

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 6 January 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Our Benedictine Heritage

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 6 - 13 January 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 6 January <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Gary O'Donnell</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Kitty McCarthy</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 7 January		<i>(No Prayer Group today)</i>
Tuesday 8 January	No Exposition or Mass today	9.30 am Mass <i>Marie Spencer</i>
Wednesday 9 January	No Mass Today	
Thursday 10 January		9.30 am Mass <i>Barry Vernon</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 11 January	12.00 noon Pastoral Area Mass at St Alban's	
	<i>(No Meditation Today)</i>	
Saturday 12 January	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i>
Sunday 13 January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (C)</i>	10.30 am Baptism Mass <i>The Moorcroft Family</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass

Wise men
still seek
HIM



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Tuesdays 11.30 am - 12.05 pm St Benedict's

Saturdays 5.15 pm - 5.45 pm St Oswald's

(Confession is also available by appointment or on request)

Parish Website: www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk



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

PARISH OFFICE

Please note: The Parish Office and St Benedict's Church will be closed this week (Monday to Friday) while Fr Dave has a break.

WHEN DOES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON END?

A lot of people take their Christmas decorations down on the Twelfth Night (6th January), but this is not the end of Christmas. The Feast of Christmas concludes with the Baptism of Jesus which, this year, is celebrated next Sunday, 13 January. So you will notice that the churches keep their decorations up until this date. Why not do the same at home? People will ask 'why?' which gives you the opportunity to explain that Christmas is celebrated from Christmas Eve until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group will be meeting in the Parish Centre Lounge at St Oswald's on Thursday 10 January at 8.15 pm.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for September 2020

Schools across the Archdiocese are consulting on proposed changes to admissions policies to take effect from September 2020. The consultation period will run until 25 January 2019 and any comments should be sent to the Archdiocese of Liverpool and to the Chair of Governors of your school. Further information about the proposed changes and where to send any comments can be found on school websites and at <http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/schools/Admissions->

CRIB OFFERINGS

Crib offerings traditionally go to support the work of Nugent (the social welfare agency of the Archdiocese).

200 CLUB MEMBERSHIPS / SUBSCRIPTIONS

A gentle reminder to those who partake in the weekly lottery that your subscriptions are now due. If you do not

already partake in it but would like to, or for more information, please see Susan Boyle (Deacon David's wife) after one of the Sunday Masses. *Thank you.*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

– If you know you are going into hospital and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let Fr Dave know and he will celebrate the sacrament with you.

– If you are admitted to hospital and would like to see a Catholic Priest, you (or a relative) need to inform the hospital staff who will contact the Hospital Chaplaincy Team. The priests serving the hospital are unlikely to know that you have been admitted or wish to see a priest unless you do this.

ON A NEW YEAR DIET?

Going on a diet in 2019? Looking to lose a few pounds? Then let us help you.... Please donate all those tempting chocolates, biscuits, booze etc. to the Fundraising Team. Donations can be left with the parish office or with Mike or Angela Birchall. *Thank you.*

FULL OF COLD, GOT THE FLU?

Please think before coming to church if you're full of cold or flu. If you come to church when you're ill, it's highly likely that others will catch your cold or bug. This can be very serious for those parishioners, for example, whose immune systems are low due to treatment for cancer. So, if you're not well, perhaps stay at home and keep the Lord's Day by joining in Mass on the internet (www.churchservices.tv or www.mcnmedia.tv) or pray quietly in your own way. It's not a sin to miss Mass if you're sick! *Fr Dave*



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group resumes next Monday, 14 January, at 7.30 pm at 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."

2019 Dates for your diaries....	
Men's Group (St Benedict's Church)	Saturday 5 January 9.30 am
Drama Group (St Benedict's P.C)	Wednesday 9 January 7.00 - 9.00 pm
Novena (St Oswald's Church)	Thursday 10 January 7.30 pm
Ladies Group (St Oswald's P.C)	8.15 pm
Prayer Group (St Oswald's Church)	Monday 14 January 7.30 pm
Lunch Club (St Benedict's P.C)	Tuesday 15 January 12.00 - 2.30 pm
Craft Club (St Benedict's Church)	Wednesday 16 January 10.00 - 12.00 noon
Meditation (St Benedict's Church)	Friday 18 January 6.45 - 7.30 pm
Parish Quiz Night (St Benedict's P.C)	Wednesday 30 January 7.30 for 7.45 pm start
Soup Lunch (St Benedict's Church)	Tuesday 12 February 1.00 - 2.00 pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY, UNTIER OF KNOTS

The Pastoral Area Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots, continues on Tuesday 15 January at 7.30 pm. This month, the Novena will be held at St Mary's Shrine and will be led by the priests of the Pastoral Area. *Theme:* Undoing the Knots of challenging Relationships.



