

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool



Our Benedictine Heritage

Newsletter

Sunday 13 January 2019

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

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Deacons: Revv Michael Birchall, David Boyle, Tony Kerrigan & Michael Oxley

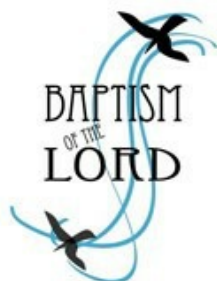
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St Benedict's Church is open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 4.30 pm for Private Prayer (Exc. Bank Holidays)

St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 13 - 20 January 2019		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 13 January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (C)</i>	10.30 am Baptism Mass <i>The Moorcroft Family</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 14 January <i>St Kentigern</i>	10.00 am Funeral Mass <i>Colin Cooper</i>	7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 15 January	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Marney Hampson</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Pope Francis</i>
	7.30 pm Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots <i>(at St Mary's Shrine)</i>	
Wednesday 16 January	9.30 am Mass <i>John R & Anne Norris</i>	
Thursday 17 January <i>St Anthony</i>		9.30 am Mass <i>Michael Cotter</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 18 January <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Robert Gibbons</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 19 January	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm First Communion Preparation Mass (3) <i>The Parishioners</i>
Sunday 20 January <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i> Peace Sunday	10.30 am First Communion Preparation Mass (3) <i>John & Doris Ryan, Catherine Shireby</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Pauline Rogers</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass



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

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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

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today, on this last day of Christmas, we recall the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist.



When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among peoples,
to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club will be meeting in St Benedict's Parish Centre this Tuesday, 15 January, 12.00 – 2.00 pm.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY, UNTIER OF KNOTS

The Pastoral Area Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots, continues this 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.

CRAFT CLUB

The Craft Club resumes this Wednesday, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon, in the sacristy at St Benedict's. All welcome.

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

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18 to 25 January. Churches Together in East Warrington will be holding an Ecumenical Service next Sunday, 20 January, at the Church of the Resurrection at 4.00 pm.



"I encourage parishioners to come along to this service, especially if you haven't been to an ecumenical service for some time. It is only by meeting together, praying together and working together that Christian unity will come about. The baptism we share means that each one of us has a responsibility to build bridges with our sisters and brothers in the other Christian churches and groups. Our Lord's prayer, "that they may all be one" (John 17: 21) will only be answered if we all play our part." *Fr Dave*

**God our hope,
we praise you for your loving kindness.
Uphold us when we are about to give up,
show us your light when all around seems dark.
Transform our lives that we may bring hope to others.
Help us to live united in our diversity
as a witness to your communion,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever. Amen.**

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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."

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

Children in Year 4, who are preparing to celebrate First Communion this year, are invited to come to the 3rd Preparation Mass with their parents/carers next weekend:

St Oswald's – Saturday 19 January at 6.00 pm

St Benedict's – Sunday 20 January at 10.30 am

Please come to the Mass which is most convenient for you. If your child cannot attend one of the Masses next weekend, please contact Fr Dave this week so that he can make alternative arrangements for your child. Thank you.

GLUTEN ALLERGIES

The Church allows the use of low-gluten hosts for those who have an allergy to gluten. If you have a gluten-allergy and would prefer to receive a low-gluten host, please let Fr Dave know. However, before doing so, it is important that you seek medical advice as to whether your level of allergy would permit the use of low-gluten hosts.

200 CLUB

200 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

A gentle reminder to those who partake in the weekly lottery that your subscriptions are now due. If you do not already subscribe but would like to, or for more information, please see Susan Boyle after the Sunday 10.30 am Mass. *Thank you.*

ON A NEW YEAR DIET?

