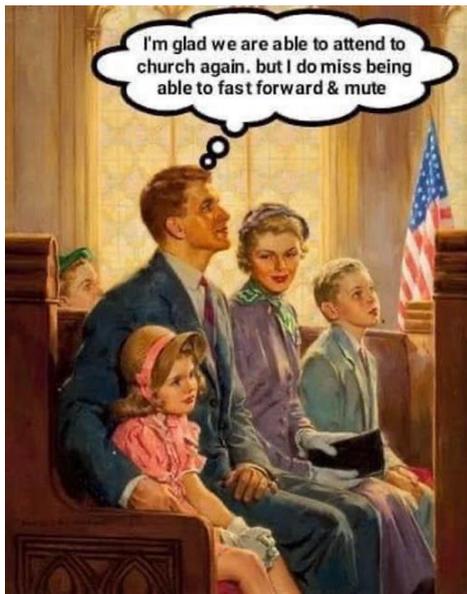


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
12 July 2020**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Last Tuesday, it was a real joy to welcome parishioners back to church to celebrate the Eucharist for the first time in fifteen weeks. It was a lovely gentle celebration, and there were more than a few of us with tears in our eyes as we began Mass.

We've continued to celebrate Mass at the new temporary time of 11.00 am on weekdays and there have been about 12-15 people each day. Today, Sunday, we will try two Masses – one at 10.00 am and the other at 12.00 noon – both at St Benedict's.

Please remember: the Sunday obligation remains suspended, so if you can come to Mass during the week as an alternative to coming on Sunday, please do because we can only admit 50 people at any one time for now.

For those who are homebound, as well as those who are shielding or feel it's too early to venture out, all the resources that have been in place since the beginning of the lockdown will remain so that you can join in celebrating the Lord's Day at home.

Despite the easing of restrictions, we have not returned to normal, and this is not the 'new normal'. We are still in the middle of a pandemic and we need to continue to take great care and not risk spreading the virus.

I am hoping that Celia will be able to return to work sometime this week. However, at the time of writing, I'm not sure when. Celia will initially return on a part-time basis and we will have to work out new ways of working while the pandemic continues. More about that next week.

Finally, many thanks to the children from school for the colourful 'Welcome Back' pictures that greet us as we enter church.

With my prayers,
Fr Dave

Useful Information

1) **Fr Dave** is available by phone (01925 630127) or by email frdave@rcaolp.co.uk Address: St Benedict's Priory, Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE.

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) Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals

Although the Government has given permission for these sacraments to take place in church again – with a maximum of 30 people and other restrictions, we are not ready to celebrate these sacraments in church at present. The priests of the area will review this situation at the end of July. For now, funerals will continue to be celebrated at the graveside or crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. A Memorial Mass or Service can be celebrated in church at a later date.

4) Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual confession can be celebrated on request (as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed).

5) Care of the Sick

For now, Communion and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can only be given to those who are critically ill or in danger of death. Please contact Fr Dave if you are concerned about a loved one at home, in hospital, or in a care home.

TEMPORARY MASS TIMES AT ST BENEDICT'S

Tuesday to Friday	11.00 am
Sunday	10.00 am & 12.00 noon

The church is open for private prayer:
Tuesday to Friday 10.30 am – 2.30 pm

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday	10.00 am	The Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Perfecto Rivera
Tuesday	11.00 am	Deidre Keville
Wednesday	11.00 am	John Hughes
Thursday	11.00 am	Maureen Holt
Friday	11.00 am	People of Yemen
Sunday	10.00 am	Those who have died during the pandemic
	12.00 noon	The Parishioners

SYNOD 2020 UPDATE

When we set off on our Synod journey with the words, 'Together on the Road', we never imagined what God had in store for us. The last few months have been unexpected and they have taught us that the road has many twists and turns on it. As our Synod journey continues, God is calling us to listen, often in new and exciting ways.

Archbishop Malcolm has issued a video message and a revised Synod timetable has been published. Our Synod weekend will now take place on 18, 19 & 20 June 2021. You can watch the video message and find full details of the changes on the Synod 2020 website: www.synod2020.co.uk

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

The July edition of the Catholic Pic is now available from church and online: <https://bit.ly/2ABcudl>

PARISH CARITAS DONATIONS

Many thanks to those who have been able to make donations to help those who are struggling at this time. *This week: £50 (Anon), £70 (CWU).*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Many thanks to those who have handed in offerings to the parish this week. There are four ways you can continue to support the parish financially at this time:

- 1) You could put your weekly offering aside and then bring it to church when you next visit.
- 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 also available. Details can be found on the Parish Website.

This made me chuckle. Seen on Facebook...

I'll be honest, not seeing some of you for 3 months has been an absolute delight

POPE FRANCIS

➔ Faith is either missionary or it is no faith at all. Faith takes us out of ourselves and toward others. Faith must be transmitted, not to convince but to offer a treasure. Let us ask the Lord to help us live our faith with open doors: a transparent faith (9 July).

➔ Let us pray that we might discover the face of Jesus in all people forced to flee their homeland because of the many injustices that continue to afflict our world (8 July).

➔ Evil never gives peace. It causes frenzy first then leaves bitterness. Instead, God's voice never promises cheap, easily acquired joy. He invites us to go beyond our ego to find that true good: peace (1 July).

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Sea Sunday</i>
<i>Readings</i>	Isaiah 55: 10-11 Romans 8: 18-23 Matthew 13: 1-23
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 15
Wednesday	St Bonaventure
Sunday	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

FUNERALS

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).

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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