PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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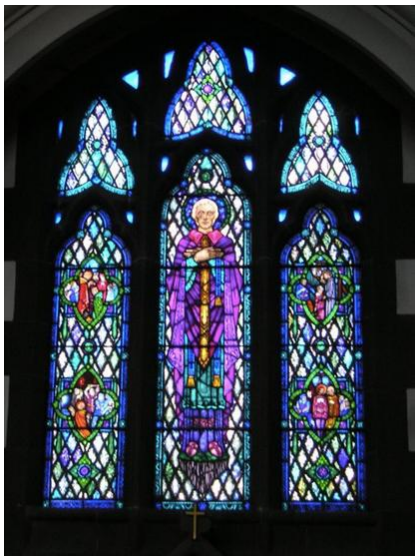

Newsletter

PARISH FEAST OF BLESSED JAMES BELL
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
24 October 2021

My dear sisters and brothers,

Happy Feast Day!
This weekend, we celebrate our Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell *(transferred from 20 April).* It was three years ago, on 26 October 2018, that Archbishop Malcolm came to Warrington and inaugurated our new parish under the patronage of the Warrington martyr, Blessed James Bell, bringing together the three former parishes of St Benedict's, St Mary's and St Oswald's. The picture above is a photograph of the window depicting Blessed James Bell in St Mary's Shrine.

World Mission Day
Today is also World Mission Day when we pray especially for those who leave home and family to work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. There will be a Second Collection for *Missio* as you leave church today. *Missio* is the Pope's charity which helps to support missionaries in sharing the love of Christ with those most in need. For more information, please visit: www.missio.org.uk

Covid-19 Update
We're all tired of the pandemic and, I dare say, frustrated at the lack of leadership from the Government. It's shocking that the UK now has the highest rate of infection in the world. The Government seems to content itself by telling us that the link between infection and hospitalisation and death is massively reduced. While that's true, they neglect to say that more than 10,000 people in the UK have died from Covid-19 since July, and that older and vulnerable people are ending up in hospital as the efficacy of the vaccines wane.

As I see parishioners (who are double jabbed) contract the virus and become seriously ill, I am becoming increasingly angry because this is entirely avoidable. Our European neighbours have got it right. They have 'opened up' as we have, but they've also continued to insist on mitigations – wearing masks in public, social distancing and vaccine passports. As a result, they have much lower rates of infection, hospitalisation, and death. I'm sorry to say but I agree with the British Medical Association who have said that the failure of the Government amounts to 'wilful negligence'.

And finally…
It's half-term this week. I hope the staff and children of our schools have a good break in what continues to be a challenging time.

With my prayers for you all,
Fr Dave

General 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 Office:** Please note that the Parish Office will only be open on Thursday and Friday this week, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm. The Parish Office email address is: blessedjamesbell@rcaolp.co.uk

3) **Parish Website** www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk

4) **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Confession is available on request or by appointment.

5) **Piety Stall** – open after each Mass at St Benedict's.

6) **Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals**
There is no longer a restriction on the number of people who can attend a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral at St Benedict's and St Oswald's, but those attending must wear a face covering and practice social distancing for the safety of everyone else.

7) **St Benedict's Church** is open for daily prayer: Monday to Friday, 9.30 am – 3.00 pm. Both churches are open 30 minutes before and after each Mass.

8) **Ryfields Village** – There is a Service of the Word & Communion every Sunday at 10.30 am.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
Sunday 24 October Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell *World Mission Day*	**10.30 am Mass** Frank Healey	**(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass** Fr Gerard Postlethwaite **8.30 am Mass** The Parishioners & Claire Taylor
Monday 25 October		**7.00 pm Prayer Group**
Tuesday 26 October		**10.00 am Mass** Mary Robinson
Wednesday 27 October	**11.00 am Mass** Catherine & Joanna Eason	
Thursday 28 October Feast of SS Simon & Jude, Apostles		**10.00 am Mass** Teresa & Bill Moss **7.00 pm Novena to Our Lady**
Friday 29 October	**11.00 am Mass** Brenda Snelson	
Saturday 30 October	**2.00 pm Wedding Service** Hannah Clark & Patrick Birchall	**4.30 pm Vigil Mass** The Parishioners
Sunday 31 October Solemnity of All Saints	**10.30 am Mass** James O'Donnell	**8.30 am Mass** Stanislaw & Genowefa Matkowski

NOVEMBER PIOUS LISTS

You will find the traditional Pious Lists for November next to the newsletters. 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.

NOTICE FOR ST OSWALD'S

Please note: The pathway between St Oswald's and Sheerwater Close will be closed for 24 hours from **10.00 am on Monday 25 October to 10.00 am on Tuesday 26 October**. Apologies for any inconvenience.

PRAYER FOR COP26 CLIMATE TALKS

In the run up to COP26 (31 October – 12 November), we are invited to pray:

Loving God, we praise your name
with all you have created.
You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.
We acknowledge the responsibilities you have
placed upon us as stewards of your creation.
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders
at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes
needed to foster a more sustainable society.
Instil in them the courage and gentleness
to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations
to the care of Our Common Home.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today	**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**
Readings	Jeremiah 31: 7-9
	Hebrews 5: 1-6
	Mark 10: 46-52
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Week 30

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

St Benedict's

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

St Mary's

Luciano Bartolo and Hilda Creagan.

St Oswald's

Keith Bate, Catherine Carne, Peter Cox, Susan Disley, Betty Fiddler, Margaret Inkersol, Sam Johnson, Miriam Jones, Mary Massey, Mike McCarrick, Jo Roberts, 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:

Brian John Travis.

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