

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 24 March 2019

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

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

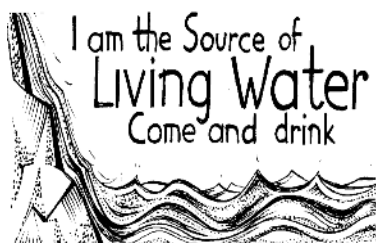
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St Benedict's Church is open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 4.30 pm for Private Prayer (Exc. Bank Holidays)

St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 24 - 31 March 2019		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 24 March <i>Third Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>John Gorman</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Theresa Abbott</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 25 March <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 26 March	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Pope Francis</i> 7.00 - 8.00 pm Life and Soul	9.30 am Mass <i>Terence Marston</i>
Wednesday 27 March	9.30 am Mass <i>Eileen Lawton</i> 2.30 pm Funeral Service <i>Anthony Edwards</i>	
Thursday 28 March		9.30 am Mass <i>George & Doreen Cartes</i> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 29 March	9.30 am Funeral Service <i>Josephine Hill</i> 11.45 am Stations of the Cross 12.15 pm Mass <i>Joseph Ramsay</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 30 March <i>(Clocks go forward at Midnight)</i>	4.00 Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>
Sunday 31 March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)</i> Laetare Sunday	10.30 am Mass <i>Brian Martin Curley</i> & <i>Lesley Wilcock</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Christopher Wordsworth</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

LIFE & SOUL

You are invited to an evening of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise, worship, music, spiritual reflection and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Tuesday, 26 March, 7.00 - 8.00 pm, at St Benedict's. The evening will be led by Fr Simon Gore and the team from Animate Youth. Please come and stay for as long or as short a time as you are able.

SVP MEETING

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

LENT AT PADGATE METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday 26 March at 7.30 pm – The Mystery of Sin, Suffering & Hope. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Mark Coles (01925 266537).

NO PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Regrettably, the Parish Quiz which usually takes place on the last Wednesday of the month at St Benedict's Parish Centre, has had to be cancelled this month due to extenuating circumstances. It will continue as usual next month.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The third of four one-hour sessions that are simple, practical and engaging continue this week:

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

Each session begins with a simple 'bring and share' meal. This week, you are invited to bring some Asian food to share. Fairtrade tea and coffee will be provided. During the meal, there will be a short presentation on our use of water and what to do with our waste.

NUGENT SUNDAY ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend, we will celebrate the legacy and saintly ministry of Fr James Nugent, whose mission to the poor and those in need lives on in the work of Nugent, the welfare agency of the Archdiocese. With our support, Nugent offers care, dignity and respect to over 6000 vulnerable children and adults. There will be a second collection next weekend to help Nugent to reach out with love, faith and hope to those in most need.

WERNETH CONCERT BAND

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

EASTER RAFFLES

The Easter Raffle at both St Benedict's and St Oswald's will help raise the funds needed for this year's Walking Days.

MY BAPTISM

A young boy called Ellis, who was baptised recently, sent a little note to Fr Dave. He wrote: "When I was baptised by Fr Dave, I felt happy because it was my destiny. It was very special for me because my family were there to celebrate with me. I enjoyed being given my stole – it was my favourite part of the day." Thank you, Ellis, for brightening up our day today. *Fr Dave*

BREXIT CRISIS

As the Brexit crisis continues, it might be worth remembering the wise words spoken by the Queen in a speech to her local Women's Institute in Norfolk in January. While not mentioning Brexit specifically, the Queen said: "As we look for new answers in the modern age, I for one prefer the tried and tested recipes, like speaking well of each other and respecting different points of view; coming together to seek out the common ground; and never losing sight of the bigger picture."



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."



PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICE

There will be a Service of Reconciliation on Tuesday 16 April at 7.30 pm in St Oswald's.

CHRISM MASS

This year's Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday 17 April at 7.30 pm. If you would like a place on the coach going to the celebration, please sign the appropriate sheet at the back of church. Many thanks.

