

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 7 April 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)



Our Benedictine Heritage

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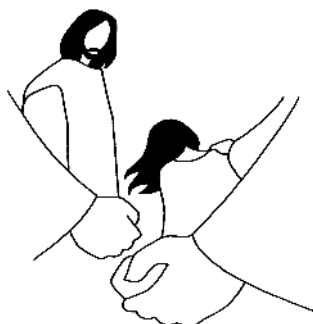
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St Benedict's Church is open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 4.30 pm for Private Prayer (Exc. Bank Holidays)

St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 7 - 14 April 2019		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 7 April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Terence Taylor</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Joseph McEvoy</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 8 April		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 9 April	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Fr Gerard Dunne</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Terrence Kenny</i>
Wednesday 10 April	9.30 am Mass <i>Audrey Snelson</i>	
Thursday 11 April		9.30 am Mass <i>Marion Naughton</i> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 12 April <i>Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse</i>	12.00 noon Pastoral Area Mass (St Alban's)	
	2.00 pm Wedding Service <i>(Gemma Lawton & Edward Knudsen)</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 13 April	4.00 Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>James Robinson</i>
Sunday 14 April <i>Palm Sunday (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners & Liam Deasy</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Ian David Whelan & Hillsborough Victims (1989)</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

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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

FAIRTRADE STALL

This weekend, there is a Fairtrade Stall 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 workers 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.



DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is encouraging the Catholic community to take part in a Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse this Friday, 12 April. On that day, perhaps we could pray together these intercessions:

We pray in sorrow for the suffering endured by so many in so many ways.

We pray for those who were disbelieved – or punished for trying to speak the truth.

We pray for those whose memories have been reawakened and whose pain feels as fresh as the times when it was inflicted.

We pray for those who hid the truth – from themselves – and from others.

We pray for those who chose to protect the institution rather than the children and vulnerable adults Christ himself calls us to protect.

We pray for those who perpetrated these crimes – who committed these grave sins.

We pray for ourselves – for the anger, the dismay, the revulsion, the despair: that we might be forces for good – bearers of light in this time of deep darkness.

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LENT AT PADGATE METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 pm – The Mystery of Love & Sacrifice. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Mark Coles (01925 266537).

POLISH LENTEN REFLECTIONS

This 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.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will take place at 9.30 am next Saturday, 13 April, in the Sacristy at St Benedict's Church, rather than 6 April as previously scheduled.

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 both churches.



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.



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."



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

Thank you very much to those who have signed up so far. We still need a few more volunteers to help with the liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday night: 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.

INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK



Just as Ramadan is a special month for Muslims and Passover is a special week for the Jews, Holy Week is a special week for Christians. In fact, it is the holiest week of the year, culminating in the most important day of the year for Christians – Easter Sunday.

During Holy Week, we remember what Jesus did for us out of the great love he has for each one of us.

The week begins on **Palm Sunday**. We remember the day Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. Just as people greeted him by waving palms and singing 'Hosanna', we begin Mass by blessing palms and singing 'Hosanna'.

Then, on **Holy Thursday** evening, we recall what Jesus did on the night before he died – how he washed the feet of his disciples and shared the Last Supper with them. We do the same: Fr Dave will wash the feet of some parishioners and then we will celebrate the Eucharist – the meal Jesus asked us to share in memory of him.

On **Good Friday**, we remember Jesus' death on the cross. All over the world at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon, Christians stop what they are doing and gather together to listen to the Passion – the story of what happened to Jesus – and venerate the Cross. For children, there are Stations of the Cross in the morning at 11.00 am. For those who have to work, there is a short service in the evening at 7.00 pm.

Then, on **Holy Saturday** night at 8.00 pm, we gather for the great Easter Vigil – the most important service of the year. We begin by lighting the big Easter candle, we listen to stories

from the Scriptures about the great things God has done for his people, we welcome new members into the Church and celebrate the Eucharist.

The feast of Easter continues on Easter Sunday.

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

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*

NEW PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Councils of St Benedict's, St Mary's and St Oswald's ceased once the new Parish of Blessed James Bell was established last year, so we need to set up a new Parish Council for our new Parish of Blessed James Bell. Setting up a Parish Council is a process. In order to begin the process, there will be an initial meeting for parishioners on Wednesday 8 May at 7.00 pm in St Oswald's Parish Centre. At this meeting, we will look at the purpose of parish councils, draw up terms of reference, and consider whether to have elected members or open meetings. All parishioners are welcome.

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

“Jesus did not choose us and send us forth to become more numerous! He called us to a mission. He put us in the midst of society like a handful of yeast: the yeast of the Beatitudes and the fraternal love by which, as Christians, we can all join in making present his kingdom. In this context I recall the counsel of Saint Francis to his brothers as he sent them out: ‘Go out and preach the Gospel: and if necessary, also with words.’”

(Pope Francis, Address to Priests & Religious, Morocco 31 March 2019)

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Rite of Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Luca & Raphael Farrugia, Lilly Fabus and Penelope Warburton who will be baptised this month.

Those who will be married this week:

St Benedict's Gemma Lawton & Edward Knudsen

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, Stan Holbrook, Nicola Quinn

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, Jo Busby

This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.
- † For the children preparing for First Communion and for their families.
- † For the Polish Community who gather at St Oswald's every Sunday and their priest, Fr Mariusz Gutowski.
- † For those whose lives are affected by the enduring and painful memory of abuse.
- † For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others (*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 – 5th Sunday of Lent (C)
Weekdays – Week 5 of Lent
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Is 50: 4-7; Ph 2: 6-11;
Lk 22: 14–23:56

ST BENEDICT'S
200 CLUB WINNER
No. 11 Maureen Hines

PARISH FINANCE

Total Offertory Collection for 31 March 2019

St Benedict's	£346.82	(£150.29 GA)
St Oswald's	£458.21	(£204.70 GA)
Standing Orders	£69.00	(£64.38 GA)
PARISH TOTAL:	£874.03	(£419.37 GA)

SECOND COLLECTION

Nugent	£104.86	St Benedict's
	£262.00	St Oswald's
PARISH TOTAL	£366.86	

Lenten Alms £10.00 (*late entry*)

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box	£58.59
Walking Day	£38.00 (<i>from Easter Hamper - SB £99 so far</i>)
Donation	£50.00 (<i>Werneth Concert Band</i>)

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