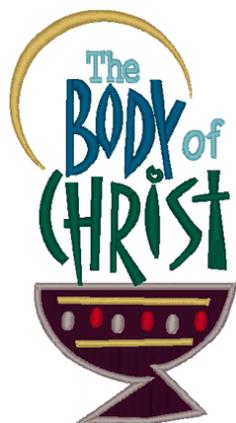


# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A)

*"Corpus Christi"*

**14 June 2020**

My dear sisters and brothers,

No sooner had I published last week's Newsletter, everything changed: the Government decided to bring forward the opening of places of worship for private prayer, and Warrington Council decided to postpone the return of more children to school given the 'R' value in the North West. So what I write now may change! It's best to keep an eye on the Parish Website.

As I write, the Archbishop has decided to open three churches in our Pastoral Area this week: St Benedict's, St Joseph's in Penketh and St Mary's Shrine. He has chosen these churches because they are normally open each day for private prayer. Here are the details:

#### **St Mary's Shrine (open from Monday 15 June)**

Monday to Saturday	8.00 – 10.00 am
	4.00 – 6.00 pm
Sunday	2.00 – 5.00 pm

#### **St Benedict's (open from Tuesday 16 June)**

Monday to Friday	10.30 am – 2.30 pm
Sunday	10.00 am – 12.30 pm

#### **St Joseph's, Penketh (open from Wednesday 17 June)**

Monday to Friday	10.00 am – 1.00 pm
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If you call into any of these churches, you will be asked to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving, keep to a one-way system and be guided to where you can sit or kneel. Social distancing must be followed at all times. This is to keep everyone safe. In addition, toilet facilities, holy water and votive candles will not be available for the time being.

I am incredibly grateful to those who have volunteered to act as stewards during the hours that the churches are open. Without you, we wouldn't be able to reopen at this stage. **Please note:** no one is obliged to come to church, and praying in our own way at home remains the norm at this time.

Finally, especially for those who don't have internet access, BBC Radio 4 will broadcast Mass live today (Sunday) from Westminster Cathedral at 8.10 am.

With my prayers,  
*Fr Dave*

### Useful Information

1) **Fr Dave** is available by phone (01925 630127) or by email [frdave@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:frdave@rcaolp.co.uk)

#### 2) **Parish Website**

The Parish Website ([www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk](http://www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk)) is updated each day with news, as we get it, as well as prayers and reflections. **If you know of any parishioners who don't have internet access and would like to receive a copy of the newsletter and other items that are posted during the lockdown,** please forward their name and address to Fr Dave and he will add them to the mailing list.

#### 3) **Struggling during the Lockdown?**

If you are struggling during the lockdown – to put food on the table or to make ends meet, lonely or whatever – do please contact Fr Dave and he will do everything he can to source assistance for you.

#### 4) **Sunday Mass**

While there is no public celebration of Mass, you may like to join in celebrating Mass online. There are plenty of links on the Parish Website. You may prefer to pray in your own way at home, or gather those who share your home and have a little time of prayer together. There are resources for both adults and children on Fr Dave's blog on the Parish Website.

#### 5) **Warrington Hospital & Care Homes**

Fr John Schofield and I continue to cover the hospital for the time being. If you have a loved one in hospital who would like to see a priest, please let us know or ask the hospital to page us. Fr John and I are also available to visit local Care Homes if a loved one is critically ill or in danger of death. Simply ask the Care Home to phone Fr John or I and we will visit as soon as possible. *Fr Dave*

#### 6) **Mass for the Sick, NHS Staff & Care Workers**

In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those affected by the pandemic, one of the Bishops is

celebrating Mass each Thursday at 7.00 pm which is live-streamed at: [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

### PARISH CARITAS DONATIONS

Many, many thanks once again to those who have been able to make donations to help those who are struggling at this time. This week: £400 (M Jones), £30 (C Slade) & £50 (Anon).

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

There are four ways you can continue to support the parish financially during the lockdown:

- 1) You could put your weekly offering aside each week and then bring it to church once we're open again.
- 2) You could set up a standing order – there's a form you can download on the Parish Website.
- 3) You can now make one-off and regular donations to the Parish online at this address: <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/blessed-james-bell-warrington>
- 4) Text giving is now also available for the Parish for both one-off and regular donations. Details can be found on the Parish Website.

### "REMEMBER ME"

The Prince of Wales and Cardinal Nichols are among those backing the 'Remember Me' project – an online memorial book for victims of Covid-19. This is accompanied by a beautiful video of an anthem from the choristers of St Paul's Cathedral in London, recorded Zoom-style in their individual gardens and homes: <https://www.rememberme2020.uk>

### CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

The June issue of the Catholic Pic is now available online: <https://bit.ly/3hgt6lv>

### JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY

This year's Liverpool Justice and Peace Annual Assembly is being held online. You can find full details on the Parish Website. The sign up link for the sessions is <https://forms.gle/3LeGeS5j6cgtsYps7>

### POPE FRANCIS

- ➔ In our darkest moments, when we sin or are disoriented, we always have an appointment with God. We do not need to be afraid, because God will change our hearts and give us the blessing reserved for those who allow Him to change them (10 June).
- ➔ The Beatitudes teach us that God, in order to give Himself to us, often chooses unthinkable paths, perhaps the path of our limitations, of our tears, of our defeats (8 June).
- ➔ The Spirit loves us and knows everyone's place: for Him, we are not bits of confetti blown about by the wind, but irreplaceable fragments in His mosaic (6 June).

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

<b>Today</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> ( <i>Corpus Christi</i> )
<i>Readings</i>	Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 John 6: 51-58
<b>Weekdays</b>	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 11
<b>Thursday</b>	St John Rigby
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (A)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Immaculate Heart of Mary
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b> ( <i>Day for Life</i> )

### MASS INTENTIONS

Fr Dave will offer Mass for the following intentions this week: The Parishioners, Private Intention, Deacon Jim Melia, Coop Funeral Directors & Staff, Warrington Police, Richard Ryan and Margaret Morris.

### FUNERALS

This is the first week since the lockdown began that we don't have a funeral! Thanks be to God! However, if you know someone who has died and you are unable to attend their funeral, there are resources on the Parish Website that you could use for a time of prayer at home.

### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

**Those who are sick or homebound, especially:**

#### *St Benedict's*

Paul Vernon, Brenda Snelson, Jean Molphy, Anne Hill, Vera Brindle, Susan Keating, Ann Brown, Peter Milner, Thomas Ireland, Matilde Valentine, Sandra Richardson, Kate Rigby, Margaret Russell-Cruise, Barbara Edmondson, Mary Hinchliffe, Ernie Roocroft, Josie Hackwell, Paul Whitlow.

#### *St Mary's*

Luciano Bartolo.

#### *St Oswald's*

Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Catherine Carne, Jo Roberts, Sam Johnson, Margaret Watts (nee McGinty), Mike McCarrick, Betty Fiddler, Miriam Jones.

#### *Other Parishes*

Catherine Donaldson, Alan Brompton, Veronica Baker, John Hughes (Vietnam), Clare Holloway.

**Those who have died recently, especially:**

Malcom Pearce, Deacon Terrence Rimmer & Deacon Jim Melia.

*If you would like to add a parishioner to the prayer list, please check with them first and then email Fr Dave or send him a note of their name and phone number. Many thanks.*