PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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

Newsletter

Solemnity of Christ the King (B)
21 November 2021

My dear sisters and brothers,

Solemnity of Christ the King
Today is Solemnity of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the Church's year. It's also **World Youth Day** when we celebrate the presence and contribution of young people in the life of the Church. The Archdiocesan Synod very clearly asked that young people be a priority for us in the Archdiocese. You can find out more about World Youth Day here: www.worldyouthday.com

There will be a **Second Collection** as you leave church today to support the ongoing work of youth ministry in the Archdiocese. There is also a leaflet explaining how this money is spent during the year.

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land
As you know, our parish is paired with two parishes in Jordan – Fr Fares Syriani and the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary in Kerak, and Fr Athos Righi and the parishioners of St James the Less in Ma'in.

For the last few years, we've sent Christmas cards to our sisters and brothers in these parishes. These cards have been received with immense gratitude.

If you would be willing to send a Christmas card to one or both parishes this year, please write a card and bring it to church by **Sunday 5 December** at the latest. You don't need to stamp or address the envelope, simply write a message of hope and assure them of your prayers. I will then post all the cards together.

Red Wednesday
This Wednesday, 24 November, 'Aid to the Church in Need' invites us to stand in solidarity with Christians, and others, who are persecuted for their peacefully held beliefs. There are three practical ways we could do this:
1) We could **light a candle and say a prayer** – at home or in church.
2) We could **wear something 'red'** on Wednesday. Red is the colour we use for martyrs. Christians are the most persecuted faith group in the world today.
3) We could **find out more** about Red Wednesday at: https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/

Fr Raymond
Fr Raymond is settling in well at Sacred Heart. Last Monday, Fr John Schofield and I took him to Liverpool to show him our two cathedrals. There's always so much to see in the cathedrals, and the peaceful atmosphere in both did us the world of good. They're worth a visit if you've not been for a while.

Covid-19
2021 is nearly over! Who would have thought we'd still be in a pandemic? It's tiring and disheartening at times. I remain dismayed at the Government for risking the health of the nation by removing all mitigations to prevent the spread of the virus. There have been over 11,000 deaths since 19 July and a high level of infection averaging at 40,000 a day! It's utterly unacceptable. Please take care and stay safe.

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

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

7) **Communion at Home** – If you are not able to come to Mass and would like to receive communion at home, please phone the Parish Office (630127).

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
Sunday 21 November Solemnity of Christ the King (B) *World Youth Day*	**10.30 am Mass** Josie Hackwell	**(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass** Price Family **8.30 am Mass** The Parishioners
Monday 22 November St Cecilia		**7.00 pm Prayer Group**
Tuesday 23 November		**11.00 am Mass** Agnes Cook
Wednesday 24 November St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions *Red Wednesday*	**11.00 am Mass** Nadine Davies	
Thursday 25 November	*(Mass at St Gregory's High School)*	**11.00 am Mass** Brenda Malone & Mary Malone **7.00 pm Novena to Our Lady**
Friday 26 November	**11.00 am Mass** Andrew Hodgkinson	
Saturday 27 November	**2.00 pm Wedding Anniversary Mass**	**4.30 pm Vigil Mass** Alan Williams
Sunday 28 November 1st Sunday of Advent (C)	**10.30 am Mass** Harry Howl	**8.30 am Mass** The Parishioners

ADVENT COLLECTIONS

This year's Advent Collections run until 15 December:

1) **Warrington Foodbank**

If you buy something extra when you're out shopping, you can bring it to church, and we'll take it to the Foodbank.

2) **Parish Caritas Fund**

We use donations to this fund to support individuals and families in the parish who are struggling financially through no fault of their own.

3) **St Francis Collection**

Dog and puppy, cat and kitten, rabbit and guinea pig food, treats and toys to help Warrington Animal Welfare care for the enormous number of animals that are tragically abandoned during the year, especially over the Christmas period.

Thank you for your kindness.

BISHOP TOM NEYLON

Bishop Tom Neylon will come and celebrate Mass in his home parish at 4.30 pm on Saturday 4 December at St Oswald's. I hope this will give us a chance to greet and catch up with Bishop Tom since his Episcopal Ordination in September.

COLLECTIONS – OCTOBER 2021

Offertories	£3623.29	*(£1870.00 Gift Aid)*
Standing Orders	£727.00	*(£477.00 Gift Aid)*
Total	**£4350.29**	*(£2347.00 Gift Aid)*
CAFOD Fast Day	£279.50	
World Missions	£290.86	
Parish Caritas	£389.00	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today	**Solemnity of Christ the King (B)**
Readings	Daniel 7: 13-14 Apocalypse 1: 5-8 John 18: 33-37
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 34

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:

Michael Joseph Lucock

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