing Day (Wednesday 26 December)

- 2.00 pm Polish Mass at St Oswald's



Please note:

- 1) The Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St Benedict's will begin at 11.30 pm not Midnight.
- 2) Children are invited to bring a home-made birthday card for Jesus to the 6.00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St Oswald's or the 10.30 am Mass on Christmas Day at St Benedict's.
- 3) Altar Servers, Readers, Collectors and Eucharistic Ministers are invited to sign the sheet at the back of church if they are available to help with the liturgies.

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST MARY'S SHRINE

Confessions 30 minutes before every Mass.

Christmas Eve 11.30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 9.00 am Low Mass of Christmas Morning
11.00 am Sung Mass of Christmas Day

JOB VACANCIES

See noticeboard or visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs for...

- Diocesan Schools Officer
- Director of Finance & Development for the Archdiocese
- Head of H R & Organisational Development at LACE
- University Chaplaincy Assistant

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.

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS
“Loving God means serving our neighbour without reserve, and trying to forgive without limits.”

7 December

PEER TALK SUPPORT GROUP

Warrington’s peer support group for anyone facing depression or a related mental health condition runs weekly at The Gateway, Sankey Street, every Monday evening at 7.00 pm. It’s free and offers a safe space to offload, to be heard and to receive support to help work through difficult times. No need to book or be referred.

For more information visit:
www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/supprt-groups

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be Baptised this weekend:

St Benedict’s Isabella Moore

St Oswald’s Eric Sullivan

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, Rebekah Stone

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Oswald’s Irene Price

Praying the Great ‘O’ Antiphons (17 to 23 December)

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

O Root of Jesse’s stem, sign of God’s love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

O Key of David, opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death!

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save humankind, your own creation!

O Emmanuel, our King, and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

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 - 3rd Sunday of Advent (C)
 Weekdays - 18 to 23 December
 Divine Office - Psalter Week 3

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Is 61: 1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5: 16-24
 Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

ST BENEDICT’S - 200 CLUB WINNER

9 December:

(94) Malcolm Hackwell

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
 7.00 pm Line Dancing
 Wednesday 8.00 pm Bingo

For Bookings call 07932 404364 before 7 pm, or 812266

PARISH FINANCE

Total Offertory Collection for 9 December 2018

St Benedict’s £484.43 (£224.19 GA)
 St Oswald’s £557.01 (£281.80 GA)
 Standing Orders £62.65 (£55.73 GA)
PARISH TOTAL: £1,104.09 (£561.72 GA)

OTHER INCOME

Advent Caritas £1677.72 (so far)
 Poor Box £163.21

SECOND COLLECTION

SVP Christmas Collection
PARISH TOTAL: £364.00

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
 Tuesday 12 - 2.30 pm Christmas Lunch Club
 Wednesday 7.00 pm Drama - Rainbow Room
 Thursday 7.30 pm Parish Christmas Quiz

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920