PALLIATIVE & END OF LIFE CARE

Transforming Warrington's Palliative and End of Life Care Services Launch Event on Tuesday 15 January, 1.30 – 3.30 pm (1.00 pm Lunch), at The Gateway, 89 Sankey Street, Warrington WA1 1SR. See noticeboard for full details. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Anne Marie Taylor on 07557 139118 or email anne-marie.taylor1@nhs.net

FAITH FOR LIFE

The 'Faith For Life' course takes place over 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.

SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS

Bishop Paul McAleenan, the lead Catholic Bishop for Migration and Asylum, has issued a statement on the Government's forthcoming Settlement Scheme for EU citizens living in the UK. Any EU citizen who wants to remain in the UK after Brexit (with the exception of Irish citizens) will have to apply through the scheme, which is expected to launch in March 2019.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all EU citizens who have made their home here.

As the majority are themselves Catholic this is a special pastoral concern for us.

The Church has experienced first-hand the extensive contribution that people from across Europe have made to our society. They are an integral and valued part of our parishes, schools and communities. We also recognise the evidence that immigration from Europe has not undermined opportunities for UK citizens, but rather brought considerable economic and social benefits.

It is clear that since the 2016 referendum many people living here have faced profound uncertainty and insecurity about their future. Although the reassurances offered by senior politicians are important, people have been given far too little information or binding commitments about their right to stay. For some this has been worsened by the appalling rise in hate crime, which has left them feeling unwelcome or even threatened in the country that has become their home.

The government will soon launch a Settlement Scheme, offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain. While this is an important step we understand that, especially for people who have contributed to our society over many years, it may feel unjust and divisive that they are now required to apply for permission to stay. We also expect that some people, particularly those who are already vulnerable, may face difficulties in practically accessing the scheme, leaving their immigration status at risk.

We strongly oppose the decision to charge people for securing the rights they already have. This is not only unprincipled but will also create a barrier for larger families or people facing financial difficulties.

The Bishops' Conference has made representations on these issues to ministers and through the Home Office working groups set up to discuss the Settlement Scheme. We will continue to do so as it is implemented.

Notwithstanding our concerns about these principles and practicalities, it remains a fact that EU citizens must apply if they are to protect their existing rights and their place in our society. We therefore ask Catholic parishes, schools and organisations to bring the Settlement Scheme to the attention of all who need to avail of it and to be aware of vulnerable people who may face barriers to applying or not realise that they need to apply.

In particular we encourage you to signpost people towards the official information on the Settlement Scheme: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families And to make use of the various information resources available: www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit

Finally, we urge the whole Catholic community to take up Pope Francis' call to welcome, protect, promote and help to integrate everyone who has made their home here - with particular concern at present for our European brothers and sisters.

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

“May Mary, Mother of God, protect and accompany us during this new year and bring the peace of her Son into our hearts and the world.” 1st January 2019

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/suppo-rt-groups

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Rite of Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Oscar Aleksander White, Natalia El Sharif, Zachary Gills, Isla & Rico Oldroyd and Alice Hamman 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, John Gorman

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:

St Benedict’s Colin Cooper



THE BLESSING OF HOMES

The Blessing of Homes is a time-honoured custom on the Feast of the Epiphany. It reminds us that Christ is with us in the love and care we show one another in our ordinary, everyday lives together.

Why not have a little celebration at home today? One custom is to trace the Cross, the initials “CMB”, and the numerals of the year on the doorway of your house (either using chalk, holy water or simply with your finger), and then share your usual Sunday meal together. “CMB” stands for “Christus mansionem benedicat” – “May Christ bless this house!”

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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 – The Epiphany of the Lord
Weekdays – Christmas Weekdays
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Is 42: 1-7; Acts 10: 34-38
Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

ST BENEDICT’S - 200 CLUB WINNER
23 December: 79 Mary Roodcroft (£10)
30 December: 53 Christine Cullen (£100)

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

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 No Drama Group
Thursday 7.30 pm Line Dancing

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920

PARISH FINANCE

Total Offertory Collection for 30 December 2018

St Benedict’s £490.83 (£276.80 GA)
St Oswald’s £446.19 (£198.49 GA)
Standing Orders £62.65 (£55.73 GA)

PARISH TOTAL: £999.67 (£531.02 GA)

OTHER INCOME

Christmas Gift £28.70 (Late entries)
Crib Offerings £40.82 (To Nugent)
Poor Box £31.59

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