

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 24 February 2019

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



Our Benedictine Heritage

Parish Priest: Fr Dave Heywood

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

Telephone: 01925 630127

Office: blessedjamesbell@rcaolp.co.uk

Personal: frdave@rcaolp.co.uk

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 24 February - 3 March 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 24 February <i>7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>John Gorman</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Ged Snelson</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 25 February		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 26 February	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Private Intention</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Teresa Abbott</i>
Wednesday 27 February	9.30 am Mass <i>Colin Cooper</i>	
Thursday 28 February	2.00 pm Funeral Mass <i>Bill Hampson</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Terence Marston</i> 4.00 pm Novena
Friday 1 March <i>Feast of St David, Patron of Wales</i> Women's World Day of Prayer	12.15 pm Mass <i>Paul Manfredi</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 2 March	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Shirley Jones</i>
Sunday 3 March <i>8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i> Day of Prayer for the Unemployed	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Gilbert Cox</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

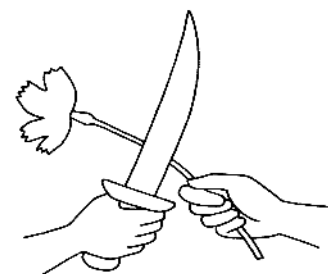
(Confessions)

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
--	--	---	---

THIS WEEK

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

A very warm welcome to Brother John McAllister of the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) who will be making the Annual Mission Appeal this weekend.

VATICAN MEETING ON THE PROTECTION OF MINORS

On Thursday, Pope Francis convened a meeting of representatives of all the bishops of the world to address the protection of minors in the Catholic Church. The broad themes of the meeting, which concludes today, are responsibility, accountability and transparency. An excellent website provides detailed information about the event and about safeguarding in the Church worldwide: www.pcb2019.org

During the Masses this weekend, we will join Pope Francis and the bishops in praying for those who have suffered abuse in the Church and for the ongoing work of making our parishes and places of worship safe places for all.

SVP MEETING

The Parish SVP will be meeting on Tuesday 26 February at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre lounge at St Oswald's.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Members of Churches Together in East Warrington will be meeting this Tuesday, 26 February, at 7.30 pm in St Oswald's Presbytery.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - For the Church Maintenance Fund

The Parish Quiz takes place this Wednesday at 7.30 pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre to help raise the funds needed towards the many maintenance works required for *both* churches, St Benedict's and St Oswald's. Entry is £4.50. There are prizes to be won and great fun to be had.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and

traditions in an annual Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. This year's World Day of Prayer Service will take place on Friday 1 March at 7.30 pm in the Church of the Resurrection & St Bridget. The service is open to everyone, men and women, young and older.

THE SEASON OF LENT

LENT AT PADGATE METHODIST CHURCH

Padgate Methodist Church invites you to explore the Mystery of God on Tuesdays during Lent at 7.30 pm: 12 March – The Mystery of Good & Evil, 19 March – The Mystery of God's Glory, 26 March – The Mystery of Sin, Suffering & Hope, 2 April – The Mystery of Parenthood & Adoption, 9 April – The Mystery of Love & Sacrifice. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Mark Coles (01925 266537).

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Four one-hour sessions during Lent that are simple, practical and engaging - an afternoon session in the East of the Pastoral Area, and an evening session in the West of the Pastoral Area:

- **Wednesday's during Lent at 7.30 pm at St Joseph's, Penketh**
Wednesday 13, 20, 27 March and 1 April
- **Friday's during Lent after the 12.15 pm Mass at St Benedict's**
Friday 15, 22, 29 March and 5 April

Each session will begin with a simple 'bring and share' meal based on one of the continents of the world – e.g. Africa, Asia, South America and Antarctica. While parishioners will need to do a little homework, there will be ideas in the newsletter. Fairtrade tea and coffee will be provided. During the meal, there will be a short film clip about caring for creation followed by a discussion about how we can make a difference through small, practical changes to our daily lives, at home and in the parish, which are sustainable (i.e. how we use plastic, food consumption and purchases, use of energy, etc). The sessions will conclude with a short prayer and a little 'homework'.

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."

SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR LENT

Host UK aims to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Volunteer hosts open their homes and offer the opportunity to their student guests to have a break from studies and the chance to discover a new part of the UK. They share meals and conversation and in doing so learn about each other's cultures. Being a host can give every bit as much pleasure as being a guest. Hospitality can be offered for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend. More information can be found at www.hostuk.org or email info@hostuk.org or phone 020 7739 6292.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SPIRITUALITY

'A Journey of Transformation through St Teresa's Interior Castle' led by Father Matt Blake ODC and Gillian Coxhead. 10.30 am - 4.00 pm on Saturday 8 March at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Freshfield, Formby L37 1PH. Bookings: Tel: 01704 875850 or 07712 178670.

Email: theprayercentre.stj@psmgs.org.uk

Website: www.stjosephsprayercentre.com

YOUTH ALIVE MASS

Next Youth Alive Mass on Sunday 10 March at 6.30 pm at St Teresa's, College Road, Upholland WN8 0PY.

YOUTH GATHERING

Churches Together in Merseyside are giving you the opportunity to come and meet with youth from other denominations across Merseyside. **When?** Monday 11 March, 6.30 – 8.30 pm (soft drinks and nibbles included). **Where?** Quaker Meeting House, 22 School Lane, Liverpool ONE 3BT. To book a place, please email office@ctmr.org.uk or phone 0151 709 0125. Feel free to bring your friends.

