

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell 30 October 2022

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 four 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.

All Saints

During the month of November, we remember and pray especially for all those who have died. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on Tuesday 1 November. Originally an Easter feast, the Solemnity of All Saints remembers and celebrates all those people of every time and place who tried to follow Jesus during their lives on earth and are now with God in heaven.

All Souls

On Wednesday 2 November, the Church throughout the world prays for all the faithful departed. On this day and on Remembrance Sunday, we remember especially those parishioners who have died during the last twelve months by reading out their names during Mass.

Fr John Gildea RIP

The funeral arrangements for Fr Gildea are as follows:

Wednesday 2 November

St Peter's, Woolston

7.00 pm Reception of the Body
and Evening Prayer

(led by the Canons of the Chapter).

7.30 pm Vigil Mass

Celebrated by Bishop Tom Williams

Thursday 3 November

St Oswald's, Padgate

2.00 pm Funeral Mass

Celebrated by the Archbishop.

The committal will take place at Walton Lea
Crematorium at 4.00 pm.

We need volunteers to help with the Funeral on Thursday at St Oswald's: stewards for the car park, stewards to greet and guide people, volunteers to serve refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards, and so on. If you could help, please sign the sheet at the back of church this weekend. There will be a short meeting for volunteers in St Oswald's on Tuesday at 12.30 pm. Many thanks.

Warm Spaces

From 1 November, we will be providing two warm spaces: **Wednesdays**, 12.00 noon – 4.00 pm, in the sacristy at St Benedict's (including a soup lunch from 12.00 – 1.00 pm); **Thursdays**, 1.00 – 3.30 pm, in St Benedict's Parish Centre. I do hope this will be a little help this winter. I also hope to have details of other warm spaces very soon.

Digital Giving & Gift Aid

Finally, we have discovered that if you wish to Gift Aid your donation using the new credit/debit card facility, you only need to enter your details once. The device will remember your details for future donations providing you use the same card.

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 30 October Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell <i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass Jack Whittaker	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Laurence & Agnes O'Connor Margaret Lomax 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 31 October		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 1 November Solemnity of All Saints	11.00 am Mass The Parishioners	9.15 am School Mass (in church) 7.00 pm Mass Anita Yates
Wednesday 2 November All Souls	11.00 am Mass The Faithful Departed	
Thursday 3 November		2.00 pm Funeral Mass Fr John Gildea
Friday 4 November St Charles Borromeo	No Morning Mass today <i>(2.00 pm All Saints Mass in School)</i>	
Saturday 5 November		12.30 pm Wedding Service Naomi Warburton & Niall McKillop 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Kathleen Postlethwaite
Sunday 6 November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)	10.30 am Mass Patrick Timoney	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23.10.22	£738.83	(£341.83 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£122.07	(£98.99 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£134.00	(£24.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£994.90	
2nd Collection	£341.15	(World Missions)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
<i>Readings</i>	Wisdom 11: 22-12: 2 2 Thess 1: 11-2: 2 Luke 19: 1-10
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 31

NOVEMBER PIOUS LISTS

The traditional Pious Lists for November are 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.

MUSIC AT THE MET

Faure's Requiem and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis and Five Mystical Songs performed by Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, Liverpool Mozart Orchestra with Baritone Damian O'Keeffe and Conductor Christopher McElroy. Saturday 12 November at 7.00 pm in the Cathedral. Tickets £10 (£5 u18, NUS, over 65) from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

"However softly we speak, God is so close to us that he can hear us; nor do we need wings to go in search of him, but merely to seek solitude and contemplate him within ourselves, without being surprised to find such a good Guest there."

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, Arthur Peers, Jack Skelland and Alan Leigh.