

# 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 8 September 2019

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

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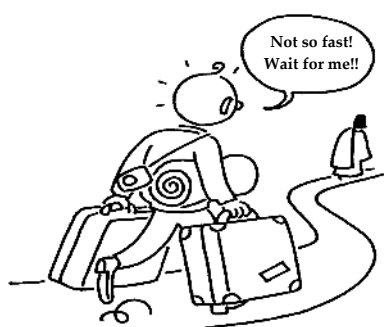
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St Benedict's Church is open Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 4.30 pm for Private Prayer (Exc. Bank Holidays)

### St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 8 - 15 September 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 8 September</b> <i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i> Education Sunday	<b>10.30 am Mass for the Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church</b> <i>Rita &amp; Dermott Lappin</i>	<b>(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Brian Hughes</i> <b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Mary P Aldred</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b> <b>4.30 pm Polish Prayer Group</b>
<b>Monday 9 September</b>		<b>7.30 pm Prayer Group at St Bridget's</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 September</b> <i>St Ambrose Barlow</i>	<b>9.45 am Funeral Service</b> <i>(John Joseph Oxley)</i> <b>11.30 am Exposition</b> <b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>In Thanksgiving (KR)</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Joe Wilkie</i>
<b>Wednesday 11 September</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Pat Curley</i>	
<b>Thursday 12 September</b>		<b>9.30 am School welcome Mass</b> <i>Sarah Boardman &amp; Family</i> <b>7.00 pm Novena</b>
<b>Friday 13 September</b> <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	<b>9.15 am School Welcome Mass</b> <i>(At School)</i> <b>11.30 am Wedding Service</b> <i>(Hannah Birchall &amp; Christopher Barnett)</i>	
	<b>12.00 noon Pastoral Area Mass at St Alban's</b>	
	<b>No Meditation</b>	
<b>Saturday 14 September</b> <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		<b>10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>6.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass</b> <i>Andy Banks</i>
<b>Sunday 15 September</b> <i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i> Home Mission Sunday	<b>10.30 am Children's Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners,</i> <i>Elizabeth Rigby</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Margaret Jean Cripps</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b> <b>4.30 pm Polish Prayer Group</b>



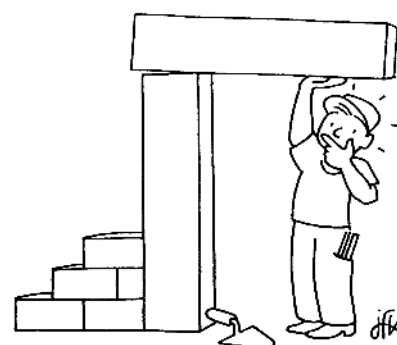
### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

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

#### EDUCATION SUNDAY

Today 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.

Did you know... the Catholic Church is the second largest provider of education in England? We have 2230 schools educating 852,321 pupils, we employ 50,353 teachers, we have the most ethnically diverse schools in the country, as well as 4 universities educating 17,000 students!

Catholic schools place the Lord Jesus Christ at the centre of their educational enterprise; his life and teaching provides them with the model and pattern for life in all its fullness. Catholic education aims to inspire a lifelong love of learning and form pupils who will know the good, love the beautiful, and seek the truth. Catholic schools are distinctive, and this is a cause for celebration.

There will be a **Second Collection** at the end of Mass 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.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION

On 8 September 1943, St Benedict's Church was consecrated by the then Abbot of Ampleforth, the Right Reverend Herbert Byrne OSB. Although the church had been officially opened by the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Bourne, on 11 July 1915, it was the custom not to consecrate the building until the debt had been cleared. The consecration ceremony took place in private and lasted three hours. The following day, parishioners celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving. Today (Sunday), St Benedict's will mark the anniversary of the consecration of the church during the 10.30 am Mass.

#### PATHWAYS

An evening get-together to explore different ways of praying on Monday 9 September at 7.30 pm at the Church of the Resurrection & St Bridget, Cinnamon Brow.

#### HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is 'Home Mission Sunday' when we pray especially for the spread of the Gospel in our own country. There will be a Second Collection to help fund the Home Mission Office and the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

#### FAMILY GROUPS

The first meeting of the new Family Groups will take place at St Benedict's next Sunday, 15 September, at 12.00 noon. The meeting will be preceded by a Children's Mass at 10.30 am.

#### SEASON OF CREATION

This week, let's try and reduce our carbon footprint by driving less. When possible, why not walk or ride your bike in order to avoid carbon emissions completely. Carpooling and public transportation drastically reduce CO2 emissions by spreading them out over many riders. *Thank you for what you are trying to do to care for creation.*

At the back of church, there are copies of Pope Francis' Message for last Sunday's World Day of Prayer for Creation.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### 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.



#### 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."



## 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.



## 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.

## SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR...

- 1) **New Lay Governance Roles for the Archdiocese** - the Archbishop wishes to appoint four additional lay trustees, and establish four committees to carry out detailed policy work on behalf of the Trustees and Archbishop's Council.
- 2) **Foundation Governor Vacancy** at Carmel Sixth Form College.
- 3) **Liverpool Romero Lecture** on Wednesday 25 September at 6.45 pm in the 001 Theatre, Cornerstone Hope University (Everton Campus) Liverpool L3 8DR, preceded by Mass at nearby SFX Church at 5.45 pm.
- 4) **Forthcoming Events** at the new Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst.

