

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 31 March 2019

Fourth 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 31 March - 7 April 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 31 March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)</i> Laetare Sunday	10.30 am Mass <i>Brian Martin Curley & Lesley Wilcock</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Christopher Wordsworth</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 1 April	10.00 am Funeral Service <i>Christine Higgins</i>	7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 2 April	9.40 am Funeral Service at Walton Lea <i>George Newton</i> 11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Success in Job Hunt (J)</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Bill Hampson</i>
Wednesday 3 April	9.30 am Mass <i>William (Bill) Ball</i>	
Thursday 4 April		9.30 am Mass <i>Thomas & Ethel Agnes Shufflebotham</i> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 5 April	9.15 am End of Term Mass <i>(St Benedict's School)</i> 11.45 am Stations of the Cross 12.15 pm Mass <i>Audrey Snelson</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 6 April	4.00 Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Intention</i>
Sunday 7 April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Terence Taylor</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Intention</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass



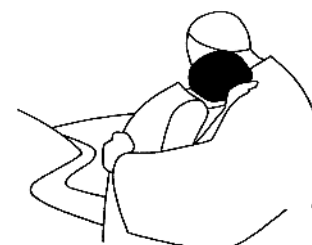
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

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)

<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

NUGENT SUNDAY ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend, we 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 today to help Nugent to reach out with love, faith and hope to those in most need.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

All-loving God,
we give you thanks and praise for mothers, young and old.

We pray for young mothers who give life and count toes and tend to our every need: May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us: May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict: may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

FAIRTRADE STALL

Next weekend, the Fairtrade Stall will be at the back of church. Many thanks to Mary Hallam and Irene Casey for providing this for us. Buying Fairtrade goods helps to improve the lives of the farmers and work-



ers who grow our food. Buying Fairtrade helps to challenge unfair and unjust trade rules. Buying Fairtrade helps to make the world a better place for everyone.

CATHOLIC ALPHA

Many thanks to Sr Maria Natella OP who came to speak to us about Alpha last weekend. We are hoping to run some taster sessions sometime after Easter before running Alpha itself. If you're interested in coming to one or more of these taster sessions and didn't get chance to sign up last weekend, please complete one of the cards at the back of church and Sr Maria will write to you.

LENT AT PADGATE METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday 2 April at 7.30 pm – The Mystery of Parenthood & Adoption. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Mark Coles (01925 266537).

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group will be meeting in the Parish Centre Lounge at St Oswald's on Thursday 4 April at 8.15 pm. The Speaker will be Ian Lancaster, who will give a talk on 'Curses, Myths and Magic in Ancient Egypt'.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The last of four one-hour sessions that are simple, practical and engaging continue this week: Wednesday 3 April at 7.30 pm at St Joseph's, Penketh or Friday 5 April after the 12.15 pm Mass at St Benedict's. The sessions begin with a simple 'bring and share' meal. This week, you are invited to bring some European food to share. Fairtrade tea and coffee will be provided. During the meal, there will be a short presentation on 'Why buy Fairtrade goods?'

LUXURY EASTER HAMPERS

Raffle tickets are on sale in the weeks leading up to Easter for Luxury Easter Hampers at both St Benedict's and St Oswald's. The proceeds will help towards costs for the Walking Days for



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.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

7.30 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** St Benedict's
followed by 'Watching' until 10.00 pm

Good Friday

11.00 am Stations of the Cross for Children St Benedict's
12.00 noon Stations of the Cross St Oswald's
(led by the Ladies Group)

3.00 pm **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** St Oswald's
5.00 pm Polish Liturgy St Oswald's
7.00 pm **At the Foot of the Cross'** St Benedict's
(A short service of music and reflection)

Holy Saturday

2.30 pm Polish Blessing of Food St Oswald's
8.00 pm **The Easter Vigil** St Oswald's
(N.B. No 6.00 pm Mass at St Oswald's)

Easter Sunday

8.30 pm Mass St Oswald's
10.30 pm Baptism Mass St Benedict's
2.00 pm Polish Mass St Oswald's

Easter Monday

2.00 pm Polish Mass St Oswald's

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

POLISH LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 & 10 April, at 7.00 pm at St Oswald's.

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.

WALK OF WITNESS

For the third year running, there will be a short Walk of Witness in Warrington town centre during Holy Week on Wednesday 17 April. The purpose of the walk is to pray for peace by stopping at three places in the town centre with links to past acts of war and violence. We will meet at 12.00 noon opposite the Bridefoot War Memorial (which is undergoing repairs), walk to the River of Life in Bridge Street, and then to Palmyra Square – named after a city in Syria. Then we'll go for a cuppa together! *Fr Dave*



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?**

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

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

Where should we fix our gaze along the journey of Lent? On the Crucifix. Jesus on the Cross is the compass of life that points us to Heaven.

(27 March)

It is worthwhile to welcome every life because every man and woman is worth the blood of Christ himself. We cannot have contempt for what God has loved so much!

(25 March)

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be baptised this week:

St Benedict's Violet Norris

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 Christine Higgins, George Newton, Audrey Snelson

A Prayer for the Nation

God of hope, in these times of change,
unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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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 – 4th Sunday of Lent (C)
Weekdays – Week 4 of Lent
Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Is 43: 16-21; Ph 3: 8-14;
Jn 8: 1-11

ST BENEDICT'S
200 CLUB WINNER
No. 202 Peter Child

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
Wednesday	8.00 pm	Bingo
Thursday	8.15 pm	Ladies Group - Lounge

For Bookings call 07932 404364 before 7 pm, or 812266

PARISH FINANCE

Total Offertory Collection for 24 March 2019

St Benedict's	£345.61	(£183.50 GA)
St Oswald's	£457.13	(£225.90 GA)
Standing Orders	£69.00	(£64.38 GA)
PARISH TOTAL:	£871.74	(£473.78 GA)

SECOND COLLECTION

Lenten Alms	£15.00	(late entries)
CAFOD	£3.00	

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box	£87.49
Walking Day Fund	£61.00 (from Easter Hamper - SB)

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: 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