

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

4th Sunday of Easter (A)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
30 April 2023

My dear sisters and brothers,

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because we listen to the Gospel in which Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd. It is also the annual **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the religious life. In addition to a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop, there will be a second collection as you leave church for the Priests Training Fund.

Emergency Alert

So there I was... waiting for the emergency alert last Sunday at 3.00 pm... and it never came! Did that happen to you? For obvious reasons, I like to keep my mobile phone number private, but I didn't realise I'd done such a good job!

Deanery Mass

The priests of the deanery meet together each month. At our meeting last Wednesday, we decided to begin our monthly meetings with Mass – one month in Warrington, the next in Widnes. We thought it was a good way of bringing people together, much like we did before the pandemic. Our next meeting will be in Widnes on Thursday 1 June and we will begin with Mass at 12.00 noon in St Michael's Church, Ditton, Widnes. All are welcome.

Coronation of King Charles III

The Coronation of King Charles will take place in Westminster Abbey this coming Saturday, 6 May. We are planning to mark the occasion in two ways. First, the Masses next weekend will be special celebrations. Then, on Sunday, together with people all over the country, we will have a Coronation Lunch and some entertainment in St Benedict's Parish Centre, 12.00

noon – 2.30 pm. If you would like to attend this event, please sign the list at the back of church today. There will be a small charge of £3 for adults, but there will be no charge for children.

In addition, 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.

Churches Together in East Warrington

Representatives from the various churches in East Warrington met together at Padgate Methodist Church last Tuesday. We tend to meet every other month. Much of the meeting was given over to organising Padgate Walking Day which takes place on 24 June, but we also heard how each of the churches is recovering after the pandemic.

We are planning to take a coach to the Two Cathedrals Event on Pentecost Sunday, 28 May. The event begins in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral at 3.00 pm, followed by a procession along Hope Street to the Catholic Cathedral for a concluding service at about 4.00 pm. More details soon.

First Communion

Finally, many congratulations to the children in Year 4 at St Oswald's who celebrated their First Communion last weekend. The children at St Benedict's will be celebrating on 13 May.

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 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 30 April 4th Sunday of Easter (A) <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Including Children's Liturgy</i> Aurelie Newton	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Sophia & Joseph Piwowarszyk
Monday 1 May <i>Anniversary of the Foundation of the Parish of Blessed James Bell in 2018</i>		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 2 May St Athanasius	6.00 pm Celebration of First Reconciliation (<i>First Confession</i>)	11.00 am Mass Patricia Fox
Wednesday 3 May Feast of Saints Philip & James, Apostles	10.15 – 11.30 am Exposition (<i>Fr Dave at Chapter Mass in Cathedral</i>)	
Thursday 4 May Feast of the English Martyrs		11.00 am Mass Sheila Cade 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 5 May	11.00 am Mass Edna Hargreaves	
Saturday 6 May <i>Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III</i>		4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners
Sunday 7 May 5th Sunday of Easter (A)	10.30 am Mass His Majesty King Charles III	8.30 am Mass Private Intention (LISC)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23.04.23	£1198.86	(£293.15 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.00	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£228.50	(£81.50 Gift Aid)
Total	£1556.36	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

St Peter & St Michael's (Woolston) Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 21 to 28 July 2023 and is affiliated to the Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. They are travelling with Joe Walsh Tours flying direct from Manchester to Lourdes Airport (Tarbes). They have 12 pilgrims travelling from the parish, however, for anyone wishing to join them, it's not too late! You can get further information from Gerry Allison on 07703 183386 or gerry.286@btinternet.com

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 today (Sunday) 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 very welcome.

THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?

If you feel the Lord might be calling you to the priesthood, why not speak to your Parish Priest about it, or make contact with the Vocations Director, Fr Ron Johnson, at St Charles in Aigburth: 0151 727 2493 or r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk

CONFIRMATIONS

Bishop Tom Williams will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 2.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, 1 & 2 July, at St Oswald's, Padgate.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(*Divine Office – Psalter Week 4*)

Today	4th Sunday of Easter (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Acts 2: 36-41 1 Peter 2: 20-25 John 10: 1-10
Weekdays	Easter – Week 4

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).