## SYNOD 2020 REFLECTION

*Last Monday, 2 September, Pope Francis spoke some wise words to the Bishops of the Synod of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church:*

"But you underscored something we must not lose: Synod and Synodality, and Holy Spirit. It's not to advertise but, in the last issue of the "Osservatore Romano," dated Sunday, but which came out on Saturday, there is a beautiful article on the presence of the Holy Spirit in the synodal journey. Because there is a danger: to believe, today, that to undertake a synodal journey or to have an attitude of synodality, means to carry out a survey of opinions, what does this one think, that one, that other one... and then hold a meeting, and come to an agreement... No, the Synod isn't a Parliament! Things must be said, discussed as is normally done, but it isn't a Parliament. Synod is not a coming to an agreement as in politics: I give you this and you give me that. No. Synod is not to undertake a sociological survey, as some believe: Let's see, let's ask a group of laypeople to do a

survey, to see if we should change this or that or the other... You must certainly know what your laypeople think, but it's not a survey; it's something else.

"If the Holy Spirit isn't there, there is no Synod. If the Holy Spirit isn't present, there is no Synodality. In fact, if the Church isn't there, the identity of the Church... And, what is the identity of the Church? Saint Paul VI said it clearly: the vocation of the Church is to evangelize; in fact, her identity is to evangelize.

"Enter this Synod of yours with this spirit, with the Holy Spirit. Pray to the Spirit. Argue among yourselves, as much as you want... Think of Ephesus, how they argued! But they were good... And, in the end, it was the Spirit that made them say: Mary, Mother of God. This is in fact the way. It's the Spirit, because we don't want to become a congregational Church but, rather, a Synodal Church. And go on this way."

*Translation by Zenit*

## QUOTES & PRAYERS

*Last Sunday, Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old climate activist from Sweden, responded to those who were criticising her:*

"When haters go after your looks and differences, it means they have nowhere left to go. And then you know you're winning! I have Asperger's and that means I'm sometimes a bit different from the norm. And, given the right circumstances, being different is a superpower."

*Fr Pedro Opek, once a student of Pope Francis, now a priest serving in Madagascar:*

"I don't want to waste my time filling out paperwork. We can beat poverty and we have to beat poverty. Not with words, conferences, or international meetings, but with the poor."

*A prayer by Fr Austin Fleming aka Concord Pastor:*

Whatever may happen today, Lord,  
no matter how hard it may be,  
it will not, it cannot, put me beyond  
your reach, your arms, your care...

Whatever may happen today, Lord,  
no matter how frightened it makes me,  
it will not, it cannot, put me beyond  
your protection, your shelter, your power...

Whatever may happen today, Lord,  
no matter how quite unexpected,  
it will not, it cannot, put me beyond  
your plan, your wisdom, your will...

No matter what happens today, Lord,  
whatever besets or be befalls me,  
it will not, it cannot, put me beyond  
your compassion, your mercy, your love...

So, bring it, world! Bring it life!

Whatever may land in my lap today  
with God's saving help and presence:  
I'll survive, succeed and I'll make it!  
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**

The Holy Spirit, when we invite Him into our wounds, anoints our painful memories with the balm of hope, because the Spirit restores hope.

*(3 September)*

This is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew by closeness to nature, which spontaneously leads us to give thanks to God the Creator. This is the season to reflect on our lifestyles and to undertake prophetic actions.

*(1 September)*

**LET US HOLD IN PRAYER**



**Those who will be married this week:**

*St Benedict's* Hannah Birchall & Christopher Barnett

**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* Kathleen Brown

*Other Parishes* Elizabeth Rigby (aged 14), John Joseph Oxley

**This Week's Prayer Intentions:**

† For the children, staff and governors of our schools: St Benedict's Catholic Primary School, St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, St Gregory's Catholic High School and Cardinal Newman Catholic High School.

† That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans (*Pope Francis*).

† For our brothers and sisters who have lost their lives or who are suffering because of the hurricane in the Bahamas.

† For all those involved in the Brexit process – that they will focus on bringing about the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

† That we may be kind and gentle with one another.

***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.***

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**  
Sunday – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Year (C)  
Weekdays – Year 1, Week 23  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**  
Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14  
1 Timothy 1: 12-17  
Luke 15: 1-32 (or 15: 1-10)

**ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB WINNER**  
25 August - no. 94 Mr Hackwell  
1 September - no. 123 Tex Coyne  
Subscriptions now due..

**THE TABLET MAGAZINE**  
The Tablet is on sale at St Benedict's  
priced at £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	£343.06 (£180.00 GA)
St Oswald's	£469.83 (£216.98 GA)
Standing Orders	£70.15 (£65.54 GA)
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>£883.04 (£462.52 GA)</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
Poor Box	£43.89
Grotto Benches	£78.50 ( <i>Strawberry Scones &amp; other donations</i> )

**Second Collection Today: Catholic Education**  
**Second Collection Next Week: Home Mission Sunday**

*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