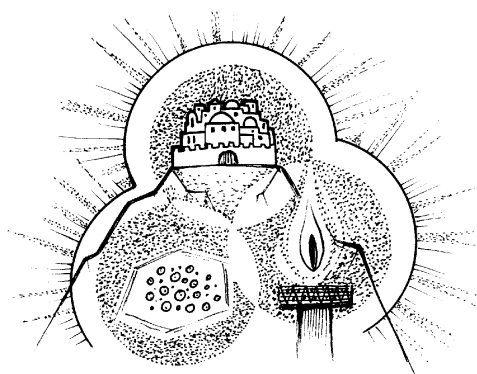


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Racial Justice Day
5 February 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

First Communion

A very warm welcome to the children in Year 4 at St Oswald's, together with their parents, who will be joining us for the 4.30 pm Mass this weekend as they begin their preparation for First Communion.

If there are children in Year 4 who are not at a Catholic School but who would like to celebrate First Communion this year, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you.

Let The Children Live!

Next weekend, Fr Peter Walters will join us for Mass and make an appeal on behalf of the charity, 'Let The Children Live'.

I first met Fr Peter ten years ago. He works in Columbia trying to safeguard the lives of children from the violence and poverty of the streets, and to make their lives worth living by giving them love, education and a future.

Fr Peter is an inspiration – he and his team do amazing work. I know you will enjoy meeting him and hearing all about his small charity. You can find out more here: www.letthechildrenlive.org

Readers

I am very grateful to those parishioners who read for us at Mass. Your ministry enables the rest of us to hear the Word of God. We have some new Readers and we've not had the opportunity to meet so far. So I would like to invite all Readers to come together for a short meeting at St Benedict's on Thursday 23 February, 7.00 – 8.00 pm.

Confirmation

If you have a child or grandchild in Year 8, please encourage them to sign up for the Sacrament of Confirmation by visiting the website www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and clicking on 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page. Signing up will mean your child or grandchild will be included in this year's preparation for Confirmation which will help them to decide if this is something they want to do at this stage in their lives. Registration is open until 17 March 2023.

Chapter Mass

One of my first duties as a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter is to join with the other Canons every other month to pray for the Archbishop and the whole Archdiocese. We do this at a Chapter Mass at midday in the Cathedral. My first Chapter Mass is this coming Wednesday, so there will be no Mass at St Benedict's on that day. However, there will be Exposition in church so that those who want can join the Canons in praying for the Archbishop and the diocese.

Padgate Walking Day

Councillor Diana Friend has had to step down as Chief Marshal and Organiser for Walking Day. So we need to appoint a new Chief Marshal and Organiser for Walking Day to go ahead this year. This needs to be done fairly immediately as notices and event plans have to be submitted to the Council very soon. While we will need one named person, I think it would be preferable to have a small team of people – it will make the task much easier. If you would be willing to help, please let me know by Monday evening. Thanks.

With my prayers,
Fr Dave

General Information

1) **Parish Priest:** Canon Dave Heywood. Tel: 01925 630127. Email: 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

3) **Parish Website** 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
Sunday 5 February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>(including Children's Liturgy)</i> Teresa & Bill Moss	(Sat) 4.30 pm First Communion Presentation Mass Tom Fiddler 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 6 February St Paul Miki & Companions		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 7 February	12.30 pm Funeral Mass Vincent Lawton	11.00 am Mass Mark Kelly
Wednesday 8 February St Josephine Bakhita <i>Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking</i>	10.15 – 11.30 am Exposition <i>(No Mass today)</i>	
Thursday 9 February		11.00 am Mass John Morris 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 10 February St Scholastica	10.00 am Funeral Service Maureen Eden	
Saturday 11 February Our Lady of Lourdes <i>(Day of Prayer for the Sick and those who care for them)</i>		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Eileen Lawton
Sunday 12 February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass The Parishioners	8.30 am Mass Robert Crook

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

29.01.23 £845.02 (£398.50 Gift Aid)
 Standing Orders £122.07 (£98.99 Gift Aid)
 Digital Giving £166.00
Total £1133.09

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 Church
 Thursdays 5.00 – 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre

VACANCIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

See under 'Careers' at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Parish Administrator (15 hours per week) – St Edward the Confessor Parish, Wigan. Parish Centre Manager, designated premises supervisor (DPS) – St Joseph's (WA5). Parish Centre Manager, designated premises supervisor (DPS) – St Oswald's (WA1). Parish Administrator (10 hours per week) – St Mary's Woolton. Maintenance Assistant – Metropolitan Cathedral.

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

Today 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Readings Isaiah 58: 7-10
 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
 Matthew 5: 13-16
Weekdays Ordinary Time: Year 1, Week 5

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 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 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, Patricia Ann Jackson.