

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

World Mission Day

23 October 2022

My dear sisters and brothers,

Fr John Gildea RIP

On Monday night, Fr John Gildea, parish priest of St Peter and St Michael in Woolston, died suddenly but peacefully. He was 84 years old.

Warm hearted, down-to-earth, always welcoming, deeply caring and with a terrific sense of humour, Fr John was loved by so many people. We're going to miss him greatly.

May the Lord now welcome this good and faithful servant into his heavenly home.

St Oswald's Parish Centre

At the end of this week, the Manager of St Oswald's Parish Centre, Steve Boardman, will be moving on to new things. Steve became Manager in 2018 after serving at St Benedict's for six years. At the time, St Oswald's Parish Centre was facing closure after falling into debt for some years. Within twelve months, Steve got the Club out of debt. Despite the pandemic, when the Club had to close during two of the lockdowns, Steve has managed to keep the club out of debt. In short, he has saved the Club from closure and made it profitable again.

I am incredibly grateful to Steve and will miss him. He has served our Parish Centres for the last ten years with untiring dedication. He has been utterly reliable and dependable – rare gifts these days. So, thank you, Steve, and all the very best in your new work.

May I also thank those who patronise our Parish Centres. As well as providing a social place for the

community, the Parish Centres help to fund our Catholic schools and churches.

Covid-19 Update

At last, some good news! The latest wave of Covid-19 seems to have peaked at around 230,000 cases a day – much lower than the last wave. Thankfully, numbers have been coming down this week, so I have decided not to change our protocols for the time being.

Warm Spaces

As from 1 November, we'll be able to provide two warm spaces: **Wednesdays**, 12.00 noon – 4.00 pm, in the Holy Family Chapel of St Benedict's Church (including a soup lunch from 12.00 – 1.00 pm); **Thursdays**, 1.00 – 3.30 pm, in St Benedict's Parish Centre. I am hoping to provide a warm space at St Oswald's Parish Centre too. The Department of Wellbeing at Warrington Council are going to send a list of other warm spaces which I'll copy for you.

World Mission Day

Finally, today is 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

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 23 October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) <i>World Mission Day</i>	10.30 am Mass People from Hong Kong	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Rita Devine 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 24 October		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 25 October		11.00 am Mass Rita Devine
Wednesday 26 October	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass James O'Donnell	
Thursday 27 October		11.00 am Mass Teresa & Bill Moss 7.00 pm Novena
Friday 28 October Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles	11.00 am Mass Catherine & Joanna Eason	
Saturday 29 October		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Laurence & Agnes O'Connor Margaret Lomax
Sunday 30 October Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell	10.30 am Mass Jack Whittaker	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

16.10.22	£687.94	(£223.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£122.07	(£98.99 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£77.00	
Total	£887.01	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

NOTICE FOR ST OSWALD'S

Please note: The pathway between St Oswald's and Sheerwater Close will be closed for 24 hours from **11.00 pm on Sunday 23 October to 11.00 pm on Monday 24 October**. Apologies for any inconvenience.

NOVEMBER PIOUS LISTS

You will find the traditional Pious Lists for November at the back of church. 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.

PARISH FEAST DAY

Next weekend, we will celebrate our Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell (transferred from 20 April).

INSTALLATION OF CANONS

The installation of new Canons will take place in the Cathedral during the 12.15 pm Mass on Tuesday 8 November. A coach which will leave St Oswald's at 11.00 am and St Benedict's at 11.10 am. If you want to come and haven't signed up, please phone the Parish Office to book a place.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
<i>Readings</i>	Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-18 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 30

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, Pembolina Smith, Matilde Valentine, Paul Vernon, Dolores Woodall.

St Oswald's

Keith Bate, Louise Boughy, 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, Deacon John Trainer, John Hughes (Vietnam), June Fallon, Jean Jones, Margaret Mobbs, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park).

Those who have died recently, especially:

Fr John Gildea and Arthur Peers.

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