

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
**4 July 2021**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### England v. Germany

I should have known better! I scheduled an evening Mass for last Tuesday's holyday forgetting the all-important match between England and Germany. While eight of us gathered for the Mass, we could hear the cheers in St Benedict's Parish Centre. At least we had a good idea of how the match was going!

### Tiredness

Like many of you, I've been feeling very tired this week. For me, it's the culmination of a busy year and the recent deluge of requests as society opens up more and more. I rarely have to go and lie down for a rest during the day, but I've found myself doing just that a couple of times this week. I'm not sure whether that's due to getting older or just simply the pressure a lot of us are feeling just now. Anyway, I'm looking forward to a break towards the end of July. Roll on the summer holidays!

### Schools

Our schools are under a lot of pressure too. Parents want to come to Sports Day and to celebrate Year 6 moving on to High School. While this is completely normal and understandable, our schools have to continue to keep up to 230 children safe in addition to all the adults who assist in school. We simply can't put them at risk by inviting parents and others into school at present. The Delta variant is far more transmissible than the previous Alpha variant which saw us lockdown in January. We want our children to get to the end of term without bubbles having to isolate or children and staff getting sick.

The Headteachers and Staff of our schools are to be commended for their leadership and care in the most challenging of circumstances and really need our support as we approach the end of the school year.

### Covid-19

The present Covid-19 situation bothers me. We're all tired and fed up with the pandemic, but I get really annoyed when I hear politicians demanding the end of all restrictions when we are clearly in a third wave. At present, the number of daily infections in the UK is higher than that of all the countries in the EU! I notice that some of our scientists are getting fed up too – fed up with being ignored, misquoted, and poorly treated by the media.

This third wave was entirely preventable, but we don't seem to learn the lessons of the last two waves. It's all very well for people to say, "We've just got to learn to live with the virus", but Covid-19 is not like flu. It can be far more serious. Letting it rip through the country will leave a legacy of further deaths, children and young people contracting 'Long Covid', and many people getting sick even though they have been vaccinated.

Learning to live with the virus doesn't mean throwing caution to the wind. We need to continue to protect the vulnerable, including all those who are not vaccinated, especially our children and young people, and those who are vaccinated but have comorbidities. We also need to get serious about helping those countries that our struggling to get hold of vaccines.

Do take care and have a good week!

God bless you,  
*Fr Dave*

### General Information

- 1) **Fr Dave** is available by phone (01925 630127) or by email [frdave@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:frdave@rcaolp.co.uk) Address: St Benedict's Priory, Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE.
- 2) **Parish Office** is open at present from Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm.
- 3) **Parish Website** [www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk](http://www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk)
- 4) **Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals**  
Up to 50 people can now attend a Funeral or Wedding at St Benedict's and up to 80 people at St Oswald's. Up to 30 people can attend a Baptism. These rules are due to be reviewed on 19 July.
- 5) **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Confession is available on request or by appointment.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
<b>Sunday 4 July</b> 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	10.00 am Mass Private Intention 12.00 noon Mass (Kathryn Bradshaw)	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners
<b>Monday 5 July</b>		
<b>Tuesday 6 July</b>		11.00 am Mass Joseph Cann
<b>Wednesday 7 July</b>	11.00 am Mass Jean Molphy & Joanne Monkhouse	
<b>Thursday 8 July</b>		11.00 am Funeral Mass James Carroll 7.00 pm Novena
<b>Friday 9 July</b>	No 11.00 am Mass (Mass at St Benedict's School)	
<b>Saturday 10 July</b>		12.00 noon Wedding Service Lucy Taylor & Joel Winders 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Frances Best
<b>Sunday 11 July</b> Feast of St Benedict <i>Sea Sunday</i>	10.00 am Mass The Parishioners 12.00 noon Mass (Hannah & Chris)	

### COVID-19 DELTA VARIANT

It's important to remember two things. First, even if you have received two jabs, you can still catch Covid-19 and transmit it to others. However, the vaccine should prevent you becoming seriously ill. Secondly, the Delta variant is presenting different symptoms. The top five symptoms reported are: (1) Headache, (2) Sore Throat, (3) Runny Nose, (4) Fever, (5) Cough.

### VACANCIES

There are a number of vacancies in the Archdiocese, including: Parish Administrator in Widnes, Director of Education, and Cleaners at the Cathedral. For more information, check out the Archdiocesan website:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs>

### ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. It is expected that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs as early as tomorrow (Monday). Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please go to the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! Thank you.

[www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth)

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

**Today**                    **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
*Readings*                Ezekiel 2: 2-5; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10  
Mark 6: 1-6  
**Weekdays**            Ordinary Time – Week 14

### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

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

#### *St Benedict's*

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

#### *St Mary's*

Luciano Bartolo, Hilda Creagan.

#### *St Oswald's*

Catherine Carne, Peter Cox, Jan Davies, Susan Disley, Betty Fiddler, Margaret Inkersol, Sam Johnson, Miriam Jones, Mary Massey, Mike McCarrick, Jo Roberts, Mark Van Schoor, Cathy Spencer, Margaret Watts.

#### *Other Parishes*

Alan Brompton, Catherine Donaldson, Clare Holloway, John Hughes (Vietnam), June Fallon, Carole Hart, Fr Anthony Fagan, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park).

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

James Carroll and Shirley Taylor

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