

# The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Newsletter

Sunday 19 May 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)



Our Benedictine Heritage

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

### St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 19 - 26 May 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 19 May <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</i>	10.30 am First Communion Mass (3) <i>Bob Nash &amp; Theresa Olurin</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Nora Buchanan</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 20 May	12.00 noon Funeral Service <i>Robert (Bill) Whitlow</i>	7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 21 May	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Terry Davies &amp; Tom Howell</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Ronald Flint</i> 2.30 pm School May Procession
	7.30 pm Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots (St Peter's, Woolston)	
Wednesday 22 May	12.15 pm Mass <i>Patrick Naughton</i>	
Thursday 23 May		10.15 am Funeral Mass <i>(Daniel Davies)</i> 6.00 pm Medley Music Concert
Friday 24 May	12.15 pm Funeral Mass <i>(Barbara Preston)</i> 2.00 pm May Procession at School 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 25 May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	No Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Norah &amp; Samuel Whimpenny</i>
Sunday 26 May <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Lena McGuire</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](http://www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk)



## St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NS

Telephone: 01925 635664 Website: [www.fssp.co.uk/warrington](http://www.fssp.co.uk/warrington)

Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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### LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)

<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Sunday</i> 11.00 am & 6.00 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 12.10 pm	<b>Confessions</b> <i>Everyday</i> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 11.45 am	<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 12.00 noon	<b>Holy Rosary</b> <i>Sunday</i> 5.30 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 11.30 am
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### THIS WEEK

#### FIRST COMMUNION

A very warm welcome to the children, and their parents and families, who will be celebrating their First Communion with us this weekend:



#### St Benedict's

Rylie Blackburn, Ellis Clarke, Owen Cooper, Joshua Davies, Ethan Durcan, Erin Henshaw, Jack Mottram, Danny Pham, Maxwell Prescott, Evie-Ann Preston – and Isaac Jenks who is not making his First Communion but joining his friends and will receive a special blessing.

#### MAY PROCESSIONS

This week, the schools will be holding their annual May Processions. St Oswald's May Procession will take place in church on Tuesday at 2.30 pm, and St Benedict's May Procession will take place in school on Friday at 2.00 pm. Parishioners are very welcome to join the children in honouring Mary, the mother of Jesus.

#### NOVENA TO OUR LADY, UNTIER OF KNOTS

The Pastoral Area Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots, continues this Tuesday, 21 May, at 7.30 pm. This month, the Novena will be held at Ss Peter & Michael, Woolston. *Theme:* Undoing the Knots of exploitation and abuse of the Environment and our common home.



#### MUSIC MEDLEY CONCERT

Fran Sixsmith from Medley Music is bringing children together from Primary Schools in Warrington to perform a variety of pop, rock, ballads and musicals at a vocal concert at St Oswald's Church on Thursday 23 May, 6.00 - 7.15 pm. Fran will also accompany Clare who will also be performing on the night. Special guests Wendy and Colin Parry and Chris Bent will be attending as Medley Music and the children dedicate a remembrance to Tim Parry, Jonathon Ball,

lives lost at the MEN attack and those lost at war. Entrance is £4 adult & £1 child. Donations will be made to The Peace Centre & St Oswald's Church. For any further details, please contact [fran@medleymusicforschools.com](mailto:fran@medleymusicforschools.com)

#### FAMILY GROUPS

Just before Holy Week, ten parishioners and I met with Sue Faulkner, the new coordinator for Family Groups in the Archdiocese. Family Groups are a way to bring a greater sense of belonging for everybody in the parish community. Family Groups are open to everybody in the parish whether you are married, single, have children, divorced, have non-Catholic partners, widowed, etc., **ALL ARE WELCOME**. Family Groups are not prayer meetings or bible study groups, nor are they intended to replace existing groups in the parish. The purpose of family groups is to bring a mix of parishioners for no cost / low cost events to share time as a family group. More information next week. *Fr Dave*

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### ANNUAL AFTERNOON TEA

The Annual Afternoon Tea takes place at St Oswald's Parish Centre on Saturday 1 June at 2.00 pm. Tickets are £6.00 or £8.50 with a glass of Prosecco, child's ticket £4.00. Tickets will be on sale at each Mass at St Oswald's over the next 3 weeks and are limited due to restricted seating. Alternatively, contact Jayne Woodward on 07909 525208. Proceeds will be split between St Joseph's Family Centre and the Parish.

