

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
29 January 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Reimagining Care

Last Tuesday, the Church of England released a report on social care entitled, *"Care and Support Reimagined: A National Care Covenant for England"*. The report is a refreshing read. It sets out three actions to realise a new vision for social care: rethinking attitudes to care and support; rebalancing roles and responsibilities; and redesigning the social care system.

The report is based on eighteen months of listening and engaging with people who draw on care and support, unpaid carers, care workers, and organisations that provide and commission care, as well as experts.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, said: "This report gives me hope that we can rise to the challenge of fixing our broken social care system. Jesus Christ offers every human being life in all its fullness, and so we must broaden our understanding of care and support as the means by which everyone, regardless of age or ability, can experience abundant life. Rooted in the right values, the development of a National Care Covenant is a step towards this, where everyone is engaged in a collaborative effort to ensure that we can all access the care and support we need."

You can read the report on the Church of England website or on my blog on the Parish website.

### World Leprosy Day

Today, the last Sunday in January, is World Leprosy Day. A Prayer from St Francis Leprosy Guild:

**Lord, we remember the many people around the world afflicted by leprosy.  
May we follow the example of your Son, Jesus,**

**and St Francis of Assisi,  
and show them love and compassion.  
We pray that they may be freed from the disease  
and its stigma.  
We give thanks for those who have been cured.  
We remember those who are permanently marked  
by the disease and all who care for them.**

With my prayers,  
*Fr Dave*

### COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting a Diaconate Information Evening on Wednesday 8 February, 7.30 - 9.00 pm, in St George's Parish Centre, Station Road, Maghull L31 3DF (refreshments available from 7.00 pm). The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the Diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information, please email Fr Chris Fallon [c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk) or Deacon Paul Rooney [p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk)

### CONFIRMATIONS 2023

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please visit the website [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page. Registration is open until 17 March 2023. Information about the preparation scheme can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

### LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group at St Oswald's plan to meet up again in March. Dates to be confirmed. Watch this space.

### 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)**  
Wednesdays: 10.15 – 10.45 am at St Benedict's  
Saturdays: After the 4.30 pm Mass at St Oswald's  
Confession is also available on request.
- 5) **St Benedict's Church** is open for private prayer: Monday to Friday, 9.30 am – 3.00 pm.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
<b>Sunday 29 January</b> 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Alan O'Donnell	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Price Family <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 30 January</b>		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 31 January</b> St John Bosco		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Nadine Davies
<b>Wednesday 1 February</b>	<b>10.15 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Gary O'Donnell	
<b>Thursday 2 February</b> Feast of the Presentation of the Lord ( <i>'Candlemas'</i> )		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Pat Bradley <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 3 February</b> St Blaise	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Private Intention (LISC)	
<b>Saturday 4 February</b>		<b>4.30 pm First Communion</b> <b>Presentation Mass</b> Tom Fiddler
<b>Sunday 5 February</b> 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> ( <i>including Children's Liturgy</i> ) Teresa & Bill Moss	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23.01.23	£748.02	(£265.16 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£122.07	(£98.99 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£116.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£986.09</b>	

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### WARM SPACES AT ST BENEDICT'S

*(Food, drinks and good company)*

Tuesdays 12.00 – 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre

Wednesdays 12.00 – 2.00 pm in the Church  
Sacristy Meeting Room

Thursdays 12.00 – 2.00 pm & 5.00 – 7.00 pm  
in the Parish Centre

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 26 June 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board, and all entertainment and excursions. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

### COME AND SING

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sing in a large choir at the Metropolitan Cathedral? If so, why not come along on **Saturday 25 March** and join a massed choir who will sing Antonio Vivaldi's popular Gloria, alongside a special new piece of music composed in honour of Our Lady. For full details:

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events)

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 4)*

**Today** **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

*Readings* Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Matthew 5: 1-12

**Weekdays** Ordinary Time: Year 1, Week 4

### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

**Those who are sick or homebound, especially:**

*St Benedict's & St Mary's*

Luciano Bartolo, Vera Brindle, Ian Buist, 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, Catherine Carne, Peter Cox, Susan Disley, Betty Fiddler, Sam Johnson, Miriam Jones, Jean Murphy, Sheila Pinnock, Jo Roberts, Cathy Spencer, Claire Taylor, Margaret Watts.

*Other Parishes*

Catherine Donaldson, John Hughes (Vietnam), June Fallon, Tracey Hand, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Margaret Mobbs, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park), Pendar (a little Iranian boy).

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

Vincent Lawton, Maureen Eden, Stephen Millington, Sheena Hardman, Fr Dave Melly.