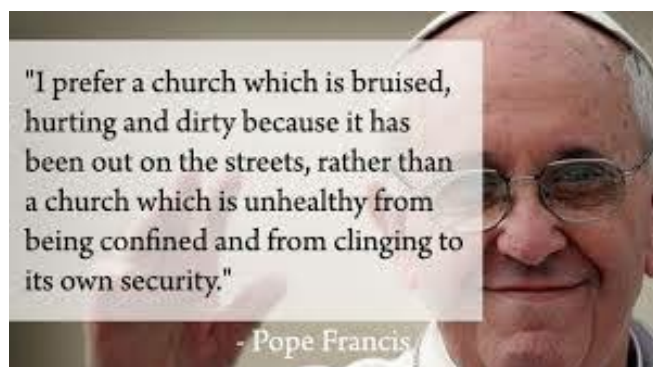
Going on a diet in 2019? Looking to lose a few pounds? Then let us help you... Please donate all those tempting chocolates, biscuits, bottles, etc. to the Fundraising Team. Donations can be left with the Parish Office or with Mike or Angela Birchall. *Thank you.*

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-Consultations>



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FLAME 2019

The biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Organised by CYMFED (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation), Flame 2019 takes place on Saturday 2 March at the SSE Arena, Wembley. Cost: £25 for ticket and travel (which will be covered by the Parish). To book a place, let Fr Dave know and then go to www.animateyouth.org or phone 01744 740460.

JUST CHAT

'Just Chat' is a way of helping refugees to learn English through everyday conversation. This resource will be particularly helpful to those parishioners looking forward to supporting a Syrian Refugee Family coming to live in the parish in the near future. If you would like to learn more, there will be an introduction to the resource on Saturday 16 February, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, at St Benedict's. To book a place, please call the Parish Office on 01925 630127.

SYNOD 2020

On Sunday 3 February at 3.00 pm, the Archbishop will formally convoke the Archdiocesan Synod during a special service in the Cathedral. This historic event will begin an important period of time leading up to the Synod itself in October 2020. As the Archbishop said in his Pastoral Letter for Synod Sunday 2018, "the Synod is the time when we choose the path to walk on".

Everyone is welcome to come to this service. During the service, the Synod Members (Parish, Pastoral Area and others) will be mandated to undertake their task and we will all be invited to pray with and for them and for the working of our Synod.

If you would like a place on the coach going to the service, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

A CHALLENGE FOR 2019 - Consume Less Plastic

Why should we be concerned with plastics in the things we buy? Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si'*: "Purchasing is always a moral and not simply economic act... the issue of environmental degradation challenges us to examine our lifestyle".

Plastic now pollutes every corner of our earth. Evidence shows that since the Second World War humans have coated the earth entirely in plastics. Our plastic bags, bottles, compact discs, cigarette tips, tooth brushes which are in landfill have floated across the oceans and sunk deep to the sea floors. A plastic bottle takes on average 450 years to degrade and we produce 300 million tonnes of plastic each year.

We cannot change the past, but we can reduce our use of plastics now. More information at:

www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/24/plastic-new-epoch-human-damage and <https://lessplastic.co.uk/9-tips-living-less-plastic/>

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

Jesus is the gift of God for us.
If we welcome Him, we too can be a gift of God to others.
(4 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/support-groups

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who will be Baptised this weekend:

St Benedict's Natalia El Sharif & Zachary Gills

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
Archdiocese Fr Alex Fleming

This Week's Prayer Intentions:

† That we may listen to our Lord who calls us to welcome the stranger in our midst – the refugee, the asylum seeker, the poor, the oppressed, the persecuted, the homeless and all who cry out to us for help.

† That those tasked with making decisions about Brexit may do so with honesty, integrity and a desire to serve the common good.

† That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world (Pope Francis).

† That those who are dying, and their families and friends who are sitting with them, may know the closeness of Jesus.

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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR
Sunday – The Baptism of the Lord
Weekdays – Year 1, Week 1
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Isaiah 62: 1-5
1 Corinthians 12: 4-11
John 2: 1-11

ST BENEDICT'S - 200 CLUB WINNER

6 January 2019
To be announced

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

PARISH FINANCE

Total Offertory Collection for 6 January 2019

St Benedict's
St Oswald's To be announced next week
Standing Orders

PARISH TOTAL:

OTHER INCOME

Crib Offerings To be announced next week
Poor Box

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity

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
Tuesday 12.00 noon Lunch Club
Thursday 7.30 pm Line Dancing

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920