

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 27 January 2019

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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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 27 January - 3 February 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 27 January <i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Colin Cooper</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>John Gorman</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 28 January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 29 January	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>John Gorman</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Fr Gerard Dunne</i>
Wednesday 30 January	9.30 am Mass <i>Edith Jones</i>	
Thursday 31 January <i>St John Bosco</i>		9.30 am Mass <i>Nadine Davies</i> 4.00 pm Novena
Friday 1 February	12.15 pm Mass <i>Joe Butler</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 2 February <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>
Sunday 3 February <i>4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Colin Cooper</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Maria Maguire</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass



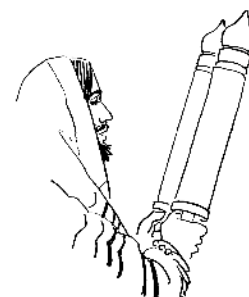
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

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

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

I thought you might need a break from me, and I need to complete my week off, so a very warm welcome to Fr Austin who will preside at the Masses this weekend. I hope he isn't too good! *Fr Dave*

PARISH OFFICE

Please note: The Parish Office and St Benedict's Church will be closed on Monday this week. Apologies for any inconvenience.

WHY WE NEED MORE DEACONS

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives, priests and deacons are also welcome. Monday 28 January, 7.30 – 9.00 pm, at St Anne's, Overbury Street, Liverpool L7 3HJ. Refreshments available from 7.00 pm.

SVP MEETING

The SVP will be meeting this week on Tuesday 29 January at 7.00 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

THURSDAY'S NOVENA

Please note: the weekly Novena that takes place on Thursdays at St Oswald's will move to 4.00 pm during the winter months.

SYNOD OPENING CEREMONY

Next Sunday, 3 February, the Archbishop will celebrate formally the calling of a Synod for the Archdiocese of Liverpool during a special service in the Cathedral at 3.00 pm. This service 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."

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. At the same time, on the Isle of Man, a parallel service will take place at St Mary's, Douglas,

led by Bishop Tom. Synod Members from the Island will be commissioned at this service.

For those who have already booked a place on the coach, the coach leaves St Oswald's Church at 1.45 pm and St Benedict's Church at 1.55 pm. Departure from Liverpool will be between 4.15 and 4.30 pm.

ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY

If you would like a copy of the 2019 Directory for the Archdiocese of Liverpool (£3.50), please ask Fr Dave or contact the Parish Office.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association will be gathering to celebrate Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at Christ the King, Queens Drive, Liverpool L15 6YQ on Monday 11 February at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

JUST CHAT

Parishes talking to Refugees & Asylum Seekers

A short workshop to help parishes engage with refugees and asylum seekers at a very simple but very important level. Saturday 16 February, 10.00 – 1.00 pm, at St Benedict's. This workshop will be particularly useful for those parishioners looking forward to supporting the Syrian Refugee Family coming to live in the parish in the near future. To book a place, please call the Parish Office on 01925 630127.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Archbishop Malcolm invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 17 February at 11.00 am. The Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room. All are welcome.



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."

RESTORED LIVES

Recovery from Divorce and Separation

The Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Department hold meetings twice a year in February and September for those who are going through, or who have gone through, a relationship breakdown. The meetings are in small groups and are free, confidential, informative and affirming. Topics cover: facing the effects of what's happened, communication and conflict resolution, letting go, managing other relationships, legal matters, being single and moving forward. For details of times and venues, contact Maureen O'Brien (07967 753371) or Jacqui Selleck (07793 825815).

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Discernment and Vocation

A weekend retreat for young women, reflecting on the vocation to religious life: 15 - 17 February at the Faithful Companions of Jesus Community in Liverpool. For further information, please see the noticeboard at the back of church or contact Sr Lynne FCJ by email: lynnefcj@hotmail.com

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.

SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR...

— Advert for Parish Administrator at St Ambrose, Speke

SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS

Statement from Bishop Paul McAleenan, lead Bishop for migration and asylum for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

"I am pleased that the government has abandoned plans to charge EU citizens for securing their existing rights. As I conveyed to the immigration minister earlier this year, such charges would not only be unjust, but would also create an unnecessary barrier for many people accessing the settlement scheme. The Church stands in solidarity with all EU citizens who have made their home here and we will continue to engage with the government as the scheme is implemented."

