

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 10 March 2019

First Sunday of Lent (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 10 - 17 March 2019		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 10 March <i>First Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Cornelius Kane</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners, Roger Groom</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Ian David Whelan</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 11 March	2.45 pm Funeral Service <i>Josephine Meade</i>	7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 12 March	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Teresa Abbott</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Teresa Unsworth</i>
Wednesday 13 March	9.30 am Mass <i>Bill Hampson</i>	
Thursday 14 March		9.30 am Mass <i>Bob McKinley</i> 12.00 noon Funeral Service <i>William Ball</i> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 15 March <i>CAFOD's Lent Fast Day</i>	11.45 am Stations of the Cross 12.15 pm Mass <i>Special Intention</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 16 March	No Slovak Mass Today <i>(Next Slovak Mass 30 March)</i>	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm First Communion Preparation Mass (5) <i>Joseph Cann</i>
Sunday 17 March <i>Second Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	10.30 am First Communion Preparation Mass (5) <i>Brian Caswell</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass

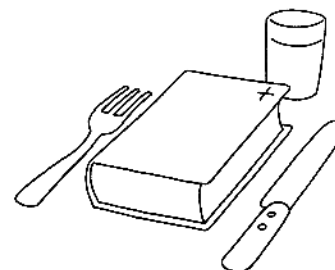


SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(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

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LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)

<p>Holy Mass <i>Sunday</i> 11.00 am & 6.00 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 12.10 pm</p>	<p>Confessions <i>Everyday</i> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 11.45 am</p>	<p>Adoration & Benediction <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 12.00 noon</p>	<p>Holy Rosary <i>Sunday</i> 5.30 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 11.30 am</p>
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THIS WEEK

www.cafod.org.uk/lent or by calling 0303 303 3030. Many thanks.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflection from Animate Youth Ministries

Temptation is something which has plagued humanity since the Garden of Eden; something which every person on the planet has experienced at some point. Whether that's sneaking into the kitchen to steal biscuits as a young child or 'treating yourself' to a pint during dry January. The consequences of these decisions aren't always devastating but, as we begin our Lenten journey this Sunday, we need to realise that temptation often leads to disobedience to God. Let us use this time leading up to Easter to truly mirror Jesus's suffering in the desert by choosing to go without the things whose absence could challenge us. Bask in the feeling of temptation, knowing that when Easter comes, the celebration will be that much sweeter!

Pastoral Letter

This weekend, we will listen to a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop. Reflecting on this Sunday's Gospel, Archbishop Malcolm talks about the impact of Brexit, child sexual abuse and Synod 2020. There are copies of the Archbishop's letter at the back of church. It is also available on the parish website.

CAFOD'S LENT FAST DAY

CAFOD's Lent Fast Day is this coming Friday, 15 March. It is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world.

Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Mahinur is from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing, but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. This Friday, could you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur?

Through CAFOD's global Church network – one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

Please take an envelope home with you today and bring it back next weekend. Alternatively, you can donate online at

**CAFOD's Fast Day Prayer
(to use before a meal)**

We bless you, Lord, and praise you.
Your wonders are ever on our lips.

For we:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We share this meal, Lord, and thank you
for this food and all your gifts to us.

As we:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Open our hearts, Lord, to others,
especially those who hunger and hurt.

Together let us:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Inspire us, Lord, and move us
to reach out in love to those in need
so all people may:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Four one-hour sessions during Lent that are simple, practical and engaging:

- **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. This week, you are invited to bring some African food to share (Visit food24.com or foodloversmarket.co.za/recipes for simple recipes and ideas). Fairtrade tea and coffee will be provided. During the meal, there will be a short film about

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."

the devastating effect of plastic waste on the environment, wildlife and human health. This will be followed by a short discussion about what we can do to cut down plastic waste in our daily lives.

LENT AT PADGATE METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday 12 March at 7.30 pm – Exploring the Mystery of Good and Evil. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Mark Coles (01925 266537).

JUST CHAT – Part 2!

