

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 14 April 2019

Palm Sunday (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 14 - 21 April 2019		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 14 April <i>Palm Sunday (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners & Liam Deasy</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>James Robinson</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Ian David Whelan & Hillsborough Victims (1989)</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 15 April		No Prayer Group
Tuesday 16 April	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Samuel Taylor</i> 7.30 pm Holy Week Penance Service <i>(Service of Reconciliation)</i>
Wednesday 17 April	9.30 am Mass <i>Private Intention (JB)</i>	
Thursday 18 April <i>Holy Thursday</i>	7.30 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(Philomena Maddock)</i> <i>'Watching' until 10.00 pm</i>	
Friday 19 April <i>Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Day of Fast & Abstinence	11.00 am Stations of the Cross for Children 7.00 pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' <i>(A short service of music and reflection)</i>	12.00 noon Stations of the Cross 3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 5.00 pm Polish Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 20 April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	No Slovak Mass	2.30 - 3.30 pm Polish Blessing of Food <i>(No 6.00 pm Mass)</i> 8.00 pm The Easter Vigil <i>The Parishioners</i>
Sunday 21 April <i>Easter Day (C)</i>	10.30 am Baptism Mass <i>Syd Bradshaw</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>John & Nora Lawless</i> 2.00 pm Polish Mass



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Please note this week's schedule:

Tuesday	11.30 am - 12.05 pm	St Benedict's
Tuesday	7.30 pm Penance Service	St Oswald's
Friday	10.30 - 11.00 am	St Benedict's



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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)

THE EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST MARY'S SHRINE

Maundy Thursday, 18 April	10.00 – 11.30 am 11.30 am – 1.00 pm 8.00 pm	Tenebræ (Gregorian Chant) Confessions Solemn Mass (followed by Adoration until midnight)
Good Friday, 19 April	10.00 – 11.30 am 11.30 am – 1.00 pm 12.00 noon 3.00 pm	Tenebræ (Gregorian Chant) Confessions Solemn Stations of the Cross Solemn Liturgy
Holy Saturday, 20 April	10.00 – 11.30 am 2.00 – 4.00 pm 8.00 pm	Tenebræ (Gregorian Chant) Confessions Easter Vigil followed by Solemn Mass (ending by 11.00 pm)
Easter Sunday, 21 April	9.00 am 11.00 am	Low Mass Solemn Mass <i>NB. No 6.00 pm Sunday Mass</i>

THE GREATEST WEEK OF THE YEAR

Today we begin the 'Great Week' – Holy Week – the most important week of the year for Christians. We remember and celebrate what Jesus has done for us: how he suffered, died and rose to new life.

On this first day of the week, we recall Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem. Like the people of Jerusalem, we hold palms and sing "Hosanna" to greet our King.

On Thursday evening, we gather for the 'Easter Triduum' – 'The Three Days of Easter'. During these days, we keep one celebration, beginning tonight and ending with the Easter Vigil or Mass on Easter Sunday. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we recall the way Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and shared the Last Supper. After Mass, we stay with him for a short while at the Altar of Repose, just like his disciples did in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Good Friday, the celebration continues. All over the world, Christians gather together at 3.00 pm to celebrate the Passion of the Lord. The liturgy is stark and simple. We listen to God's word. We pray. We venerate the Cross. We share communion and leave in silence.

Finally, on Holy Saturday night, we gather again. On this, the holiest night of the year, we keep the 'mother of all vigils' (St Augustine). We begin in darkness around a new fire. From the fire, we light the big Easter candle, proclaiming "Christ is risen". Then, in the light of the candle, we listen to the stories of what God has done for his people through the ages. Following the Gospel of the Resurrection, we renew our baptism and welcome new members into God's family. Finally, we celebrate the eucharist - Christ's risen presence

with us always. The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful and the most important celebration of the year.

Do come along on Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and Saturday night or Sunday morning. What else can we Christians do this week but be with our Lord in his Holy Week?

Fr Dave

We have to give ourselves permission to be weak enough to enter into Holy Week.

Stop pretending that you can hold everything together. No one is telling you that you have to be strong.

Instead, you need to be real.

You do not need to put on a special face to others to show you are a Christian.

Stop perpetuating illusions about the way others tell you to be.

This week is about your relationship with Jesus Christ and what he needs most is for you to be a real person – just as you are – even if you are weak, vulnerable, filled with chaos, and bombarded by a variety of conflicting emotions.

If this is who you are, then this is the 'you' Jesus wants to meet on this journey to the cross."

John Predmore, SJ



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."



THIS WEEK

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*

CHRISM MASS

This year's Chrism Mass takes place on Wednesday (17 April) at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral. The coach will leave St Oswald's at 6.15 pm and St Benedict's at 6.25 pm. *All seats are now spoken for.*

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to those who have offered to help with the Holy Week liturgies. If you can't remember what you signed up for, there's a list on the noticeboard at the back of church.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Please note: On Good Friday, in Catholic Churches all over the world, there is a collection at the end of the afternoon liturgy to support the Holy Places and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

HOLY WEEK REHEARSALS

Fr Dave and the Deacons will be meeting at the following times to walk through the Holy Week liturgies. Altar Servers, Readers, Sacristans and anyone else who would like to join them for a run through are most welcome.

