

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 13 October 2019

28th 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 13 - 20 October 2019

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 13 October <i>28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i> Synod Sunday (Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents)	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners & Kathryn Bradshaw</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Stanislaw & Genowefa Matkowski</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Agnes & Gerard Dolan</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 14 October		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 15 October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	9.40 am Funeral at Walton Lea <i>(Baby Jamie Bennett)</i> 11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Cathy Towie</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Wednesday 16 October	9.30 am Mass <i>David Culleton</i> 11.00 am Funeral at Walton Lea <i>(James 'Alan' Brown)</i>	
Thursday 17 October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	2.00 pm Funeral Service <i>(June Sutch)</i> 2.00 pm Service of Welcome with Reception (in School)	9.30 am Mass <i>Nadine Davies</i> 7.00 pm Novena
Friday 18 October <i>Feast of St Luke, Evangelist</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Deceased members of the Rigby Family</i>	
Saturday 19 October		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 3.00 pm Wedding Service <i>(Simon Gent & Jenna Booth)</i> 6.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass <i>The White Family</i>
Sunday 20 October <i>29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i> World Mission Day	10.30 am Children's Mass <i>The Parishioners and Ken Hazelhurst</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Annie Moran</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

Give Thanks
to the Lord
for he is good.



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)

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

SYNOD SUNDAY

Today, across the Archdiocese, we are celebrating our second Synod Sunday and the beginning of the next stage in our Synod journey. During Mass, the Archbishop will announce the four Synod Themes which have emerged from all the listening sessions that have taken place in recent months. The next part of our Synod journey is to explore these themes and generate proposals for action within each theme. Please take a leaflet and a prayer card home with you, and please keep the Synod in your prayers. Thank you.

CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

This weekend, Pope Francis will declare John Henry Newman a saint. Born in London in 1801, John Henry Newman was for over twenty years an Anglican clergyman and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. His studies of the early Church led him progressively towards Catholicism, and in 1845 he joined the Catholic Church. In 1847, he was ordained priest and went on to found the Oratory of St Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was a prolific and influential writer on a variety of subjects. In 1879, he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. Praised for his humility, unstinting care of souls and contributions to the intellectual life of the Church, he died in Birmingham on 11 August 1890.

Newman wrote an abundance of hymns and prayers, including this prayer entitled, 'The Mission of My life':

**God has created me to do him some definite service;
he has committed some work to me
which he has not committed to another.
I have my mission – I may never know it in this life,
but I shall be told it in the next.
I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for nothing.
I shall do good. I shall do his work.
I shall be an angel of peace,
a preacher of truth in my own place
while not intending it
– if I do but keep his Commandments.
Therefore, I will trust him.**

Whatever, wherever I am,

I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him;

in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him;

if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him.

He does nothing in vain.

He knows what he is about.

He may take away my friends.

He may throw me among strangers.

He may make me feel desolate,

make my spirits sink,

hide my future from me

– still he knows what he is about.

(John Henry Newman, 1801-90)

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

Today (Sunday) is Prisoners' Sunday - a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is also the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.

Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the Gospel reminds us of our duties towards them: 'I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me' (cf. Matthew 25: 36).

Prisoners' Sunday also marks the first day of Prisons Week - a week of prayer which has been raising awareness of issues faced by those affected by the criminal justice system for over forty years. For more information, there are some leaflets at the back of church or check out the website: www.prisonsworld.org

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

During the month of October, Fr Dave will lead the Rosary each week. This week, the Rosary will be prayed after the 9.30 am Mass on Wednesday at St Benedict's.



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."



A Prayer for Prisoners' Sunday

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners
and their families and friends,
prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others,
especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another,
to act justly, love mercifully and walk humbly together
with Christ, in his strength and in his spirit,
now and every day. Amen.

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

*During October, Pope Francis has asked us to join him in praying
the following prayer at midday each Friday:*

God our Father,
when your Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead,
he commissioned his followers
to 'go and make disciples of all nations'.

Through our Baptism you send us out
to continue this mission among all peoples.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit
to be courageous and enthusiastic
in bearing witness to the Gospel,
so that the mission entrusted to us,
which is still far from completion,
may bring life and light to the world.