**\*\* Donations of unwanted Tea Pots are needed. Also any decent Tombola Prizes would also be much appreciated\*\***  
A box will be left at the back of St Oswald's Church or contact Jayne and she will arrange to collect.

#### STARLIGHT WALK FOR ST ROCCO'S HOSPICE

"Hi, I will be doing the annual Starlight walk for St Rocco's Hospice in June. This year I've lost two friends and former work colleagues who both used St Rocco's facilities so I will be doing the walk in their memory. If you would like to sponsor me for this very worthwhile cause, please sign the sponsor form on the noticeboard at the back of St Benedict's church.... Every little counts to helping others. Thank you."  
*Gabrielle Atkinson*



#### 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."



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will take place on Wednesday 8 June at 7.00 pm in the Holy Family chapel at St Benedict's. All PPC meetings will be open and any parishioner is welcome to attend. The only elections will be for the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary – one from each church community to rotate over three years – which will take place at the first meeting. If you would like an item considered for the agenda, please submit to Fr Dave or the Parish Office no later than 1 June 2019. Thank you.

## SPIRITUAL CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

Dr Karen Groves, Medical Director of Queens Court Hospice in Southport, will speak about this vital topic at a Strawberry Cream Tea Afternoon, 2.00 - 4.00 pm on Wednesday 17 July at LACE. Karen's sensitive and faith-filled presentation will be of interest to Funeral Ministers, Bereavement Team Members, Hospital Visitors, Eucharistic Ministers and anyone who has experienced caring for those nearing the end of life. To book your place, please contact Pastoral Formation on 0151 522 1040 or [formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk)

## JEAN VANIER

As you may have heard, Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, the international community for people with learning disabilities, died recently at the age of 90. In his final message, he said: "God is good and whatever happens it will be the best. I am happy and give thanks for everything. My deepest love to each one of you."

Jean Vanier founded L'Arche in 1964 in response to the treatment that people with learning disabilities faced in institutions. There are now more than 150 L'Arche communities in 38 countries around the world, where more than ten thousand people with and without learning disabilities create places of welcome and celebration, sharing in life together. There are 12 L'Arche Communities in the UK.

Two quotes from Jean Vanier:

"The most important thing is not to do things for people who are poor and in distress, but to enter into relationship with them, to be with them and help them find confidence in themselves and discover their own gifts."

"We may not all be called to do great things that hit the headlines, but we are all called to love and be loved, wherever we may be. We are called to be open and to grow in love and thus to communicate life to others, especially to those in need."

## CAFOD – "THE TIME IS NOW"

If you put one date in your diary this year make it Wednesday 26 June, and join CAFOD at an unforgettable event in London. It's time to confront this climate and environmental crisis and tell our leaders that Britain should no longer contribute to the destruction of our common home.

Climate change affects our health, our homes and our beautiful landscapes and things are getting urgent now. It's time to tell our leaders that enough is enough. This is not the legacy that we want to leave for our grandchildren; this is not the future we want.

As people of faith, we're determined to speak up for our common home, and on Wednesday 26 June we'll come together with over 100 like-minded organisations – members of The Climate Coalition – to speak to our politicians and make our voices heard.

We'll be gathering at Westminster to connect the poor to the powerful by sharing our concerns on climate change and the environment with leaders who can make a difference. Politicians will only increase their ambition if they see that we care. They will act if their constituents tell them that they want change.

