

# 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 17 March 2019

Second Sunday of Lent (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 17 - 24 March 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 17 March</b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	<b>10.30 am First Communion</b> <b>Preparation Mass (5)</b> <i>Brian Caswell</i>	<b>(Sat) 6.00 pm First Communion</b> <b>Preparation Mass (5)</b> <i>Joseph Cann</i> <b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 18 March</b>		<b>7.30 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 19 March</b> <i>Solemnity of St Joseph</i>	<b>11.30 am Exposition</b> <b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Bill Hampson</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Fr Gerard Dunne</i> <b>7.30 pm Novena to Our Lady,</b> <b>Untier of Knots</b>
<b>Wednesday 20 March</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Sr Maria</i>	
<b>Thursday 21 March</b>		<b>11.00 am Funeral Mass</b> <i>Colin Cooper</i> <b>7.30 pm Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Friday 22 March</b>	<b>11.45 am Stations of the Cross</b> <b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Mrs K Redmond</i> <b>6.45 pm Meditation</b>	
<b>Saturday 23 March</b>	<b>No Slovak Mass Today</b> <i>(Next Mass 30 March)</i>	<b>10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>John Gorman</i>
<b>Sunday 24 March</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Theresa Abbott</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>

### 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](http://www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk)



**St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NS**

Telephone: 01925 635664 Website: [www.fssp.co.uk/warrington](http://www.fssp.co.uk/warrington)

Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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**LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)**

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

*In his Lenten Message, Pope Francis reflects on prayer, fasting and almsgiving:*

“Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

“Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

“Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.”

**ST PATRICK’S DAY**

Today (17 March) is St Patrick’s Day. A very happy feast day to all our Irish parishioners. Deacon Mike will be leading a service in the Irish Club this morning before the annual parade in the town centre.

**WELCOME!**

A very warm welcome to the children in Year 4, and their parents and families, who are joining us for Mass this weekend as part of their preparation for First Communion.



**LADIES GROUP**

On Thursday 21 March, the Ladies Group will be meeting in the Lounge of St Oswald’s Parish Centre, at 8.15 pm, for a Lenten evening to be led by Deacon Tony.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY POPE FRANCIS!**

Six years ago last Wednesday, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected pope and took the name Francis, after St Francis of Assisi. We give thanks for the humble and merciful ministry of Pope Francis, and pray that God will continue to give

him the strength of body and spirit he needs to lead the Church.

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY, UNTIER OF KNOTS**

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



**CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

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

- **Wednesday’s at 7.30 pm at St Joseph’s, Penketh**  
Wednesday 20, 27 March and 1 April
- **Friday’s after the 12.15 pm Mass at St Benedict’s**  
Friday 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 South American food to share. Fairtrade tea and coffee will be provided. During the meal, there will be a short presentation on the effects of food consumption on the environment. This will be followed by a short discussion on making better choices about the food we eat and reducing our carbon footprint.

**MISSION APPEAL**

During the week, we received a letter from Brother John who made the Annual Mission Appeal a couple of weeks ago: “Dear Fr Dave... Thanks to you and all at St Benedict’s and St Oswald’s. Please pass on our warmest thanks for your very generous donation to Marist Missions of £634.45 plus Gift Aid. It is a great contribution and much appreciated. Thank you once again for your hospitality and the welcome all round. All best wishes. God bless, John.”

**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.”

## 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 now until 22 March in the Town Centre and Orford. See the notice-board for full details or take part online at [fb.me/central6masterplan](https://fb.me/central6masterplan)

### **LENT AT PADGATE METHODIST CHURCH**

Tuesday 19 March at 7.30 pm – The Mystery of God’s Glory. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Mark Coles (01925 266537).

### **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](http://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.

### **ECHO RETREAT FOR ADULTS AGED 18-35**

The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham is collaborating with Dumb Ox Ministries to run an ‘ECHO’ Theology of the Body Retreat for young adults aged 18-35 in Walsingham between 5-11 July 2019. At ECHO, they will probe into questions like: What does it mean to be a man or woman? What does it mean to be a son/daughter, brother/sister, husband/wife, father/mother? What does it mean to really love like God? What does it mean to have authentic, pure, life-giving relationships? How can being single, dating, a member of religious life or married become a life-giving experience? For further information about Dumb Ox ministries: [www.dumbboxministries.com](http://www.dumbboxministries.com)

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.synod2020.co.uk)

### **Synod Questions**

The four Synod Questions that will inform and inspire the process of listening and discernment over the coming months are:

- 1) **Where in your everyday life do you experience love, truth, goodness, hope, and joy?**
- 2) **When you reflect on your life now, and as you look to the future, what causes you concern or worry?**
- 3) **What is the purpose of the Catholic Church in the world today?**
- 4) **Having reflected on these things, what are the topics you would like to see on the agenda of Synod 2020?**

These questions begin from the truth that God speaks to us in our everyday lives and, as we reflect on our lives, we encounter Christ (cf. Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, No 8). We are then invited to think about what the Catholic Church is for. This will allow the Spirit of God to open our hearts so that, finally, we can reflect on the questions, issues, and topics that our Synod should make recommendations on.

We are all invited to reflect deeply and respond to these four Synod Questions. Listening will be done through an online survey, focus groups facilitated by Fr Peter McGrail at Liverpool Hope University, and by Synod Members in our local communities after Easter. It is through this great project of listening that we will begin to discern the Church God is calling us to be.

If you would like to complete the online survey, you can do so by going to [www.synod2020.co.uk](http://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**

We need to free ourselves from the clutches of consumerism and the snares of selfishness, from always wanting more, from never being satisfied, and from a heart closed to the needs of the poor.

*(Ash Wednesday, 6 March)*

The most damaging exercise among us is grumbling, gossiping, speaking ill of others. This destroys. It destroys the family, destroys school, destroys the workplace, destroys the neighbourhood.

*(Angelus, 3 March)*

**LET US HOLD IN PRAYER**



**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 Hill  
*St Oswald's* Ronald Flint

**Prayer Intentions for this week:**

- † For those who will be received into the Church at Easter.
- † For the children preparing for First Communion and for their families.
- † That God's love for us will move us to reach out to others, especially to those who are poor, so that no one may feel abandoned, forgotten or alone.
- † For St Joseph's Family Centre which helps so many families and children in our community.
- † For those who suffer prejudice and discrimination because of their sexual orientation.

*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](mailto:frdave@rcaolp.co.uk) or give him a note of their name and phone number. Many thanks.*

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**  
Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)  
Weekdays – Week 2 of Lent  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**  
Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
Lk 13:1-9

**ST BENEDICT'S - 200 CLUB WINNER**  
3 & 10 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 10 March 2019**

St Benedict's	£315.72	(£155.85 GA)
St Oswald's	£581.65	(£344.07 GA)
Standing Orders	£69.00	(£64.38 GA)
<b>PARISH TOTAL:</b>	<b>£966.37</b>	<b>(£564.30 GA)</b>

**Second Collection Last Week: Lenten Alms**

St Benedict's	£121.14	St Oswald's	£248.75
<b>PARISH TOTAL:</b>	<b>£369.89</b>	<b>(£227.20 GA)</b>	

**Christmas Offerings (Late)** £272.09

**OTHER INCOME**

Hymn Book Fund £900.00 Donation, Poor Box £30.27  
Easter Flowers £100.00 Donation

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: 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
Thursday	8.15 pm	Ladies Group - Lounge
<b>For Bookings call 07932 404364 before 7 pm, or 812266</b>		

**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 - 2.30 pm	Lunch Club
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing
<b>For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920</b>		