

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**2nd Sunday of Lent (A)
5 March 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

First Communion

A very warm welcome to the children in Year 4 at St Oswald's, and their families, who are preparing for First Communion. They will be joining us for the Vigil Mass this weekend as part of their preparation.

Next Sunday, the children in Year 4 at St Benedict's will join us for the 10.30 am Mass.

For those children at non-Catholic Schools, I will be in touch this week to arrange a meeting in the near future.

Chrism Mass

On the Wednesday of Holy Week, 5 March, the Archbishop will bless the Oils we will use in the sacraments during the next twelve months. This year, three of our families from Hong Kong will be taking part in the Offertory Procession, and our altar servers are invited to vest and take part in the Mass. As usual, we will be taking a coach. More details next weekend.

Last Call for Confirmation

Young people in Year 8, who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, are invited to visit the website www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click 'Register for Confirmation' in the top right-hand corner of the page. **Registration closes on 17 March 2023.** Information about the preparation scheme can also be found on the website. Please encourage children and grandchildren who are in Year 8 to sign up. The preparation will help them to decide if they want to be confirmed at this stage in their lives. Many thanks.

Hospital

Just a reminder: (1) If you have a loved one in hospital who needs a priest urgently, please ask one of the nurses to contact the 'On Call Catholic Priest' rather than phoning around the parishes. This is the quickest way of getting a priest to the hospital. (2) If you have a loved one in hospital who would like a priest to visit them, please contact Fr Dave on 630127. Thank you.

Gap Year with Animate Youth Ministries

Are you... Over 18? Interested in working with young people aged 11-18? Willing to share your faith and experiences? Wanting to be part of something bigger? Then a Gap Year with Animate might be for you! For more information on how a Gap Year with Animate might be what you are looking for, please see the Animate YouTube channel (Playlist – Join the Team), or visit www.animateyouth.org or call 01744 740461 or email admin@animateyouth.co.uk

Still wondering what to do for Lent?

How's Lent going? It's not too late to start something if you've not got round to it, or to start again if you've given up. Here's a simple idea. There's a prayer list at the end of the newsletter each week. Why not cut it out and stick it on your bathroom mirror? Then, every time you look in the mirror, pick a name and simply ask our Lord to bless that person.

Let's have a good week!

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.

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
Sunday 5 March 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)	10.30 am Mass <i>(including Children's Liturgy)</i> Amelia Baylen	(Sat) 4.30 pm First Communion Preparation Mass Anne Rowlands 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 6 March		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 7 March		11.00 am Mass Mike Morris
Wednesday 8 March	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Hilary Katherine Price 11.45 am Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 9 March		11.30 am Funeral Mass Maeve Kinney 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 10 March	11.15 am Funeral Mass Rory Cullen	
Saturday 11 March		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Tom Fiddler
Sunday 12 March 3rd Sunday of Lent (A)	10.30 am First Communion Presentation Mass Leo Wall	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

26.02.23	£964.33	(£396.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£168.50	
Total	£1262.52	
Caritas	£100.00	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today	2nd Sunday of Lent (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Genesis 12: 1-4 2 Timothy 1: 8-10 Matthew 17: 1-9
Weekdays	Lent – Week 2

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, as you leave church, there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD's Lent Fast Day which was on Friday.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 10.15 – 11.00 am at St Benedict's
Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 11.45 am at St Benedict's
Thursday 7.00 pm at St Oswald's.

LISTENING SESSIONS

There will listening sessions after the weekend Masses on 18/19 March like the ones we had in preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod. The purpose of these sessions is to help the Deanery Synodal Council in discerning a way forward in our Deanery.

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

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

St Benedict's & St Mary's

Luciano Bartolo, Vera Brindle, Ian Buist, Carol Feeney, Malcolm Hackwell, Jean Hendricks, Anne Hill, Mary Hinchliffe, Ged Hughes, 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, Sr Maire Moms, Glenys Pegg, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park), Pendar (a little Iranian boy).

Those who have died recently, especially:

Maeve Kinney, Rory Cullen, Georgina Lomax.