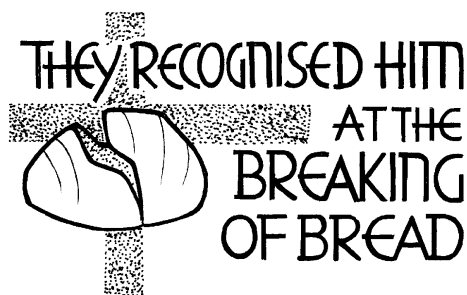


# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**3rd Sunday of Easter (A)  
23 April 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### First Communions

This weekend, the children from St Oswald's Catholic Primary School will celebrate their First Communion in two celebrations on Saturday. On 13 May, the children from St Benedict's will do the same. Then, at the end of May and the beginning of June, the children who are at non-Catholic Schools will celebrate their First Communion with us during Sunday Mass. Please keep the children, and their families, in your prayers.

### Coronation of King Charles III

The Coronation of King Charles takes place in Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6 May. It will be an historic occasion.

We are planning to mark the occasion in two ways. First, the weekend Masses on 6 & 7 May will be special celebrations. Then, on Sunday 7 May, together with people all over the country, we will have a Coronation Lunch and Entertainment in St Benedict's Parish Centre, 12.00 noon – 2.30 pm. This will be similar to the Big Lunch we had last year to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. If you would like to attend this event, please sign the list at the back of church. There will be a small charge of £3 for adults, but there will be no charge for children.

On Friday 5 May, there will be a Vigil Mass at 5.00 pm in the Cathedral to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. All are welcome.

### Bishop Tom Williams

In February, Bishop Tom Williams reached the age of 75 and, in accordance with Canon Law, submitted his resignation to the Pope. Although Pope Francis has accepted Bishop Tom's resignation, Bishop Tom will continue to assist the Archbishop in a pastoral role.

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom's ministry among us in the Cathedral on Wednesday 17 May at 7.00 pm followed by a drinks reception for all in the Cathedral Crypt. All are welcome.

### Deanery Synodal Council

The Deanery Synodal Council met last week for its sixth meeting. Most of the meeting was spent listening to the feedback from the Parish Listening Sessions that took place across the Deanery during Lent. Signs of hope included the arrival of young Catholic families from overseas who are coming to Mass regularly. The chief cause for concern was that there are less and less people under 60 coming to church. 'Families of Parishes' – most recognise the need to join with other local parishes if we're going to continue to be able to serve the local community. Surprisingly, some were unaware of our Archdiocesan Synod or that our Deanery was now made up of both Warrington and Widnes!

### Pontifical Divine Liturgy

As a way of thanking the people of the Archdiocese for their solidarity with the people of Ukraine, Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski will preside at a special liturgy in the Cathedral next Sunday, 30 April, at 3.00 pm. He will be joined by Archbishop Malcolm, clergy from both Liverpool and Ukraine, as well as other civic and religious leaders. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

*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 23 April</b> 3rd Sunday of Easter (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Helen Catherine Swift Larry, Mary & Laura-Lee Oultram	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Susan Blinston <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 24 April</b> St George, Patron of England		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 April</b> Feast of St Mark, Evangelist		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Jack Disley
<b>Wednesday 26 April</b>	<b>10.15 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Christina Lowery	
<b>Thursday 27 April</b>		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Pooler Family <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 28 April</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Aurelia Sadang	
<b>Saturday 29 April</b> St Catherine of Siena		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Sunday 30 April</b> 4th Sunday of Easter (A) <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>Including Children's Liturgy</i> Aurelia Newton	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> Sophia & Joseph Piwowszysk

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

09.04.23	£1018.88	(£241.10 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£55.00	(£30 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1203.57</b>	
16.04.23	£803.63	(£258.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.00	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£132.00	(£20 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1064.63</b>	
Good Friday	£364.34	(Holy Places)

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be a second collection to support the Priests' Training Fund.

### COST OF LIVING CRISIS

This 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>

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)*

<b>Today</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter (A)</b>
<i>Readings</i>	Acts 2: 14, 22-33 1 Peter 1: 17-21 Luke 24: 13-35
<b>Weekdays</b>	Easter – Week 3

### 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, 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).

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

Sheila Pinnock, Gerald Harris.

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