

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 26 May 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)



Our Benedictine Heritage

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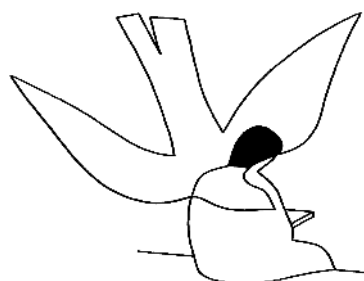
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St Benedict's Church is open Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 4.30 pm for Private Prayer (Exc. Bank Holidays)

St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 26 May - 2 June 2019

| | ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE | ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB |
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| Sunday 26 May <i>6th Sunday of Easter (C)</i> | 10.30 am Mass <i>Lena McGuire</i> | (Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Norah & Samuel Whimpenny</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass |
| Monday 27 May <i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury</i> | | No Prayer Group |
| Tuesday 28 May | 11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Fr Joe Cunningham</i> | 9.30 am Mass <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Wednesday 29 May | 9.30 am Mass <i>Baby Eddie Vernon</i> | |
| Thursday 30 May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i> | 12.15 pm Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 2.15 pm Funeral Mass <i>(James Malone)</i> | 7.00 pm Mass <i>Paul Swinburn</i> |
| Friday 31 May <i>Feast of the Visitation of Mary</i> | 12.15 pm Mass <i>Ian Tickle</i> No Meditation until 21 June | |
| Saturday 1 June <i>St Justin</i> | 4.00 pm Slovak Mass | 10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Julie & Bob Davies and boys</i> |
| Sunday 2 June <i>7th Sunday of Easter (C)</i> World Communications Day | 10.30 am Mass <i>Pat & Nicola Buist</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

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)

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| 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

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Fr Austin who will be presiding at the Masses this weekend while Fr Dave has a couple of days break.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a holyday of obligation. There will be two Masses:

Thursday 12.15 pm **Lunchtime Mass at St Benedict's**
7.00 pm **Evening Mass at St Oswald's**

SVP MEETING

The Parish SVP will be meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 28 May in the lounge of St Oswald's Parish Centre.

NOVENA OF PRAYER

Between Ascension and Pentecost, the Archbishop invites us to join him in a Novena of Prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod in 2020. Prayer cards will be available.

FAMILY GROUPS

A Family Group is a parish friendship group open to any parishioner irrespective of age or personal circumstances. A Family Group is made up of young, mature, single, widowed, married, separated and divorced parishioners who commit to spending time together once a month or so for low cost activities. The group is linked by a common faith bond but is not exclusive to Catholics. Many group members bring along their non-Catholic partners who are integral to the group's success. There are a few basic rules to help guide the group: enthusiastic leaders; low cost gatherings and a commitment to know, support and love each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

The concept of Family Groups is simple. Groups meet every four to six weeks for a variety of activities decided by their members. These include quizzes, film nights, games, parties and anniversary celebrations, walks, music, themed events, fundraising, house Masses and lots of shared meals. The groups can become a valuable source of parish outreach as well as offering invaluable support and fellowship to their own members.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion have written to say: "Thank you for writing a special message of commemoration to those involved with the D-Day landings 75 years ago. Your message will be printed on a poppy card and taken to Normandy to be part of a display on the beach for returning D-Day veterans to see on 6 June. You are helping to create a poignant moment for our veterans, when they see thousands of messages on the beach and know that together we stand with them 75 years on."

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

In addition to our new Parish Pastoral Council, I have appointed a new Finance Committee, in accordance with Canon 537 of the Code of Canon Law, to assist me with the administration of the parish finances. The members of the new committee are: Celia Baxter (St Benedict's) who manages the parish accounts on a day to day basis, Jane Wright (St Mary's) who used to manage the accounts for St Mary's, Sue Ellison (St Oswald's) who is a chartered accountant and our new Gift Aid coordinator, and Judith McDowall who is a chartered accountant and manages a number of accounts for parishes in the Archdiocese. I am very grateful to these parishioners for all the work they do and for agreeing to form our new Finance Committee.

Some parishioners have asked why we no longer include the collection totals for St Mary's on the newsletter. I stopped including the details of St Mary's collections because they do not form part of the parish income. Since November 2015, all the money collected at St Mary's goes to the FFSP (Priestly Fraternity of St Peter) who now own St Mary's Shrine and have to cover all the costs associated with the Shrine.

Fr Dave

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

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."



– 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.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

The next Parish Quiz takes place at St Benedict's Parish Centre on Wednesday 29 May from 7.30 pm. Entry is £4.50 with prizes to be won. Hosted by Deacon Mike Birchall. Funds go to Church Maintenance.