Holy Thursday Rehearsal – Meet on Holy Thursday at 10.00 am in St Benedict's.

Good Friday Rehearsal – Meet on Good Friday at 1.00 pm in St Oswald's (followed by lunch at 2.00 pm).

Easter Vigil Rehearsal – Meet on Holy Saturday at 10.00 am in St Oswald's.

YEAR OF THE WORD

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are conducting a short survey about how we engage with the Bible as part of our preparations for a 2020 Initiative - "The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word". The bishops would be very grateful if you would complete a short survey as it will help them to provide the right focus, activities and resources for 2020 as well as supporting dioceses going forward. You can find the survey online: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LDGRCYM

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

WORKSHOP WITH BILL HUEBSCH

Bill Huebsch, author, theologian, former director of religious education and farmer, is returning to the Archdiocese in May. Bill has led a number of courses for lay people and clergy over the last few years. He writes and teaches extensively on the catechetical mission of the Church. Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, he will lead **An Introduction to the New Pastoral Theology emerging in the era of Pope Francis**. There will be two opportunities to attend this one-day workshop: Friday 10 May at St Joseph's, Wrightington WN6 9PA or Saturday 11 May at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA. Both days will begin at 10.00 am and finish at 4.00 pm. Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided. Suggested donation is £10 per person. To book, call 0151 522 1040 or email formation@rcaol.co.uk

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

"Unbind them, let them go free" (John 11:44). An afternoon at LACE on Wednesday 15 May, 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Keynote speakers will be Father Conor Stainton-Polland (Parish Priest of St Matthew's and St Cecilia's, Liverpool, and Chair of the Wigan Family Welfare Charity) and Kathy Devlin (Clinical Manager at the Beacon Counselling Trust). To book a place, please call 0151 522 1040 or email formation@rcaol.co.uk

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES

Are you interested in spending nine months working with the Catholic Chaplaincy team in Liverpool from September 2019? Would you enjoy assisting with the running of the chaplaincy, supporting students and staff on their journey of faith, helping with retreats and other faith events? A fixed term post working 28 hours per week for 39 weeks has become available. Accommodation is with the resident student community and monthly salary is provided. For an informal chat about the role, please contact Fr Neil Ritchie, Priest Chaplain, on 0151 709 3858.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO LINDISFARNE

Walk in the footsteps of the Northern Saints, 24 – 28 April 2019. Reflect, pray, walk, share life with other young adults (20s & 30s). Cost: £85. For more information, contact Sr Lynne fcj on 0151 733 5475 or lynnfcj@hotmail.com

THANK YOU

Mary Hallam & Irene Casey wish to thank those who supported the Fairtrade Stall last weekend. They sold £180.25 of Fairtrade goods.



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

Speaking to newlyweds and young couples preparing for marriage, Pope Francis recalled the three key words that are essential for married life: "May I?", "Thank you", and "Sorry". "Perhaps you already know them", he said, "but they must be learnt with the mind and with the heart". He also counselled young couples not to be afraid to fight, but to never end the day without making peace.

(San Giulio Papa, Monteverde, 7 April 2019)

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who are to be baptised this weekend:

St Benedict's Luca & Raphael Farrugia

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), Baby Arthur Hanvey, Jo Busby

Those who have died:

St Oswald's Nora Buchanan *Other Parish* Margaret Angell

Prayer for Holy Week

At the Rite of Election in the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Malcolm invited all those who are going to be baptised and received into the Church at Easter to pray the following prayer with him during Lent. This week, perhaps we could join the Archbishop and each other in praying together:

**God our Father,
through your mercy you have called us to become your children.
Help us to walk with your Son through his passion, death and resurrection,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may rise with him on Easter Day.
Show us your mercy and love every step throughout our lives
so that we may grow in friendship with you, now and forever.
Amen.**

*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 their name and number.
Many thanks.*

LITURGICAL CALENDAR
Sunday – Palm Sunday (C)
Weekdays – Holy Week
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Acts 10:34, 37-43;
Col 3: 1-4 (or 1 Cor 5: 6-8);
Jn 20: 1-9 (or Lk 24: 1-12)

ST BENEDICT'S
200 CLUB WINNER
7 April: 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 7 April 2019

St Benedict's	£312.78	(£157.44 GA)
St Oswald's	£471.81	(£210.40 GA)
Standing Orders	£70.15	(£65.54 GA)
PARISH TOTAL:	£854.74	(£433.3.8 GA)

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box	£39.97
Walking Day	£42.00 (from Easter Hampers - SB £141 so far)

SECOND COLLECTION - Good Friday:
Christians in the Holy Land

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

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920