TIME OUT ON TUESDAYS

10.00 am to 4.00 pm at the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, Liverpool L15 6TW. An opportunity for quiet time, away from the daily rush of life. Offering £10 per person (bring your own lunch). For further information please contact: Sr Winifred on 0151 722 2271 or email: winniecenacle@mail.com

FAMILY GROUP

Update – So far, two parishioners have expressed an interest. Is there anyone else who might be interested?

A Family Group is a parish friendship group drawn from the Catholic community open to any parishioner irrespective of age or personal circumstances. A Family Group is made up of young, mature, single, widowed, married, separated and divorced parishioners who commit to spending time together once a month for low cost activities. The group is linked by a common faith bond but is not exclusive to Catholics. Many group members bring along their non-Catholic partners who are integral to the group's success. There are a few basic rules to help guide the group: enthusiastic leaders; low cost gatherings and a commitment

to know, support and love each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

The concept of Family Groups is simple. Groups meet every four to six weeks for a variety of activities decided by their members. These include quizzes, film nights, games, parties and anniversary celebrations, walks, music, themed events, fundraising, house Masses and lots of shared meals. The groups can become a valuable source of parish outreach as well as offering invaluable support and fellowship to their own members.

The Archdiocese has just appointed Sue Faulkner as Family Group Coordinator to support the setting up of Family Groups in parishes. Is this something parishioners would be interested in? If so, please let Fr Dave know and he will invite Sue to the parish to help us to set up a Family Group. *See noticeboard for further information.*

SYNOD 2020

Pastoral Area Members Representing

Tom Dugdale	<i>Youth & Warrington BC</i>
Stephanie Dugdale	<i>Marriage</i>
Philip Towey	<i>Education & Teachers</i>
Sr Margaret Mattison	<i>Religious Orders</i>
Silbi Kulakose	<i>Nursing & Catechesis</i>
Fola Olurin	<i>Ethnic Minorities</i>
Angela McIntyre	<i>Refugees</i>
Rev David Boyle	<i>Deacons & Mental Health</i>

Parish Members

Ronald Clare	Representing Blessed James Bell <i>(Higher Education & Training)</i>
Alex Clutton	St Paul of the Cross <i>(Youth)</i>
Aelred McIntyre	St Stephen & St Bridget <i>(Spirituality)</i>
Mary Hallam	St Peter & St Michael <i>(Justice & Peace)</i>
Roger Harrison	St Joseph <i>(Governors & Headteachers)</i>
Helen Henry	Sacred Heart & St Alban <i>(Chaplaincy & Parents)</i>

Clergy Members

Canon Christopher	Fr John Gildea
Fr Dave Heywood	Fr John McLoughlin
Fr John Schofield	

200 CLUB - 2019

Prizes currently range from £10.00, £50.00 or £100.00. If you would like a chance of winning a prize, please see Sue Boyle. Subscriptions currently cost either £1.20 per month and are due on the first Sunday of each month, or £14.40 for a year.

SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR...

— Vacancy for the post of Principal at St Ambrose College, Hale Barns.

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.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTATIONS

"Thousands of children, forced to fight in armed conflicts, are robbed of their childhood. Let us stop this abominable crime."

(12 February)

"In the darkest moments of our history, the Lord draws near, opens paths, lifts up discouraged faith, anoints wounded hope, and awakens sleeping charity."

(19 February)

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those to be baptised this weekend:

St Benedict's Ellis & Patrick Clarke
St Oswald's Matilda Mahoney & Jessica Armstrong

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

St Benedict's Paul Vernon, Jean Molphy, Anne Hill, Susan Keating, Ann Brown, Peter Milner, James Malone, Thomas Ireland, Vera Brindle, 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 Bill Hampson

Prayer Intentions for this week:

† For a spirit of compassion and mercy for 19-year-old Shamima Begum who wants to come home to the UK with her new-born baby.

† For those tasked with making decisions about Brexit - may they weigh their words carefully and find a unity that brings our communities together in the task of serving the common good.

† For the Christians of Burkina Faso in West Africa who are suffering persecution at the hands of Islamic militia groups.

† "I invite you to pray during these days for the Meeting on the Protection of Minors in the Church, an event that I want to be a powerful gesture of pastoral responsibility in the face of an urgent challenge of our 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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR
Sunday – 7th in Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays – Year 1, Week 7
Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Sir 27: 5-8; 1 Cor 15: 54-58;
Lk 6: 39-45

ST BENEDICT'S - 200 CLUB WINNERS
10 February no. 180 Siobhan Davies
17 February no. 7 Pat Newns

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 17 February 2019

St Benedict's	£594.57	(£401.90 Gift Aid)
St Oswald's	£497.90	(£196.32 GA)
Standing Orders	£75.92	(£72.46 GA)
PARISH TOTAL:	£1168.39	(£670.68 GA)

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box	£112.65	(Inc. £25 from Srs of Signado card sales)
Hymn Book Fund	£20.00	

2nd Collection Today: Annual Mission Appeal

ST OSWALD'S PARISH CENTRE
Padgate Lane, Warrington, WA1 3LB

The Week Ahead

Sunday	9.00 pm	Quiz & Bingo
Monday	2.00 pm	Sequence Dancing
	7.00 pm	Line Dancing
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Parish SVP Meeting - Lounge
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		