

# 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 28 July 2019

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

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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 28 July - 4 August 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 28 July</b> <i>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners &amp; John Fox</i>	<b>(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Teresa &amp; Bill Moss</i> <b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Special Intention</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 29 July</b> <i>St Martha</i>		<b>7.30 pm Prayer Group</b> <i>(Next Meeting - 2 September)</i>
<b>Tuesday 30 July</b>	<i>No Mass or Confessions today</i>	
<b>Wednesday 31 July</b> <i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>	<i>No Mass today</i>	
<b>Thursday 1 August</b> <i>St Alphonsus Ligouri</i>		<b>No Mass today</b> <b>7.00 pm Novena</b> <i>(Resumes 5 September)</i>
<b>Friday 2 August</b>	<b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Kyle Crossland (aged 18)</i> <b>6.45 pm Meditation</b>	<b>12.30 pm Funeral Service</b> <i>(Betty Mannion)</i>
<b>Saturday 3 August</b>		<b>10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of St Oswald, King &amp; Martyr</b> <i>Carol &amp; Chris Beesley Kathleen Postlethwaite</i>
<b>Sunday 4 August</b> <i>18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i> Feast of St Oswald, King & Martyr	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>Fr Devlin OSB</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass for the Feast of St Oswald, King &amp; Martyr</b> <i>The Parishioners</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>



### 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

# Welcome

A warm welcome to Fr Austin who will be presiding at the Masses this weekend. Also, welcome to visitors, those who have come home for the summer, and guests of parishioners. This week, a greeting in French:

**“Chers amis qui venez passer vos vacances chez nous, nous sommes heureux de vous accueillir parmi nous.”**

### HOLIDAYS

Fr Dave will be back on Thursday evening. *Please note:* St Benedict's Church and the Parish Office will only be open on Friday, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm this week.

### MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be this coming Saturday, 3 August, at 9.30 am in the sacristy at St Benedict's.



### FEAST OF ST OSWALD, KING & MARTYR

This year, the Feast of St Oswald, King and Martyr, falls on Monday 5 August, which is the date King Oswald died in 642 AD. So we will celebrate the feast during the Masses next weekend.

### SUNDAY MASS DURING HOLIDAYS

If you are going away on holiday and are concerned that you might not be able to find a church for Sunday Mass, why not prepare for this eventuality by taking a Mass sheet on holiday with you? All the Mass sheets we will use for Sunday Mass during the summer are available from the sacristy. Then, if you can't find a church, why not gather those you're with, make the Sign of the Cross, read the Scripture Readings together, perhaps invite each person to share something that may have struck them from the readings, then conclude with some simple spontaneous Bidding Prayers and the Lord's Prayer. *Fr Dave*

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### CHURCHES TOGETHER PILGRIMAGE



Churches Together will be making a pilgrimage to Liverpool on Thursday 22 August. The pilgrimage is an opportunity to spend a half-day together by visiting the two Cathedrals in Liverpool. Leaving St Oswald's car park at 10.30 am, we will visit the Metropolitan Cathedral, share a packed lunch together, and then visit the Anglican Cathedral. We should arrive back in Warrington at approximately 4.00 pm. If you would like a place on the coach, please sign the list at the back of church by Sunday 11 August. Cost: £5 per person. *Fr Dave*

### FAMILY GROUPS



**A date for your diary:** the first meeting of the Family Groups will take place on Sunday 15 September. *Details to follow.*

### RETREAT - ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER CENTRE, FORMBY

A preached retreat by Bishop John Crowley will be taking place at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby L37 1PH. The retreat will commence on the morning of 19 August and finish on the evening of 22 August. The theme will be "Bidden or not Bidden, God is Present." For further information, please contact St Joseph's Prayer Centre on 01704 875850, email: [thepayercentre.stj@gmail.com](mailto:thepayercentre.stj@gmail.com) or visit their website: [www.stjosephsprayercentre.com](http://www.stjosephsprayercentre.com)



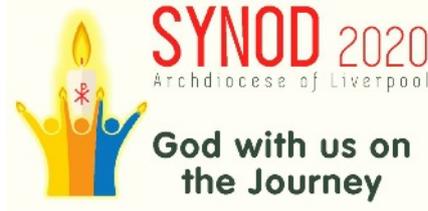
### Archdiocesan Mission Statement

"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."



## AFTERNOON TEA - CHILDREN OF KENYA

An Afternoon Tea will be held in aid of 'The Children of Kenya' at St Benedict's Parish Centre on Tuesday 20 August, 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Tickets £4.00 (£1 children), available from Brenda Grindley or Mary Monks. *Parents & Grandparents:* There'll be a children's bring & buy stall and tombola, as well as cakes and other refreshments, so do bring the children along. **If anyone has any potential prizes they would like to donate for the tombola etc, they would be much appreciated.**



### God in an apron!

Supper was special that night.

There was both a heaviness and a holiness hanging in the air. We couldn't explain the mood. It was sacred, yet sorrowful. Gathered around that table eating that solemn, holy meal seemed to us the most important meal we had ever sat down to eat.

We were dwelling in the heart of MYSTERY. Though dark the night, hope felt right – as if something evil was about to be conquered.

And then suddenly, the One-Who-Loved startled us all. He got up from the table and put on an apron. Can you imagine how we felt? GOD IN AN APRON!

Tenderness encircled us as he bowed before us. He knelt and said, "I choose to wash your feet because I love you." God in an apron, kneeling. I couldn't believe my eyes. I was embarrassed until his eyes met mine. I sensed my value then. He touched my feet. He held them in his strong, brown hands. He washed them. I can still feel the water. I can still feel the touch of his hands. I can still see the look in his eyes.

Then he handed me the towel and said, "As I have done, so you must do." Learn to bow. Learn to kneel. Let your tenderness encircle everyone you meet. Wash their feet – not because you have to – but because you want to.

It seems I've stood two thousand years holding that towel in my hands. "As I have done, so must you do," keeps echoing in my heart.

"There are so many feet to wash", I keep saying. "No." I hear God's voice resounding through the years. "There are only my feet. What you do for them, you do for me."

*Macrina Wiederkehr in 'Seasons of your Heart' (p 79)*

## BLESSED ARE THE POOR

*Homily given by Cardinal Nichols at the International Mass in St Pius X Basilica in Lourdes last Wednesday.*

This is the family of God. This is our International Mass, bringing together people from around the world. We are so glad to be here, to be together, to celebrate the presence of our Beloved Lord, together with Mary. She has called us to Lourdes. She always calls us to her Son, our Saviour.

At this Mass today we pray for the Church throughout the world. Today I invite you to pray especially for Christians who are persecuted for their faith, in so many parts of the world. The persecution of Christians is more widespread, more far-reaching than ever before. So today we remember all those who have died for their faith, whether young or old, in Africa, in Asia, in India, in Europe, or in America. We pray for those who are marginalised in their society, deprived of liberty, of health, of opportunity because of their faith. We hold in our hearts those who languish in prisons or who face the threat of violence every time they attend church. We pray for those whose families have been shattered by this persecution and violence.

They are our brothers and sisters. Even if we cannot reach out to touch and comfort them, we can hold them in our prayers so that they may receive the comfort of knowing that they are not forgotten and that we strive, here today, to unite ourselves with them, offering their pain and suffering to our loving Father.

The theme of our pilgrimages to Lourdes this year is 'Blessed are the poor for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.' Today we think of those who are poor through persecution. We reaffirm our faith that true riches do not lie in this world and all its benefits, but in our heavenly Kingdom. And the gateway into that Kingdom is narrow. Its door is faithfulness: our faithfulness to Jesus and his unfailing faithfulness to each one of us. The high road to heaven is the path of martyrdom. We thank God that even today we are enriched by the deaths of so many martyrs, people who have faced and accepted death rather than embrace unfaithfulness to the Lord. They are the riches of the Church and the seed of our future. We thank them and we praise the Lord for his work in their living and dying.

My brothers and sisters, let us unite in this prayer and truly be witnesses to the love, forgiveness and faithfulness of the Lord in our world today. For then the Kingdom of Heaven will be given to us, too. Amen.



**'Not long' is 'Too long'. Leaving a window open is not enough. A car can become as hot as an oven very quickly, even when it doesn't feel that warm outside. If you see a dog in distress in a hot car, you should call 999.**

**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**

“My thoughts go out to those ‘least ones’ who daily cry out to the Lord, asking to be freed from the evils that afflict them. These least ones are abandoned and cheated into dying in the desert; these least ones are tortured, abused and violated in detention camps; these least ones face the waves of an unforgiving sea; these least ones are left in reception camps too long for them to be called temporary. These are only some of the least ones who Jesus asks us to love and raise up.”  
*(Pope Francis in Lampedusa, 8 July 2019)*

**LET US HOLD IN PRAYER**



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

*St Oswald's* Maisie Chadwick

**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, Mary Monks, Ernie Roocroft

*St Mary's* Luciano Bartolo, Bill Turner

*St Oswald's* Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne, Jo Roberts, Sam Johnson, Margaret Watts (nee McGinty), Mike McCarrick, Doreen Thurston

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

**Those who have died, especially:**

*St Oswald's* Betty Mannion & Brian Young

**This Week's Prayer Intentions:**

- † For our new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, and for those serving in his new cabinet.
- † For a calming of the tensions that exist with Iran and a peaceful resolution to the current situation.
- † For an end to the conflict in Syria which has lasted too long and taken so many innocent lives.
- † That just as mercy is the face of God, it may also be the face of the Church and our face too.
- † For those going away on holiday – may they have a safe journey and a good rest.

***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 him their name and number. Many thanks.***

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**  
Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year (C)  
Weekdays – Year 1, Week 17  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**  
Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23  
Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11  
Luke 12: 13-21

**ST BENEDICT'S**  
200 CLUB WINNER  
14 July - Linda Flynn  
21 July - Michael Hines

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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

**PARISH FINANCE**

**Offertory Collection Sunday 21 July 2019**

St Benedict's	£341.87	(£191.07 GA)
St Oswald's	£460.36	(£184.48 GA)
Standing Orders	£ 70.15	(£65.54 GA)
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>£872.38</b>	<b>(£441.09 GA)</b>

**OTHER INCOME**

Priests in Retirement	£5.00
Priest Training Fund	£5.00
World Comms.	£2.53
Day for Life	£2.00

*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