

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**Solemnity of Christ the King (C)**  
**20 November 2022**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to Fr John Boles who will be making the annual Mission Appeal this weekend. Fr John, who was born in Stockport, is Director of the Columban Missionaries in Britain. Founded in 1918, the Columban Missionaries reach out to those across the world who are experiencing poverty and living on the margins of society, especially in Asia, Latin America and Oceania. There will be a **Second Collection** as you leave church to support the ministry of the Columban Missionaries.

### 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. You can find out more about **World Youth Day** here: [www.worldyouthday.com](http://www.worldyouthday.com)

### Red Wednesday

This Wednesday, 23 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 four practical ways we could do this:

- 1) We could light a candle and say a prayer – at home or in church.
- 2) We could go to Mass and offer it for those who are suffering for their faith.
- 3) 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.
- 4) We could find out more about Red Wednesday at: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>

### 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 **next weekend**. 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.

### Advent Collections

This year's Advent Collections run until 11 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

If you wish, you could make a donation to our Parish Caritas Fund. We use this money to support those who are struggling through no fault of their own.

#### 3) St Francis Collection

Food, treats and toys to help Warrington Animal Welfare care for the enormous number of animals that are tragically abandoned during the year, especially at present and over the Christmas period.

With my prayers,  
*Fr Dave*

### General Information

1) **Parish Priest:** Canon Dave Heywood. Tel: 01925 630127. Email: [frdave@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:frdave@rcaolp.co.uk) Address: St Benedict's Priory, Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE. **Deacons:** Revv Tony Kerrigan & David Boyle.

2) **Parish Office:** Mrs Celia Rigby. Monday to Friday, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm. Tel: 01925 630127. Email address: [blessedjamesbell@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:blessedjamesbell@rcaolp.co.uk)

3) **Parish Website** [www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk](http://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 – 3.00 pm.

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
<b>Sunday 20 November</b> Solemnity of Christ the King (C) <i>World Youth Day</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Rita & Dermott Lappin	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Mark Wilkie <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 21 November</b> Presentation of Our Lady		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 22 November</b> St Cecilia	<b>1.15 pm Funeral Mass</b> John Skelland	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Private Intention (TL)
<b>Wednesday 23 November</b> 'Red Wednesday'	<b>10.15 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Christine Meanley <b>2.15 pm Funeral Service</b> Michael Dodd	
<b>Thursday 24 November</b> St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Members of the Holt Family <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 25 November</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Mamsa Mioz	
<b>Saturday 26 November</b>	<i>(Wedding at St Peter's)</i>	<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> John McGinty
<b>Sunday 27 November</b> 1st Sunday of Advent (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Harry Howl	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

13.11.22	£745.34	(£249.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£122.07	(£98.99 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£167.00	(£32.00 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1034.41</b>	
Donations	£265.34	(Cantonese Mass)
<i>Thank you so much for your generosity.</i>		

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)*

<b>Today</b>	<b>Solemnity of Christ the King (C)</b>
<i>Readings</i>	2 Samuel: 5: 1-3 Colossians 1: 12-20 Luke 23: 35-43
<b>Weekdays</b>	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 34

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**Today** there will be a second collection for this year's annual Mission Appeal.

**Next Sunday** there will be a second collection to support the work of the youth ministry in the Archdiocese: [www.animateyouth.org](http://www.animateyouth.org)

### WARM SPACES

**Wednesdays** in the sacristy at St Benedict's: 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm with soup (12.00 – 1.00 pm) and hot drinks throughout. Many thanks to the hosts.

**Thursdays** in St Benedict's Parish Centre: 1.00 – 3.00 pm. Many thanks to Adam for hosting.

### COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

If you would like to know more about the Diaconate, there is an information evening with the Archbishop on Tuesday 29 November, 7.30 – 9.00 pm (refreshments from 7.00 pm) at Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Wavertree, Liverpool L15 6YQ. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome. For more information, please email Deacon Paul Rooney: [p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk)

### 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 Boughey, Catherine Carne, Peter Cox, Susan Disley, Betty & Tom 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:**

Jack Skelland and Michael Dodd.