A follow-up workshop to help parishioners engage with refugees and asylum seekers. Saturday 16 March, 10.00 – 1.00 pm, at St Benedict's. This workshop will be particularly useful for those parishioners looking forward to supporting the refugee family coming to live in the parish in the near future. To book a place, please call the Parish Office on 01925 630127.

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

Children in Year 4, who are preparing to celebrate First Communion this year, are invited to come to the 5th Preparation Mass with their parents/carers next weekend:

St Oswald's – Saturday 16 March at 6.00 pm
St Benedict's – Sunday 17 March 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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WARRINGTON REGENERATION

Following the community engagement last November, Warrington Borough Council are coming back to share the proposals that were put forward. You are invited to one of the drop-in exhibitions to say what you think and influence the future of our area. Meetings are taking place from 6 – 22 March in the Town Centre and Orford. See noticeboard for full details or take part online at fb.me/central6masterplan

NOVENA TO OUR LADY, UNTIER OF KNOTS

The Pastoral Area Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots, continues on Tuesday 19 March at 7.30 pm. This month, the Novena will be held at St Oswald's, Padgate. *Theme:* Undoing the Knots of Division among Christian Churches.



LIFE & SOUL

An evening of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise, worship, music, spiritual reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tuesday 26 March, 7.00 - 8.00 pm, at St Benedict's. All are welcome. Further information at www.animateyouth.org

WERNETH CONCERT BAND

Werneth Concert Band presents 'An Evening of Light Music' with guests Manchester Ladies' Choir at St Oswald's Church, Padgate, on Saturday 30 March at 8.00 pm. Tickets available on the door: £8 adult, £6 concession.

SYNOD 2020

Initial Meetings of Members

Following the Synod Opening Ceremony in the Cathedral at the beginning of February, there have been three initial meetings of Synod Members. At these meetings, there were three presentations: "Synods and the Church under Pope Francis" by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp, "The Church in England & Wales in the 21st Century" by Professor Stephen Bullivant, and "The Situation in the Archdiocese of Liverpool" by Canon Chris Fallon.

The presentations are now available to watch on the Synod website: www.synod2020.co.uk



SYNOD 2020

Our Synod Prayer

Father, we thank you
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
We thank you for the gift of the Church,
through which you show us
that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020
help us to become the Church that you are calling
us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully
at work among us.
Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope
and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond
to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.
We make this prayer
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

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

Sometimes we may feel we are alone in facing difficulties. But, even if He doesn't intervene immediately, the Lord walks by our side and, if we keep going forward, He will open up a new path.

(2 March)

In order to pray well, we need to have the heart of a child.

(1 March)

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be baptised this weekend:

St Oswald's Isabelle Broderick

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 Edmonson

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), Kat Clifford, Margaret Angell, Baby Arthur Hanvey

Those who have died recently:

St Benedict's Josephine Meade

St Oswald's William Ball, Ronald Flint

Prayer Intentions for this week:

† For those who are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter and who will be gathering in the Cathedral this weekend for the Rite of Election.

† For the children preparing for First Communion and for their families.

† That God will bless the penance we have begun and move us to help our sisters and brothers in need.

† For those people who have asked us to pray for them.

† For the victims of knife crime, their families and friends.

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 – 1st Sunday of Lent (C)
Weekdays – Week 1 of Lent
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18; Ph 3: 17-4: 1
Lk 9: 28-36

ST BENEDICT'S - 200 CLUB WINNER
3 March
To be confirmed

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 3 March 2019

St Benedict's	£329.40	(£165.00 GA)
St Oswald's	£476.52	(£231.60 GA)
Standing Orders	£69.00	(£64.38 GA)
PARISH TOTAL:	£874.92	(£460.98 GA)

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box	£32.50
Hymn Book Fund	£126.60 (Inc. £65.00 Dons & £61.60 Butties)

SECOND COLLECTIONS
TODAY: Lenten Alms
NEXT WEEK: CAFOD's Lent Fast Day

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 & Bingo
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
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920