

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**5th Sunday of Lent (A)
26 March 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Holy Week 2023

This year's schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

Palm Sunday

Saturday 4.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
Sunday 8.30 am Mass at St Oswald's
10.30 am Mass at St Benedict's

Tuesday of Holy Week

11.00 am Mass at St Oswald's
7.30 pm Penance Service at St Oswald's
(*Service of Reconciliation*)

Wednesday of Holy Week

11.00 am Mass at St Benedict's
7.30 pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Holy Thursday

7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(with 'Watching' until 9.30 pm)
St Benedict's

Good Friday

11.00 am Stations of the Cross for Children
St Benedict's
12.00 noon Stations of the Cross
St Oswald's
3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
St Oswald's

Holy Saturday

8.00 pm The Easter Vigil at St Oswald's
(*Please note: No 4.30 pm Vigil Mass*)

Easter Sunday

8.30 am Mass at St Oswald's
10.30 am Mass at St Benedict's

Chrism Mass

If you would like a place on the coach going to the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 5 April, please sign the list at the back of church. The coach will depart from St Oswald's at 6.15 pm and St Benedict's at 6.25 pm. The Mass usually finishes by 9.15 pm so we should be back by 10.00 pm. If you are able to contribute towards the cost of the coach, I suggest £5 per adult.

Listening Sessions

I'm very grateful to those who were able to stay behind after the Masses last weekend to begin to think how we might be the Church God is calling us to be in Warrington in the coming years. There was lots of hope and some interesting ideas. It was the beginning of what I hope will be a continuing conversation and reflection. Many thanks to our Parish Rep, Clare Lancaster, for leading the sessions.

Asylum and Refugee Work

Before the pandemic, we had worked hard raising the funds and undertaking the training necessary in order to offer a home to a Syrian refugee family. Now that things are better, I'm hoping we can try again. If any parishioners are interested, there is a networking and information session for those who work with Asylum Seekers and Refugees this Wednesday, 29 March, at 6.30 pm online. For more information and registration: https://Archdiocese_network_4_vols_staff_supporting_refugees.eventbrite.com

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 – 4.00 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 26 March 5th Sunday of Lent (A)	10.30 am First Communion Preparation Mass The Parishioners	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Anne Rowlands 8.30 am Mass Mary Gamble
Monday 27 March		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 28 March		10.00 am Funeral at Walton Lea Jack Disley (No 11.00 am Mass)
Wednesday 29 March	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Maureen Holt 11.45 am Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 30 March		11.00 am Mass Eileen Lawton 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 31 March	11.00 am Mass Canon John Joseph Dean	
Saturday 1 April		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Maureen Fisher
Sunday 2 April Palm Sunday (A)	10.30 am Mass (including Children's Liturgy) The Parishioners	8.30 am Mass Deacons Tony & David

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

19.03.23	£821.34	(£327.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£122.08	(£95.08 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£184.50	
Total	£1127.92	
2nd Collection	£308.19	(Nugent)
Donation	£400.00	(Church Heating)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

EASTER RAFFLE AT ST BENEDICT'S

The Easter Raffle is to raise funds for the Big Lunch on 7 May to mark the King's Coronation and this year's Walking Day. Many thanks to Chris Sykes and others for organising this and to all who have contributed.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for the new tax year are available as you leave church. Boxes with names on are Gift Aid envelopes; boxes without names on are non-Gift Aid for anyone to use.

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

CANTONESE MASS

On Easter Sunday, Fr Vince To from Hong Kong will celebrate Mass in Cantonese at St Anne's Church, Overbury Street, Liverpool L7 3HJ at 12.30 pm (with confessions from 11.45 am) followed by refreshments.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 5)

Today	5th Sunday of Lent (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Ezekiel 37: 12-14 Romans 8: 8-11 John 11: 1-45
Weekdays	Lent – 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, Peter Burke, 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, 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:

Jack Disley, Kathleen Riley, Margaret Russell-Cruise.