May all peoples experience the saving love
and generous mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

NOVEMBER PIOUS LISTS

You will find the traditional Pious Lists for November at the back of church. Please take one if you want, write the names of those you want to remember on the list, and then return it to church. We will remember all those on the Pious Lists during Mass in November. There's no obligation to place an offering in with your list, but if you want to, the money will go to the Priests Training Fund.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY GROUPS

The next meeting will be on Saturday 9 November, 2.00 – 4.00 pm, in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre. Please bring along your favourite game to share – board games, cards, dominoes, etc., or you could try your hand at the Chinese game Mah-Jong (Clare's choice). Tea, coffee and juice will be provided – cake contributions most welcome.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

23 July - 1 August 2020

Application forms for next year's Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes are available to download from the Animate website www.animateyouth.org Young people from parishes in Warrington and Widnes, aged between 15 and 22 at the time of travel, are invited to travel with Coach 6. Deposit is £50. Email Dan Antonio, Coach Leader, for more information: lourdescoach6@gmail.com and follow the coach on Facebook, Twitter (@lourdescoach6) and Instagram (coach6lourdes).

SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR...

- 1) **Diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Leadership** – Information Session at LACE on Thursday 17 October, 7.00 – 8.30 pm.
- 2) **Annual Healing Service** at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 19 October, 3.00 – 7.00 pm.
- 3) **Liverpool Hope University Lecture** - 'Christian Faith in the City over 175 years. Is it 'Better Together' or getting worse?' by Bishop Tom Williams on Tuesday 22 October at 5.30 pm.
- 4) **Vacancies for Parish Centre Managers** in Warrington, Newton-le-Willows, St Helens and Liverpool.

SYNOD OF THE AMAZON

Last Sunday, Pope Francis opened the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon with an inspiring homily during Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica. He reminded the Synod participants that "Jesus did not come to bring a gentle evening breeze, but to light a fire on the earth." Pope Francis prayed that the spirit of Jesus "may give us his own daring prudence" and "inspire our Synod to renew the paths of the Church in Amazonia, so that the fire of mission will continue to burn." He continued, "God's fire burns but does not consume. It is the fire of love that illumines, warms and gives life, not a fire that blazes up and devours."

Speaking specifically of the mission of the Church in the Amazon region, the Holy Father said, "When peoples and cultures are devoured without love and without respect, it is not God's fire but that of the world. Yet how many times has God's gift been imposed, not offered; how many times has there been colonisation rather than evangelisation! May God preserve us from the greed of new forms of colonialism," he said. "The fire set by interests that destroy, like the fire that recently devastated Amazonia, is not the fire of the Gospel. The fire of God is warmth that attracts and gathers into unity. It is fed by sharing, not by profits. The fire that destroys, on the other hand, blazes up when people want to promote only their own ideas, form their own group, wipe out differences in the attempt to make everyone and everything uniform."

The Synod for the Amazon is focusing on an area that is populated by 34 million inhabitants of a region that stretches across nine countries – Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana. You can follow the Synod online at:

www.sinodoamazonico.va

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

I ask you to accompany this important ecclesial event (the Synod on the Amazon) with prayers, so that it may be experienced in fraternal communion and docility to the Holy Spirit, who always shows the ways for bearing witness to the Gospel.

(7 October)

So many of our brothers and sisters in Amazonia are bearing heavy crosses and awaiting the liberating consolation of the Gospel, the Church's caress of love. For them, and with them, let us journey together.

(6 October)

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be married next weekend:

St Oswald's Simon Philip Gent & Jenna Louise Booth

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 Roodcroft

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 James 'Alan' Brown, Jane Sutch, Annie Clarke, Baby Jamie Bennett
Archdiocese Deacon Pat Meaney

This Week's Prayer Intentions:

- † For Synod 2020 – that we may become the Church the Lord is calling us to be.
- † For all in prison and their families – that they may know the Lord's compassion and love.
- † For the judicial system – that it may practice both justice and mercy.
- † For the Synod of Bishops from the Amazon meeting in Rome – that all the participants will be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- † For the Sisters of the Cross and Passion who served the people of Warrington for so many years.

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 – 28th Sunday of Year (C)
Weekdays – Year 1, Week 28
Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Exodus 17: 8-13
2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 2
Luke 18: 1-8

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB WINNER
22 Sept: (202) Peter Child
29 Sept: (178) Betty Lunt
6 Oct: (100) Greg Caswell

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory Collection Sunday 6 October 2019

St Benedict's	£300.14	(£175.25 GA)
St Oswald's	£476.58	(£217.10 GA)
Standing Orders	£70.15	(£65.54 GA)
PARISH TOTAL	£846.87	(£457.89 GA)

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St Benedict's	£208.20	St Oswald's	£591.48
PARISH TOTAL	£799.68		

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box £26.69

Second Collection Next Week: APF World Missions

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
	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		