

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 21 April 2019

Easter Day (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 21 - 28 April 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 21 April <i>Easter Day (C)</i>	10.30 am Baptism Mass <i>Syd Bradshaw</i>	(Sat) 8.00 pm The Easter Vigil <i>The Parishioners</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>John & Nora Lawless</i> 2.00 pm Polish Mass
Monday 22 April <i>Easter Octave</i>		2.00 pm Polish Mass No Prayer Group
Tuesday 23 April <i>Easter Octave</i>	No Confessions or Mass today	12.30 pm Funeral Mass <i>Nora Buchanan</i>
Wednesday 24 April <i>Easter Octave</i>	No Mass today	
Thursday 25 April <i>Easter Octave</i>		9.30 am Mass <i>John Gorman</i> No Novena today
Friday 26 April <i>Easter Octave</i>	No Mass or Meditation today	
Saturday 27 April <i>Easter Octave</i>	No Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Ron Flint</i>
Sunday 28 April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter (C)</i> Day of Divine Mercy	10.30 am Mass <i>Isolina Woods</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Tuesdays 11.30 am - 12.05 pm

St Benedict's

Saturdays 5.15 - 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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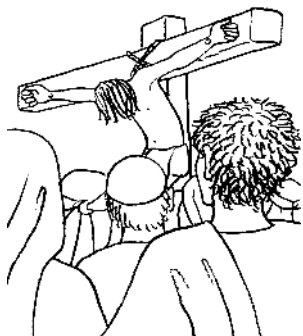
Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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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REFLECTING ON THE CROSS

My son Jesus was on the cross. I was devastated - I really wanted to help him. I wish them horrible guards didn't hurt him. I was so sad. I loved him so much. I wish I could talk to him some more. My heart felt like it got broken and destroyed. I was ashamed of myself so much. The only thing I wished for was Jesus he was the best person I met in my life. At that moment it was pitch darkness when I was praying for him.

Jacob Wooding (aged 8)

St Oswald's Catholic Primary School

REFLECTING ON THE RESURRECTION

If Jesus had not been raised from the dead, his life and work would have been a glorious, but nonetheless tragic, failure. Without Jesus' resurrection from the dead, what he began would have petered out. The resurrection was God's resounding 'yes' to all that Jesus said and did, to all that he lived and died for.

Fr Martin Hogan

Journeying with Luke (Veritas, 2018)

THIS WEEK

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate the Holy Week liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday night. A special thanks to those who took part in the Washing of the Feet, provided green plants for the Altar of Repose, cleaned the brasses and the churches, and decorated the buildings with the most beautiful Easter Flowers; to the Deacons, the Musicians, Altar Servers, Sacristans,

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers; to the young people who helped with the Good Friday liturgy, the children who helped on Holy Thursday, and to everyone who helped to make the liturgies so beautiful and prayerful. May the peace of the risen Lord Jesus be with you. *Fr Dave*

GREEN PLANTS

Many thanks to those who loaned green plants for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday. If you haven't already, please collect your plant from the Lady Chapel.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note: The Parish Office and St Benedict's Church will be closed Monday to Friday this week while Fr Dave takes a few days off.

THE FEAST OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

The Feast of our Parish Patron, Blessed James Bell, is on 20 April. This year, 20 April was Holy Saturday. When patronal feasts fall during Advent, Lent or Eastertide, they are transferred to the nearest Sunday in Ordinary Time or to the Sunday before the Solemnity of All Saints (1 November). This year, since the next Sunday in Ordinary Time is not until the week before the Feast of St Benedict in July, we will celebrate the Feast of Blessed James Bell on Sunday 27 October, which is the day after the anniversary of the inauguration of our new parish in 2018.

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



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."



EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE MOST REVERENT MALCOLM MCMAHON OP, ARCHBISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

Whether we recognise it or not our lives have been changed for ever by the Risen Lord at Easter. All too often we fail to see the good things of life when they are right in front of us, it may be the joy which other people can bring us, or it could be something we see in the beauty of the world around us, particularly as new life comes to us in spring time after the darkness of the winter months.

