

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**1st Sunday of Advent (A)**  
**27 November 2022**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### The Gift of Advent

Today we begin the Season of Advent – a time of preparation for the great feast of Christmas.

This time of the year can be difficult for a lot of people. The weather is getting colder and wetter, the days are getting shorter and darker, the traffic and the shops get busier, workloads increase, people feel stressed, and tempers can fray.

Into all this comes the gift of Advent. The prayers and readings at daily Mass are among the most beautiful of the Church's year. The Lord reassures us that he's coming to us, that he loves us and walks with us. His presence calms us, comforts us, and encourages us. He is a light in the darkness, a beacon of hope.

This is why I look forward to Advent. It really is a gift at this time of year. If we can take time to stop for a few moments each day and ponder a line of two from the daily Scriptures, we will find ourselves anchored in the Lord again and aware of his loving presence accompanying us in all the moments of the day.

To help us to do this, you may find the annual publications 'Advent Extra' and 'Walk With Me' (available in church) helpful. You can find the daily Scriptures online at <https://universalis.com> 'Pray As You Go' offers a five minute guided meditation on the Scriptures each day: <https://pray-as-you-go.org> CAFOD has numerous Advent resources on its website, and there will be a thought each day as usual on the Parish website.

As we bless and light the Advent Wreath in church this weekend, you might like to do the same at home:

Lord God,  
bless this wreath which we will use  
to prepare for the birth of your Son.  
May its light scatter the darkness in our lives,  
warm our hearts with hope,  
and guide us into the way of peace.

### Email Address Update

*Please note:* The Archdiocese has updated our email addresses. The old addresses will still work, but our new addresses are:

Fr Dave: [frdave@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:frdave@rcaol.org.uk)

Parish Office: [blessedjamesbell@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:blessedjamesbell@rcaol.org.uk)

### Mission Appeal

Fr John Boles, who made the Mission Appeal last weekend, has written to thank parishioners for their patience and kindness last weekend. He thoroughly enjoyed his visit and is most grateful to the stewards for assisting him at Mass and to everyone for the most generous collection.

### Thank You

...to those who have been able to write a Christmas Card for our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land.

...to all who have been able to donate to this year's Advent Collections (which run until 11 December).

...to Margo and Mary, Briar and Clare for the beautiful Advent wreaths.

...to those who have been helping with the Warm Space on Wednesdays.

With my prayers,  
*Fr Dave*

### General Information

1) **Parish Priest:** Canon Dave Heywood. Tel: 01925 630127. Email: [frdave@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:frdave@rcaol.org.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@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:blessedjamesbell@rcaol.org.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 27 November</b> 1st Sunday of Advent (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Harry Howl	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> John McGinty <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 28 November</b>		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 29 November</b>		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Peter McClean
<b>Wednesday 30 November</b> Feast of St Andrew, Apostle	<b>10.15 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Francis Dolan	
<b>Thursday 1 December</b> World AIDS Day		<b>No Mass today</b> <i>(Fr Dave attending Day for Priests)</i> Novena will resume in January
<b>Friday 2 December</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Private Intention	
<b>Saturday 3 December</b> St Francis Xavier		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Ken Hindle
<b>Sunday 4 December</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> Ellen Cox

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

20.11.22	£593.47	(£296.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£122.07	(£98.99 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£320.00	(£135.00 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1036.54</b>	
2nd Collection	£591.51	(Mission Appeal)
Donations	£100.00	(Cantonese Mass)

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today 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.

### LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group are meeting this Thursday, 1 December, at 8.00 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre for an Advent Evening.

### 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!

### VACANCIES

Part-time Assistant Librarian at Loreto Grammar. Full details: [www.loretogrammar.co.uk](http://www.loretogrammar.co.uk) Closing date: 28 November 2022.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)*

**Today** **1st Sunday of Advent (A)**

*Readings* Isaiah 2: 1-5  
Romans 13: 11-14  
Matthew 24: 37-44

**Weekdays** Advent – Week 1

*MARANATHA! Come Lord Jesus!*

### 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 Mouldsdales, Sandra Richardson, Kate Rigby, Pembolina Smith, Matilde Valentine, Paul Vernon, Dolores Woodall.

*St Oswald's*

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

**Those who have died recently, especially:**

Deacon John Trainer, John Curley, Michael Morris.

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