On asylum seekers and refugees crossing the English Channel, Bishop Paul said:

"All people fleeing their homes and seeking to build a better life here should be recognised as human beings and treated with dignity. As the focus on refugees now turns towards the English Channel, we should keep in mind that our priority must always be saving lives and playing our part in offering sanctuary to those escaping war or persecution. Rhetoric and policies that dehumanise or stigmatise people only serve to fuel hostility and harm our society."

REFLECTIONS

Augustine's mother, Monica, was praying every day that he would change his ways and become a Christian. Monica had to learn patience and to trust in God's plan for Augustine. She asks a bishop to speak to Augustine about returning to the Church but the wise bishop declines, knowing it would push her stubborn son even further from the right path. He answers Monica with words that she understood to be inspired by God: "Surely the son of so many tears will not be lost."

Benignus O'Rourke OSA in 'Out of the Depths: The Conversion of St Augustine' (Austin Forum, 2018)

As truly as God is our father, so just as truly is he our mother. In our father, God Almighty, we have our being; in our merciful mother we are remade and restored. Our fragmented lives are knit together and made perfect man. And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace, to the Holy Spirit we are made whole. It is I, the strength and goodness of fatherhood. It is I, the wisdom of motherhood. It is I, the light and grace of holy love. It is I, the Trinity, it is I, the unity. I am the sovereign of goodness in all things. It is I who teach you to love. It is I who teach you to desire. It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.

Julian of Norwich in 'Enfolded in Love: Daily Readings' edited by Robert Llewelyn (Darton, Longman & Todd, 1980)

Joy Meets Joy

In my hurry, I often
forget that You desire
to seek those who
have gone astray,
even me, and that
my work is to free
myself of myself
so that You can be
born in me, and so
your joy in seeking
meets my joy in
having been found.

Meister Eckhart



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the deaths of two priests this week – Fr Daniel O'Leary and Fr Tom Cullinan.

Fr Daniel was a priest of the Leeds diocese who retired and came to live in Blundellsands (near Crosby). He was a gifted speaker, retreat giver and writer. Above all, he was a person who knew God as love and communicated this to others in everything he said and did. May he now enjoy the embrace of that love which is God.

Fr Tom was originally a monk of Ampleforth Abbey who came to the Archdiocese and set up a hermitage in the woods at Ince Blundell (near Formby) many years ago. His simple lifestyle and prayerful wisdom made him a great spiritual director, and his insight into God's love made him passionate about justice for all people. May he enjoy the reward of his goodness.

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

Don't let the sufferings you see frighten you. Place them before the Crucifix and the Eucharist from which we draw patient and compassionate love.

(15 January 2019)

The Christian way is that of the Beatitudes: meekness, humility, patience in suffering, love for justice, ability to endure persecution, not judging others...

(21 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. No need to book or to be referred.

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be baptised this weekend:

St Oswald's Alice Hamman

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, 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, Alan Brompton, Rebekah Stone (age 12)

Those who have died recently:

St Benedict's Ged Wallace, Margaret (Jean) Shaw

St Oswald's Rachel Thompson

Archdiocese Fr Daniel O'Leary & Fr Tom Cullinan

This Week's Prayer Intentions

† For Pope Francis as he visits Panama for World Youth Day.

† For the millions of people who were murdered or whose lives were changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

† For those tasked with making decisions about Brexit - that they will do so with honesty, integrity and a desire to serve the common good.

† For those who are sick at home or in hospital, and for those who care for them.

† For those accompanying loved ones who are close to death.

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 -3rd in Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 3
Divine Office - Psalter Week 3

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Lk 4:21-30

ST BENEDICT'S - 200 CLUB WINNERS

13 January 20 January
117 Dot Higham 15 Chris McGann

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 7.30 pm Parish Quiz Night
Thursday 7.30 pm Line Dancing

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920

PARISH FINANCE

Total Offertory Collection for 20 January 2019

St Benedict's	£386.31	(£211.31 GA)
St Oswald's	£557.67	(£273.50 GA)
Standing Orders	£73.61	(£66.69 GA)

PARISH TOTAL: £1,017.59 (£551.50 GA)

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box £20.70

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity