

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 1 September 2019

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

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Our Benedictine Heritage

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 1 - 8 September 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 1 September <i>22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i> World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	10.30 am Mass <i>Patsy Timoney</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Elizabeth O'Neill</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass 4.30 pm Polish Prayer Group
Monday 2 September		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 3 September <i>Feast of St Gregory the Great</i>	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Eileen Lawton</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Bernard White</i>
Wednesday 4 September	9.30 am Mass <i>Annie & Joe Howard</i>	
Thursday 5 September		9.30 am Mass <i>Nadine Davies</i> 7.00 pm Novena
Friday 6 September	12.15 pm Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i> No Meditation	
Saturday 7 September		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Brian Hughes</i>
Sunday 8 September <i>23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i> Education Sunday	10.30 am Mass for the Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church <i>Rita & Dermott Lappin</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Mary P Aldred</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass 4.30 pm Polish Prayer Group

"The greater you are,
the more you should
behave humbly."

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

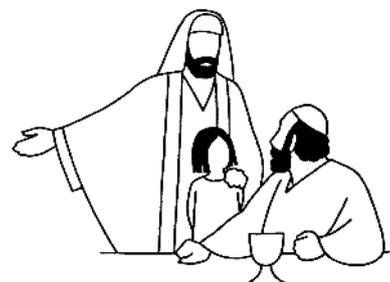
Tuesdays 11.30 am - 12.05 pm St Benedict's

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

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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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THIS WEEK

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

Today, 1 September, is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, begun in 1989 by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios and endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015. The day marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, which is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, concluding on the feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October.

The theme for 2019 is "the web of life." The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the Vatican has written a letter to encourage participation, highlighting that "this theme connects our role as the stewards of God's creation with the urgent need to protect biodiversity. This theme has important connections to this October's Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazonian region."

During this Season, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales would be pleased to hear of any projects being undertaken in our parishes to care for our common home. Please contact environment@cbcew.org.uk with any submissions by 20 September.

Copies of a statement from the Bishops of England and Wales on the ecological crisis are available at the back of church.

Season of Creation 2019 Prayer
Creator of Life,

The earth is full of your creatures, and by your wisdom you made them all. At your word, the earth brought forth plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit, the waters teemed with swarms of living creatures of every kind, and the world was filled with every kind of winged bird, walking animal, and creatures that creep upon the ground.

Mountains, plains, rocks, and rivers shelter diverse communities, and through the changing seasons your Spirit renews cycles of life.

During this Season of Creation, open our eyes to see the precious diversity that is all around us. Enlighten our minds to appreciate the delicate balance maintained by each creature. Inspire us to conserve the precious habitats that nurture this web of life.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group will be holding an open meeting on Thursday 5 September at 8.15 pm in the Parish Centre lounge at St Oswald's.

BACK TO SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

There is a sheet of prayers for students, parents, teachers and empty-nesters at the back of church. Please feel free to take one or pass a copy to someone you think might find it helpful.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Education Sunday when we give thanks for the enormous contribution our Catholic Schools make to society and pray for all those involved in Catholic education.

There will be a **Second Collection** for the Catholic Education Service (CES), which is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting our remarkable network of successful Catholic schools. The CES represents Catholic education to the Government, Ofsted and other national bodies to ensure Catholic schools are empowered to flourish.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY GROUPS

Enough parishioners have signed up for us to have two Family Groups. Please have a look at the list on the noticeboard. These groups are not set in stone and members may prefer to be in one group rather than the other. That's fine – just let Fr Dave know so that he can adjust the lists. Our first meeting will be at St Benedict's on Sunday 15 September at 12.00 noon. The meeting will be preceded by a Children's Mass at 10.30 am. Please put the date in your diary. Many thanks.



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."



MIKE ANDERSON MUSIC WORKSHOP

Sunday 15 September at 2.00 pm followed by Mass at 5.30 pm. Hosted by St William of York, Edge Lane, Thornton L23 4TG. Join us for an afternoon of liturgical music led by Mike Anderson. Musicians and singers of all abilities are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Off-road parking is available. Admission by ticket only £3 each. Please register on mikeandersonworkshop15919@gmail.com or by calling 07939 738163 and pay on the day.

RESTORED LIVES

Recovery from Divorce and Separation

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings starting on Thursday 19 September to Thursday 24 October. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. For further details, please contact Maureen O'Brien on 07967 753371 or Jacqui Sellek on 07793 825815.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

You are invited to bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to a **Service of Blessing and Prayer for Animals** at St Benedict's on Sunday 22 September at 2.00 pm. If your pet has died, you might like to bring a photo of them so that we can display them and remember them. The service will be followed by refreshments. PLEASE ensure your pet is safe (i.e. in a carrier or on a lead). All are welcome.



PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 23 September 2019. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

MASS OF ANOINTING

There will be a Mass of Anointing of the Sick for parishioners on Sunday 29 September at 1.30 pm in St Oswald's Church, followed by refreshments in St Oswald's Parish Centre. *Please note:* this Mass will fulfil the Sunday obligation.



COME & SEE CONFERENCE

'Come & See' is a conference which explores aspects of our faith and its importance in today's society. Taking place at Christ the King High School, Southport, 12 & 13 October, 9.00 am - 8.30 pm, the keynote speaker is Peter McVerry SJ and the event will include workshops, music and prayer. For more information, see noticeboards or contact Irenaeus on 0151 949 1199.

SYNOD 2020 REFLECTION

The Church as a field hospital – a place of healing and mercy

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself' (cf. *Luke 10: 25-37*).

Reflection

"The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds ... And you have to start from the ground up."

(Pope Francis, *Interview with Antonio Spadaro SJ, August 2013*)

Question to Ponder

Pope Francis dreams of a Church that is like a field hospital after battle.

What kind of Church do you dream of?

Concluding Prayer

God of mercy and compassion,
you draw near to us in Jesus, your Son,
lifting us out of death,
binding up our wounds,
and nursing our spirits back to health.
May your tenderness compel us to go and do likewise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

May God who remembers us, God who heals our wounded memories by anointing them with hope, God who is near to lift us up from within, help us to build up the good and to console hearts.

(24 August)

May the Lord open our hearts to the needs of the poor, the defenceless, those who knock on our door to be recognised as a person.

(22 August)

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Rite of Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Harper Forrester, Sophie Jakeman and Maesie Paston-Endrina who will be baptised this month.

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, 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, Deacon John Traynor

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Benedict's John Joseph Oxley

This Week's Prayer Intentions:

- † That we may care for the creation God has entrusted to us and safeguard it for future generations.
- † That the international community will come together to tackle the colossal number of wildfires in the Amazon.
- † For all the children, young people and staff who will be returning to school this week.
- † For Mrs Orrell who will be joining St Benedict's Catholic Primary School as interim Headteacher this week.
- † For Pope Francis as he visits Mozambique this Wednesday.

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 him their name and number. Many thanks.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR
Sunday – 22nd Sunday of Year (C)
Weekdays – Year 1, Week 22
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Wisdom 9: 13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14: 25-33

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB WINNER
25 August - To be confirmed

THE TABLET MAGAZINE

This week The Tablet is on sale at St Benedict's at the regular price of £3.60

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory Collection Sunday 25 August 2019

St Benedict's	£464.25 (£279.00 GA)
St Oswald's	£422.79 (£199.00 GA)
Standing Orders	£70.15 (£65.54 GA)
PARISH TOTAL	£957.19 (£543.54 GA)

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box £65.35 Parish Caritas £100.00

Second Collection Next Week: Catholic Education

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
Thursday	8.15 pm	Ladies Group - Lounge
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		