

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
2 October 2022

My dear sisters and brothers,

CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day

CAFOD, the Church's Agency for Overseas Development, marks its annual Harvest Fast Day this Friday, 7 October, with an appeal to help the millions of people around the world struggling to put food on the table.

The world food crisis could be the worst in living memory. CAFOD's local experts are working hard to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa. "It's very distressing to be unable to feed your children", says Talaso from Marsabit in Kenya. "As a mother, that's the most distressing thing of all."

Climate change, coronavirus, and the conflict in Ukraine, are causing food prices to rocket. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. This Friday, we can help by supporting CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. If you feel you can, please help support communities around the world facing starvation by taking an envelope home with you, placing an offering inside it, and returning it next weekend. Alternatively, you can donate online here:

www.cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day

God of all,

Open our eyes to see the needs
of our brothers and sisters.

Open our ears to hear your words
of hope and compassion.

Open our mouths to speak up
when people are suffering.

Open our hearts, to reach out in love.

Amen.

Warm Spaces

You may have heard of the initiative called 'Warm Spaces'. With the massive rise in energy bills, some churches, community centres and libraries are opening their doors to anyone who would appreciate some warmth and company in a safe environment. I would like to try this at St Benedict's where we can heat the Holy Family Chapel, make it cosy, and provide some hot food and drinks. I plan to do this on Wednesdays after the 11.00 am Mass until 4.00 pm each week during the winter months. If it's helpful, we may think of offering it on other days too.

If you think you might be able to help in some small way, there will be a **short meeting** this Wednesday after the 11.00 am Mass at St Benedict's.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Last Sunday's Teddy Bears Picnic was fantastic. Thank you so much to everyone who came, to all those who made donations, and to Chris Sykes and her fabulous team. There are some photos on my blog on the parish website courtesy of Gabrielle Atkinson.

Autumn and Winter

This year, we will not be able to heat our churches as we usually do because of the massive rise in energy costs. Although I hope to at least take the chill off the buildings when we gather for Mass, I strongly advise dressing warmly for church. It's better to take layers off than not having anything to put on!

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. Tel: 01925 630127. Email address: 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 private prayer: Monday to Friday, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm (except on Bank Holidays). Our churches are also open 30 minutes before Mass.

6) **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 2 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	10.30 am Mass The Parishioners 2.00 pm Blessing of Animals	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Fr Gerald Postlethwaite 8.30 am Mass Canon John Short
Monday 3 October		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 4 October St Francis of Assisi		11.00 am Mass Vincent Hennessey
Wednesday 5 October	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Michael Waterhouse	
Thursday 6 October		No Mass or Novena today <i>(Fr Dave attending meeting for priests)</i>
Friday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary <i>CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day</i>	11.00 am Mass Rita Devine	
Saturday 8 October		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Ron Clare
Sunday 9 October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners & Dependents</i>	10.30 am Mass Kathryn Bradshaw	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

25.09.22	£667.24	(£245.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£122.07	(£98.99 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£40.00	
Total	£829.31	
Donations	£370.00	(Rita Devine's Funeral)
<i>Thank you so much for your generosity.</i>		

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
<i>Readings</i>	Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14 Luke 17: 5-10
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 27

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group will be meeting at 8.00 pm on Thursday 6 October in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre. All welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES & NEVERS

Chris Sykes will be leading a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers from 1 - 8 June 2023. Cost: £645 half-board and room sharing (single room supplement £170). Travel insurance (unless you have your own) is £50 – no age limit or medical screening required. Passports need to be valid no less than 8 December 2023. For further information, pick up a sheet from the back of church or contact Chris on 07587 046985.

SPANISH MASS

Mass in Spanish now takes place at St Vincent's, St James Street, Liverpool L1 5JN, on the second Sunday of every month at 4.00 pm. All are welcome!

'COME AND SEE' DAY

Saturday 8 October, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD. Speaker: Fr Eamonn Mulcahy. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

St Benedict's & St Mary's

Luciano Bartolo, Vera Brindle, Hilda Creagan, Carol Feeney, Malcolm Hackwell, Jean Hendricks, Anne Hill, Mary Hinchliffe, Thomas Ireland, Susan Keating, Peter Milner, Trina Mouldsdale, Sandra Richardson, Kate Rigby, Margaret Russell-Cruise, Pembolina Smith, Matilde Valentine, Paul Vernon, Dolores Woodall.

St Oswald's

Keith Bate, Louise Boughey, Catherine Carne, Peter Cox, Susan Disley, Betty Fiddler, Margaret Inkersol, Sam Johnson, Miriam Jones, Mike McCarrick, Jean Murphy, Sheila Pinnock, Jo Roberts, Cathy Spencer, Claire Taylor, Margaret Watts.

Other Parishes

Alan Brompton, Catherine Donaldson, John Hughes (Vietnam), June Fallon, Jean Jones, Margaret Mobbs, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park).

Those who have died recently, especially:

Bernard Hill and Jimmy O'Halloran.

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