Join the Climate Pilgrimage by taking one of the coaches that are departing from various locations across England and Wales: [www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby)



### THEOLOGICAL TALKS ON THE NATURE OF CHURCH

Tuesday 21 May - Going out to the Peripheries  
*Mary Ebbasi*

Tuesday 28 May - The Church as Leaven in our Culture  
*Monsignor Peter Fleetwood*

All the talks begin at 7.00 pm and will take place in the church at St Charles, Aigburth Road, Liverpool L17 9PG.

### LISTENING & DISCERNMENT

Over the next two months, there will be the opportunity for you to contribute to the Synod. You are invited to do this by responding to the following questions:

- 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?**

The Parish and Pastoral Area Synod Representatives are now organising meetings in the Parish and across the Pastoral Area to allow parishioners to share their responses to these questions. In our own parish, we will be inviting all the parish groups to meet and share; there will be opportunities after Sunday and weekday Masses; Eucharistic Ministers and SVP Visitors will be invited to seek responses from those they visit; and there will be opportunities for our children, young people and their parents to share in our schools.

But how do we hear from those who no longer come to church or who have given up on their Catholic faith? Perhaps you can help here – gently seeking responses to the questions from family members and friends and noting down their replies so that their input is included as well.

You can also respond to the questions online: [www.synod2020.co.uk/resources/survey](http://www.synod2020.co.uk/resources/survey)

*A full list of all the meetings taking place over the next two months will be in next week's newsletter.*

**SAFEGUARDING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL!**

**Parish Safeguarding Reps:**  
Celia Baxter, Doreane Child,  
Claire Fraser & Clare 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**

“Every one of you refugees who knock at our doors, bears the face of God.”

(11 May)

“Promoting the development of the family means supporting and caring for every human person and for all of creation.”

(15 May)

**LET US HOLD IN PRAYER**



**Those who will be baptised this weekend:**

*St Oswald's* Avaya & Indie Wooding

**Those who are sick or homebound, especially:**

*St Benedict's* Paul Vernon, Jean Molphy, Anne Hill, Susan Keating, Ann Brown, Peter Milner, Thomas Ireland, Vera Brindle, Matilde Valentine, Brenda Snelson, Syd Bradshaw, Sandra Richardson, Kate Rigby, Margaret Russell-Cruise, Barbara Edmondson, Stan Holbrook, Mary Hinchliffe, Pat Curley

*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, Brian Hughes

*Other Parishes* Catherine Donaldson, Alan Brompton, Baby Arthur Hanvey, Jo Busby, Fr Bernard Jackson

**Those who have died:**

*St Benedict's* Bill Whitlow, Barbara Preston, James Malone

*St Oswald's* Daniel Davies, Mary Aldred



**This Week's Prayer Intentions**

- ✦ For the children celebrating their First Communion with us this weekend, and for their parents and families.
- ✦ For calm and a softening of rhetoric between the United States and Iran.
- ✦ For the people of North Korea who are dangerously short of food following the worst drought in decades.
- ✦ For those in our own community who are struggling to make ends meet, or pay the rent, or feed their children.
- ✦ For our Church, that it may raise its prophetic voice in view of the moral crisis of climate change and stress the urgency of climate action.

*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](mailto:frdave@rcaolp.co.uk) or give their name and number.*

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**  
Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)  
Weekdays – 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**  
Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29;  
Rev 21: 10-14,22-23;  
Jn 14: 23-29

**ST BENEDICT'S**  
**200 CLUB WINNER**  
12 May no. To be confirmed next week

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please ensure the Parish Office receives items for the Newsletter by Wednesday at the latest. Tel: 630127

**PARISH FINANCE**

**Offertory Collection Sunday 12 May 2019**

St Benedict's	£388.21	(£167.30 GA)
St Oswald's	£542.63	(£221.35 GA)
Standing Orders	£70.15	(£65.54 GA)
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>£1000.99</b>	<b>(£454.19 GA)</b>

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND**

St Benedict's	£179.24	(£105.62 GA)
St Oswald's	£257.61	(£139.55 GA)
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>£436.85</b>	<b>(£245.17 GA)</b>

**OTHER INCOME**

Poor Box £21.69

*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
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Drama Group
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920