

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
12 February 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Let The Children Live!

A very warm welcome to Fr Peter Walters who is joining us this weekend to make an appeal on behalf of a small charity called, 'Let The Children Live'. Fr Peter 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. You can find out more here: [www.letthechildrenlive.org](http://www.letthechildrenlive.org)

### Earthquakes in Turkey & Syria

As you know, two massive earthquakes struck Turkey and Syria last Monday. Thousands have been killed and the death toll continues to rise. Many have been injured, and many more are searching and grieving for loved ones. The sheer scale of the disaster is beyond comprehension. Thankfully, more than forty nations have reached out with help.

CAFOD is responding by providing food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. If you would like to help, you can make a donation to CAFOD here: [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give)

**We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria,  
whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake.  
Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd,  
to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness.  
Shield the people who suffer,  
console those who are bereaved,  
prosper the provision of relief,  
strengthen the work of emergency teams,  
and shine your light and hope  
in the midst of despair.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*(Prayer from the Diocese of Europe)*

### Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This July, the Archdiocese will mark one hundred years since the first Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923. St Peter's, Woolston, are joining this year's pilgrimage. If you would like to join them and stay in the same hotel, they still have places. Check out their parish website for more information:

<https://stpeterschurchwoolston.jimdo.com/news-round/our-archdiocese/lourdes>

### Padgate Walking Day

I am very grateful to Stephen Brady from St Oswald's for offering to be the Chief Marshal for this year's Walking Day. Without Stephen's kind offer of help, Walking Day would not be able to take place this year. Sadly, I had no response from the other churches that make up Churches Together in East Warrington which is responsible for Walking Day. Each year, there are plenty of people who complain about what's wrong with Walking Day, yet fewer and fewer are willing to help with the planning and organisation. The 'tradition' won't be able to continue unless we can encourage the under-60's to give a little and get involved.

### First Communion

Finally, we had a great start to this year's First Communion preparation at St Oswald's last weekend. This week, letters have gone out to parents of children in Year 4 at St Benedict's Catholic Primary School inviting them to sign up. 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. Many thanks.

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)**  
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 12 February</b> 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Eileen Lawton <b>8.30 am Mass</b> Robert Crook
<b>Monday 13 February</b>		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 February</b> Saints Cyril & Methodius		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Alice Taylor
<b>Wednesday 15 February</b>	<b>10.15 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Private Intention (Canons)	
<b>Thursday 16 February</b>	<b>9.00 am – 12.00 noon</b> Confessions in Cantonese	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Mark Kelly <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 17 February</b>	<b>11.30 am Funeral Mass</b> Stephen Millington	
<b>Saturday 18 February</b>		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Moiria King
<b>Sunday 19 February</b> 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>(including Children's Liturgy)</i> The Parishioners	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> Carole Lawless

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

05.02.23            £774.81    (£295.50 Gift Aid)  
 Standing Orders   £122.07   (£98.99 Gift Aid)  
 Digital Giving       £196.34  
**Total                £1093.22**

*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

### LGBTQ+ CATHOLICS

The next Mass with LGBTQ+ Catholics and friends will take place at 2.00 pm on Sunday 26 February at St Bede's, Widnes WA8 6EL followed by a social gathering. All are most welcome.

### CONFIRMATION

Young people in Year 8 are invited to sign up for the Sacrament of Confirmation by visiting the website [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and clicking on 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page. Registration is open until 17 March 2023.

### READERS

Parish Readers are invited to come together for a short meeting at St Benedict's on Thursday 23 February, 7.00 – 8.00 pm.

*A very warm welcome to Fr Bruno Lepeu who will be visiting our Hong Kong parishioners this week.*

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)*

**Today                6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

*Readings*            Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Matthew 5: 17-37

**Weekdays**        Ordinary Time: Year 1, Week 6

### 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, Jean Jones, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Margaret Mobbs, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park), Pendar (a little Iranian boy).

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

Stephen Millington, Patricia Ann Jackson, Ella O'Kane, Mary McKenna and Rory Cullen.