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 Prosecco, children £4.00. Tickets are on sale at each Mass at St Oswald's this weekend and are limited due to restricted seating. Alternatively, contact Jayne Woodward on 07909 525208. Proceeds to be divided between St Joseph's Family Centre and the Parish.

SENIOR CITIZENS STRAWBERRIES & CREAM PARTY

A date for your diary... Friday 14 June from 1.30 - 3.30 pm at St Oswald's Parish Centre. St Oswald's School Environmental Group are offering their assistance to host this delicious, popular annual event. To ensure a place, there are sign up sheets at the back of both churches.

PARISH RACE NIGHT

Many thanks to the Men's Group who have organised a Race Night to help raise the remaining funds needed for this year's Walking Days. The Race Night will take place in St Benedict's Parish Centre on Friday 14 June at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

CLIMATE PILGRIMAGE

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

As people of faith, CAFOD invites us to speak up for our common home by coming together on Wednesday 26 June with over a hundred like-minded organisations – members of The Climate Coalition – to speak to our politicians and make our voices heard.

CAFOD invites us to gather 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 act if their constituents tell them that they want change.

If you would like to join this Mass Lobby, there is a coach going from The Black Horse Pub, 641 Prescott Road, Old Swan, Liverpool L13 5XD at 5.30 am. To book your place, go to: www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby

CELEBRATE THE CHILD

This year, the annual Archdiocesan Children's Mass will take place nearer home at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College, Widnes, on Sunday 30 June at 3.00 pm. Picnic and fun activities from 12.30 pm (please bring your own lunch). If parishioners would like me to organise a minibus or coach, please let me know. *Fr Dave*

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

SYNOD 2020

LISTENING & DISCERNMENT

The 'Listening and Discernment' phase of Synod 2020 is now under way and will continue until early July. The Parish and Pastoral Area Synod Representatives are organising meetings in the Parish and across the Pastoral Area to allow parishioners to share their responses to these 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?**

In our own parish, we are 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. Feedback can be given to Fr Dave.

Opportunities to reflect and respond to the questions will be posted here each week. You can also respond online: www.synod2020.co.uk/resources/survey

Forthcoming Listening Meetings

(in addition to Parish Groups)

Sunday 2 June at 11.45 am

St Benedict's Parish Centre

ST BENEDICT'S DRAMA GROUP

We regret to inform you that leaders of the Drama Group at St Benedict's have decided that until there are sufficient children and volunteers to support the group, they will cease until further notice. We wish to thank Miriam Lawton and those of the parish who have always offered the support and time to make it possible.

NOTICE TO 200 CLUB MEMBERS

A reminder to members that Subscriptions for June's Lottery Draws are due next weekend (1st Sunday monthly) to Sue Boyle in the Sacristy after Mass. Thank you.

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

“We pray for those who live with severe illness. Let us always safeguard life, God’s gift, from its beginning until its natural end. Let us not give in to a throwaway culture.”

(20 May)

“Every creature has a function, none is superfluous. The whole universe speaks the language of God’s love, of His boundless affection for us: soil, water, mountains, everything is God’s caress.”

(22 May)

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be baptised this weekend:

St Benedict’s Julia & Elzbieta Cedrych

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

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

Those who have died:

St Benedict’s James Malone, Nora Whittaker

St Oswald’s Mary P Aldred, Clara Hannan, Brian Hughes



Novena of Prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage. Make us more like Christ in our words and actions.

Bless the work of your Church. Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today.

Bless the work of our parish. Guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you.

Deepen our love for the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and guide us in prayer and action as we journey towards Synod 2020 to become the Church you are calling us to be. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 – 6th Sunday of Easter (C)
Weekdays – 6th Week of Easter
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Acts 7: 55-60;
Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20;
Jn 17: 20-26

ST BENEDICT’S 200 CLUB WINNERS
12 May: no. 44 Ann Pearson
19 May: no 49 Gladys Milner

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory Collection Sunday 19 May 2019

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| St Benedict’s | £372.71 | (£132.40 GA) |
| St Oswald’s | £464.24 | (£190.50 GA) |
| Standing Orders | £70.15 | (£65.54 GA) |
| PARISH TOTAL | £907.10 | (£389.44 GA) |

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Late Entries £24.40 **PARISH TOTAL** £461.25

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box £55.09 (Inc. £30.00 from Sisters of Signadou)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

World Communications

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity

ST OSWALD’S PARISH CENTRE
Padgate Lane, Warrington, WA1 3LB

The Week Ahead

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| 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

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| Sunday | 8.30 pm | Cabaret |
| Monday | 6.00 pm | Rainbows |
| | 7.45 pm | Bingo |
| Wednesday | 7.30 pm | Parish Quiz Night |
| Thursday | 7.30 pm | Line Dancing |

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920