On the first Easter morning Mary of Magdala stayed outside the empty tomb weeping. She was grieving, mourning the death of Jesus. It was the end of everything that she had hoped for and believed in. Her Lord had been crucified and buried, now his body had been taken. As she wept a man came up to her and said, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?' Mary didn't recognise the man and thought he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and remove him.' Then the man looked at her and said, 'Mary' and at that point she recognised him as Jesus, the Risen Lord.

In that instant Mary's life changed, all she had hoped for came true, and in the most unexpected way. She didn't recognise Jesus, she even thought he was the gardener, and then she knew him. 'It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to

the tomb', and with the dawn the darkness of her own life was transformed for ever. If we can hear the Risen Lord saying our name, our lives can be transformed too.

We live in difficult times. These last weeks and months have been filled with uncertainty and division. Political indecision and financial insecurity lead us to worry about the future for ourselves and for our families. We need the light to keep us going and give us hope. Real hope is based on the resurrection of Jesus, otherwise it is just optimism. The trouble with optimism is that it is just a desire for things to get better and is really only wishful thinking. Hope says that they will get better because Jesus has risen from the dead, and that hope is given to us too. So why not enjoy this season of Easter by looking for signs of new life and resurrection in the ordinary things we encounter every day. You will be surprised by what you see, your faith will be enriched, and it will be fun.

+ Malcolm McMahon, OP
Archbishop of Liverpool



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Children in Year 4 who are preparing for First Communion are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time as follows:

St Oswald's – Tuesday 30 April at 6.30 pm

St Benedict's – Wednesday 1 May at 6.30 pm

Please come to the celebration which is most convenient for you. Thank you.

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.

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.

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, Wroughton 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

SAFEGUARDING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL!

Parish Safeguarding Reps:
Celia Baxter, Doreane Child,
Clare Fraser & Claire Lancaster
Telephone (01925) 630127

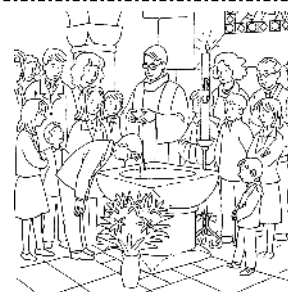
If you believe that a child or vulnerable adult has suffered or is in immediate risk of suffering significant harm, for example, physical or sexual assault or theft of their property, then you should contact the Police immediately.

POPE FRANCIS

“May the Lord free us from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the centre of our lives. We see and will continue to see problems both within and without. They will always be there. But it is important to shed the light of the Risen Lord upon our problems.”

Pope Francis at the Easter Vigil, 2016

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil:

Asteir Yousif Elsharif, Rifca Yousif Elsharif, Paulius Spokas, Adam Grzeskiewicz and Maxine Wendy Naughton

Those who are to be baptised this weekend:

St Benedict's Lilly Fabus

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 and for those who mourn them:

St Oswald's Nora Buchanan *Archdiocese* canon John Gaine

A Prayer for Easter Day

Father, we have heard the good news: Jesus your Son is risen!
We, who have been buried with him in the waters of Baptism, have been raised with him to new life and have eaten at his table.
By the power of your Spirit, keep us faithful to our baptismal promises; make us into a new people and raise us up on the last day to be with Jesus, your Risen Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.
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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR
Sunday – Easter Sunday (C)
Weekdays – Easter Octave
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Acts 5: 12-16;
Rev 1: 9-11, 12-13, 17-19;
Jn 20: 19-31

ST BENEDICT'S
200 CLUB WINNERS
7 April: (21) Alex Michael
14 April: (155) Mary Bostock

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 14 April 2019

St Benedict's	£370.31	(£159.80 GA)
St Oswald's	£555.55	(£220.90 GA)
Standing Orders	£70.15	(£65.54 GA)
PARISH TOTAL:	£996.01	(£446.24 GA)

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box	£46.14
Walking Day	£207.10 (from Easter Hampers - St Ben's)
Maintenance Fund	£36.49 (Donations received)

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity
HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE! ALLELUIA!

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		No Rainbows
	7.45 pm	Bingo
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Parish Quiz - Fundraiser

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920