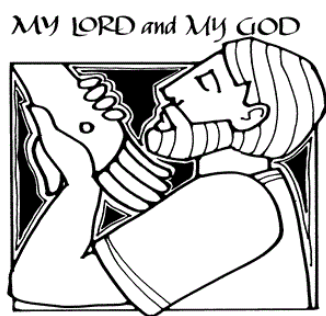


# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**2nd Sunday of Easter (A)  
16 April 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Holy Week

Thank you so much to everyone who came to celebrate the Holy Week liturgies and to all those who helped. In particular, my thanks to our teams of cleaners who keep our churches looking pristine; the ladies who decorated the buildings with the most beautiful Easter flowers; the Readers, Altar Servers, and Musicians; the children who joined the procession on Palm Sunday and presented the Oils on Holy Thursday; those who humbly allowed me to wash their feet; our Deacons, Stewards, and all who helped to make the liturgies so beautiful and prayerful.

Many congratulations to 15-year-old Mason Bate who was baptised at the Easter Vigil and to Dot Hester who was received into the Church. We look forward to accompanying them in these next weeks and months.

### LGBTQ+ Catholics

The next gathering for LGBTQ+ Catholics takes place today (Sunday) at St Agnes & St Aidan Church, Huyton Hey Road, Huyton, Liverpool L36 5SQ. There will be Mass at 2.00 pm followed by a social gathering. All are most welcome.

### Feast of Blessed James Bell

The Feast of our Parish Patron, Blessed James Bell, is this Thursday, 20 April. However, when patronal feasts fall during Advent, Lent or Eastertide, they are transferred to the nearest Sunday in Ordinary Time or to the Sunday before the Solemnity of All Saints in November. So, this year, we will celebrate the Feast of Blessed James Bell on Sunday 29 October.

### Changes in Warrington

Many of you will have met Fr Raymond Anyanwu, CSSp, during the last eighteen months. He is a

member of the Spiritan Congregation (formerly known as the Holy Ghost Fathers). I asked Fr Raymond to come and help us in Warrington because your priests are getting older and fewer in number and needed some support. He has been a real blessing to the Deanery. Sadly, his time with us is due to come to an end in June. However, with the permission of the Archbishop and in consultation with Fr Raymond and his Provincial, I can announce that we are able to set up a Spiritan Community in Warrington from 28 April 2023. Fr Raymond will lead the community assisted by another Spiritan, Fr James, from London.

In order for a Spiritan Community to be established it needs a mission. Therefore, it is hoped that Fr James will be the chaplain for Risley Prison and both will serve St Joseph's, Penketh, as parish priest and assistant, as well as continuing to assist Canon Christopher at Sacred Heart and St Alban's.

This arrangement has clearly necessitated some change for St Joseph's. While remaining parish priest of St Paul of the Cross in Burtonwood, Fr John Schofield has graciously accepted the indispensable role Fr Raymond has undertaken – supporting the priests in Warrington and Widnes and assisting with the hospital – in addition to continuing the good work he does in the schools. Fr Mark Drew has kindly agreed to move to St Peter & St Michael in Woolston to serve the parishioners there.

*May the peace of the risen Lord Jesus be with you.*

*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 – 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
<b>Sunday 16 April</b> 2nd Sunday of Easter (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>Including Children's Liturgy</i> Kath Bradshaw (90th Birthday)	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> The Parishioners & Ian Whelan <b>8.30 am Mass</b> Samuel Taylor
<b>Monday 17 April</b>		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 18 April</b>	(6.00 pm First Confessions at St Peter's)	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Maeve Kinney
<b>Wednesday 19 April</b>	<b>10.30 am Funeral Mass</b> Margaret Russell-Cruise	
<b>Thursday 20 April</b> Feast of Blessed James Bell ( <i>transferred to 29 October</i> )	(10.00 am Funeral Mass at St Peter's)	<b>11.15 am Mass</b> Harry Roe <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 21 April</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Catherine Eason	
<b>Saturday 22 April</b>		<b>12.00 noon &amp; 2.00 pm</b> First Communion Masses <b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Susan Bliston
<b>Sunday 23 April</b> 3rd Sunday of Easter (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Helen Swift Larry, Mary & Laura-Lee Oultram	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners

*The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days and concludes with the great feast of Pentecost.*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Last week's 'Offertory' details will be in next week's Newsletter.

### COST OF LIVING CRISIS

On Wednesday 26 April, there will be an online event at 6.30 pm for volunteers and workers across the Archdiocese to share experience and information about foodbanks, warm spaces, debt advice, etc. For more information and registration, please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/liverpool-archdiocese-networking-cost-of-living-crisis-tickets-591395739577>

### WELCOMING PEOPLE WITH AUTISM

Susan Hartley will be providing a Zoom workshop on 'Welcoming People with Autism in our Parishes' on Saturday 29 April, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. To register for the workshop and receive the Zoom link, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/welcoming-people-with-autism-in-our-parishes-tickets-595751367377>

*Please let Fr Dave know if you plan to attend either of the above events. Many thanks.*

### BOY & GIRL CHORISTERS

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir are recruiting the next generation of boy and girl choristers (boys in Y2 & 3 and girls in Y5). For further details, go to:

[www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs)

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

<b>Today</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter (A)</b>
<i>Readings</i>	Acts 2: 42-47 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31
<b>Weekdays</b>	Easter – Week 2

### 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 Mouldsdale, 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:**

Margaret Russell-Cruise, Fr Michael O'Dowd and Fr Vin McShane.