

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Palm Sunday (A)

2 April 2023

My dear sisters and brothers,

Holy Week

Today marks the beginning of the holiest week of the year for Christians – Holy Week. We remember and celebrate what Jesus did out of love for us – how he suffered, died, and rose to new life.

Palm Sunday

On this first day of Holy Week, we recall Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem. The people welcomed Jesus by waving palm leaves and singing 'Hosanna!' We too hold palms and sing 'Hosanna' as we go with Jesus into his Holy Week.

Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday evening, we recall the way Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and shared the Last Supper.

Good Friday

All over the world at 3.00 pm on Good Friday, Christians stop whatever they are doing (if they can) to celebrate the Passion of the Lord. In a very simple but ancient liturgy, we listen to St John's account of the Passion of the Lord, pray for the needs of the world, and venerate the Cross.

Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday

Finally, on Holy Saturday night – the holiest night of the year for Christians – we keep the 'mother of all vigils' (St Augustine). The big Easter candle will be lit. In the light of that candle, we listen to the stories of what God has done for his people through the ages. Then we renew our baptismal promises, welcome new members into the Church, and celebrate Christ's risen presence with us in the eucharist. This great celebration continues at Mass on Easter Sunday.

You will find the details of the various liturgies on the reverse side of this sheet.

If you will be celebrating Holy Week at home this year, I will be posting liturgies you can use on the Parish website. I've also posted these prayer sheets to those on the mailing list.

Chrism Mass

Many thanks to all those who've signed up to come to the Chrism Mass on Wednesday. The coach will depart promptly from St Oswald's at 6.15 pm and St Benedict's at 6.25 pm. We hope to be back in Warrington by 10.00 pm. If you're able to contribute towards the cost of the coach, I suggest £5 per adult.

Warm Space

The warm space we've hosted on Wednesdays at St Benedict's came to an end this week. However, given the response, I hope we can continue some kind of provision after the Easter holidays because it has become an opportunity for people to meet and enjoy some company during the week.

I would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to Tomlins Bakery in Synge Street who have generously provided the soup for the warm space free of charge every week for the last five months! They not only make the best pies in Warrington, but the best soup too! Thank you so much to Mark and all the staff.

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 2 April Palm Sunday (A)	10.30 am Mass <i>(including Children's Liturgy)</i> The Parishioners	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Maureen Fisher 8.30 am Mass Deacons Tony & David
Monday 3 April		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 4 April		11.00 am Mass Jack Disley 7.30 pm Penance Service
Wednesday 5 April	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass (Private Intention) 7.30 pm Chrism Mass (Cathedral)	<i>Fr Dave and Deacon Tony will lead Holy Week liturgies for our Primary Schools today.</i>
Holy Thursday, 6 April	7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Robin & Jane Walford (‘Watching’ until 9.30 pm)	
Good Friday, 7 April <i>Day of Fast & Abstinence</i>	11.00 am Stations of the Cross for Children	12.00 noon Stations of the Cross 3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday, 8 April		<i>(NB. No 4.30 pm Mass)</i> 8.00 pm The Easter Vigil The Parishioners
Easter Sunday, 9 April	10.30 am Mass Mary Howl	8.30 am Mass Marion Naughton

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

26.03.23 £639.78 (£203.00 Gift Aid)
 Standing Orders £122.08 (£95.08 Gift Aid)
 Digital Giving £164.50
Total £926.36
*Donations: £102.60 (Walking Day), £100 (Caritas)
 £49.91 (General), £50 (Nugent), £10 (CAFOD)*
Thank you so much for your generosity.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, in Catholic Churches all over the world, there is a collection at the end of the afternoon liturgy to support the Holy Places and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

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.

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERD WANTED

The Ukrainian Family Hub in Warrington is looking for primary school teachers to volunteer at the hub on a Wednesday evening, 5.00 – 7.00 pm, to help Ukrainian children to learn English. Volunteers do not need to attend every Wednesday and, if you have family commitments, you are welcome to bring your children along with you. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please email Kate: kate@mccarthyrecruitment.com

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today Palm Sunday (A)
Readings Isaiah 50: 4-7
 Philippians 2: 6-11
 Matthew 26: 14-27: 66
Weekdays Holy Week

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, 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:

Kathleen Riley, Margaret Russell-Cruise, Fr Michael O'Dowd.