

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
5 July 2020**

My dear sisters and brothers,

This week, we are able to celebrate Mass in church once again. We have to do this very carefully to prevent infection and to protect those attending. **Please understand – this is not a return to normal.**

Because of social distancing, we will have to limit the numbers in church to 50, so you are encouraged to attend weekday Mass, if possible, as an alternative to Sunday Mass. **Please remember – the Sunday obligation remains suspended.**

Mass will be different to the way we are used to celebrating, but this is to ensure everyone's safety.

Before you arrive:

1) You should stay at home if you are unwell. Those who are vulnerable or who feel unsure about returning to Mass should consider the wisdom of doing so. *Remember:* the Sunday obligation remains suspended at this time.

2) **You will need to bring a face covering. Everyone entering church for a public celebration must wear a face covering at all times.**

3) You should avoid bringing any unnecessary items into church, e.g. shopping bags, as you will not be returning to your place once you have received Communion.

When you arrive:

1) You will be greeted by a volunteer steward and may be asked to give your contact details for the

purposes of contact tracing. At the time of writing, this is voluntary.

2) You will be directed to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving church.

3) You will be guided to a place in church which may not be where you usually sit.

4) You **MUST** adhere to social distancing guidelines and any children accompanying you must do the same.

5) A basket will be available when you leave if you wish to leave your weekly offertory collection.

6) Toilets must remain closed except for a genuine emergency. The piety stall will also be closed.

During Mass:

1) Mass will be shorter than usual, and there will be no Sign of Peace and no singing.

2) Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass.
– The words "The Body of Christ" and the reply "Amen" will only be said once at the beginning of communion. They will not to be repeated for each communicant.

– Stewards will direct you to approach the altar to receive Communion.

– Please approach the altar with your arms outstretched so as to maintain a reasonable distance from the minister.

– You may only receive the Sacred Host in your hand and not on your tongue.

– You must then step to one side, lower your face covering, and place the Sacred Host in your mouth. Then please follow the directions to leave church.

After Mass:

1) You may leave your offertory collection in the basket provided at the exit.

2) Please take home any newsletters, Mass sheets and other papers you may use.

Why isn't St Oswald's open?

The Archbishop has advised those parishes with more than one church to pool resources and only open one church for the time being. I chose to open St Benedict's because I'm 'on site', as it were, and the building is easier to manage.

With my prayers,

Fr Dave

TEMPORARY MASS TIMES AT ST BENEDICT'S FROM 7 JULY 2020

Tuesday to Friday	11.00 am
Sunday	10.00 am & 12.00 noon

The church will continue to be open for private prayer:

Tuesday to Friday	10.30 am – 2.30 pm
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Useful Information

1) Fr Dave is available by phone (01925 630127) or by email frdave@rcaolp.co.uk

2) Parish Website

The Parish Website (www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk) is updated each day with news, as we get it, as well as prayers and reflections.

3) Parish Office

I am hoping that Celia will be able to return to work next week. There will need to be some changes in how we operate the Parish Office for the time being. More about that next week. *Fr D*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday	11.00 am	Private Intention
Wednesday	11.00 am	Nancy Bowes
Thursday	11.00 am	Fr Peter Murphy
Friday	11.00 am	Animals suffering abuse and cruelty
Sunday	10.00 am	The Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Perfecto Rivera

KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN

Churches can only open for private prayer, and now for Mass, if there are volunteers present to greet, guide and sanitise. So, once again, I would like to thank the 14 parishioners who have helped to keep St Benedict's open for the last three weeks. Looking forward, we need more volunteers if we are to maintain the present opening hours. This week, with some volunteers returning to work and only two new offers of help, **we will not be able to open the church on Monday**. However, the church will be open for private prayer, Tuesday to Friday, 10.30 am – 2.30 pm, and for Sunday Mass.

PARISH CARITAS DONATIONS

Many, many thanks to those who have been able to make donations to help those who are struggling at this time. *This week:* £5 (Anon), £500 (Anon), £200 (Anon), £30 (Anon), £20 (JL).

POPE FRANCIS

➔ I invite everyone to pray for the people of Yemen, especially children, who are suffering as a result of the very serious humanitarian crisis, and for those affected by the severe floods in Western Ukraine (28 June).

➔ If you are looking for meaning in life but, not finding one, you throw yourself away with "imitations of love", such as wealth, career, pleasure, or an addiction, let Jesus look at you, and you will discover you have always been loved (27 June).

➔ Only those who see with the heart see things well, because they know how to "look into" each person: to

see a brother or sister apart from his or her mistakes, hope amid difficulty. They see God everywhere (26 June).

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(*Divine Office – Psalter Week 2*)

Today	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Zechariah 9: 9-10 Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Matthew 11: 25-30
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 14
Saturday	Feast of St Benedict, Abbot
Sunday	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Sea Sunday</i>

FEAST OF ST BENEDICT

Next Saturday, 11 July, is the Feast of St Benedict. Usually I transfer the feast and that of St Oswald to the nearest Sunday so that we can celebrate the patron saints of our churches and schools together. Given the extraordinary situation in which we find ourselves and the limited numbers permitted in church at any one time, I think it is best to postpone the celebration of our patronal saints until later in the year.

FUNERALS

This week: John Michael Delooze (Thu). 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

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

St Mary's

Luciano Bartolo.

St Oswald's

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

Other Parishes

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

Those who have died recently, especially:

John Michael Delooze, Fr Bernard Eager.

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

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