GREEN PLANTS

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening will be followed by 'Watching' at the Altar of Repose, just like the disciples watched with Jesus as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Altar of Repose will be in the Lady Chapel at St Benedict's. We could do with some green plants to decorate the altar. If you could lend a green plant, please sign the appropriate sheet at the back of church and bring your plant to St Benedict's on Palm Sunday (with your name and any instructions for watering, etc). Plants can then be collected on Easter Sunday. Many thanks.

TRIDUUM SIGN-UP

Volunteers are needed to help with the liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Washing of the Feet (women and men, young and older), etc. If you're able to help, it would be very much appreciated. There's a sign-up sheet at the back of each church. Many thanks.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY GROUP MEETING

An initial meeting with Sue Faulkner, the Archdiocesan Family Group Coordinator, will take place for those who are available on **Friday 12 April at 9.30 am in the sacristy at St Benedict's**. For more information, please contact Fr Dave or the Parish Office.

VACANCIES

CATHEDRAL EDUCATION SERVICE

The Education Service at the Metropolitan Cathedral welcomes over 4,500 children from all parts of the country each year. The children come from all faiths, and indeed none. The department is staffed by 12 qualified and dedicated teachers. This is an important aspect of the cathedral combining education and evangelisation. We are looking for a secretary to coordinate the work of the cathedral education service. This involves taking bookings, checking the cathedral diary and liaising with our team of teachers. This is a voluntary post and requires some moderate IT skills. Anyone interested can contact Sean Murphy by email s.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk for further information.

FAITH IN ACTION SCHEME

The National Faith in Action scheme has grown in strength and numbers since it was launched two years ago. This year we have over 1100 young people taking part. To assist with the award, we are looking for individuals who might have a few hours free in May/June to help moderate the work the young people have done. Moderators require no specific background in teaching, youth work, or religious studies: we are simply looking for people who can spend time looking at pieces of work and writing a short affirmation of the work the young person has done. Moderation can be done in your own home and in your own time. If you would like more information, please contact Fr Simon Gore on 01744 740467/740460 or email s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk

SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR...

- a) Parish Centre Manager for St Benedict's Parish Centre, Rhodes Street, Warrington.
- b) Teacher of Geography, Teacher of Design & Technology, and Deputy Head of Humanities at St Ambrose College, Altrincham.

SYNOD 2020



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 our 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

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

“How do we not judge, not condemn, and forgive? ‘Give and it will be given to you’ - be generous in giving. Not only material alms, but spiritual alms too: spend time with someone in need, visit someone who is sick, offer a smile.”

(18 March)

If you believe in God you must try to live justly with everyone, according to the golden rule: “Do to others whatever you would have them do to you” (Mt 7,12).

(17 February)

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be baptised this week:

St Oswald's Madison Edmonds

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), Kat Clifford, Margaret Angell, Baby Arthur Hanvey

Those who have died recently:

St Benedict's Josephine Hill, Anthony Edwards, Christine Higgins

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.
- † For the victims of the horrible attack against two mosques in New Zealand.
- † For the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi affected by Cyclone Idai.
- † For 'Room at the Inn' which serves so many people who are disadvantaged in our community.

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 Sunday of Lent (C)
Weekdays – Week 3 of Lent
Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Jos 5: 9-12; 2 Cor 5: 17-21;
Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

ST BENEDICT'S - 200 CLUB WINNERS
MARCH 3rd: 224 David Ward,
10th: 58 B Williamson, 17th: 32 B Hinchliffe

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 & Bingo
Monday 2.00 pm Sequence Dancing
7.00 pm Line Dancing
Tuesday 7.00 pm SVP Meeting - Lounge
Wednesday 8.00 pm Bingo

For Bookings call 07932 404364 before 7 pm, or 812266

PARISH FINANCE

Total Offertory Collection for 17 March 2019

St Benedict's	£536.40	(£313.00 GA)
St Oswald's	£464.42	(£202.20 GA)
Standing Orders	£69.00	(£64.38 GA)
PARISH TOTAL:	£1,059.82	(£579.58 GA)

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK: CAFOD

St Benedict's	£239.41	St Oswald's	£370.65
PARISH TOTAL:	£610.06		
Lenten Alms	£15.00	<i>(late entry)</i>	

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box £17.40

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Nugent Annual Appeal

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity

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