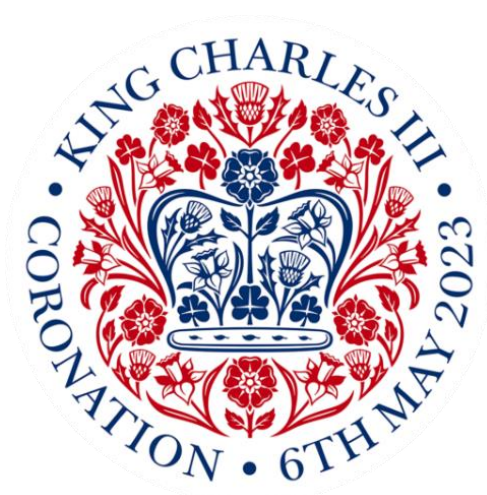


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

5th Sunday of Easter (A)

7 May 2023

My dear sisters and brothers,

The Coronation of King Charles III

Ahead of the Coronation, Cardinal Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said:

"This will be the first coronation for 70 years in our countries; indeed, the first since our late Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, entered the ancient church as a young woman to take on the awesome responsibilities of monarchy. In his first address to our countries after the death of the Queen, His Majesty stated, in the context of the late Queen's unwavering service, 'that promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today.'

"None of us can imagine the incredible burden that His Majesty will assume as he is crowned King alongside his wife and Queen, Camilla. The world has immeasurably changed since 1953 with many more opportunities and challenges in the lives of all."

Therefore, it is right that we join churches all over the country this weekend in praying for His Majesty King Charles and Queen Camilla.

*Almighty God, we pray,
that your servant Charles, our King,
who, by your providence
has received the governance of this realm,
may continue to grow in every virtue,
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,
he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil
and, being blessed with your favour may,*

*with his consort and the royal family,
come at last into your presence,
through Christ who is the way,
the truth and the life
and who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Churches Together in East Warrington

I am hoping 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.

The cost-of-living crisis has meant that hiring a coach is almost double what it was a couple of years ago. Therefore, I need to gauge if there's enough interest before booking a coach. So, if you would like to go to the Two Cathedrals Event, please sign the list at the back of church **today**.

Eurovision 2023

This coming Wednesday, 10 May, there will be an ecumenical worship event in the Cathedral at 7.00 pm. Broadcast all over the world, there will be music from Walton Salvation Army Brass Band, New Song Wirral and the joint choir of Liverpool Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. You may attend in person or watch online at: www.imagine-peace.co.uk

*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 |
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| Sunday 7 May 5th Sunday of Easter (A) <i>Coronation Weekend</i> | 10.30 am Mass <i>Including Children's Liturgy</i> His Majesty King Charles III | (Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Private Intention (LISC) |
| Monday 8 May | | 7.00 pm Prayer Group |
| Tuesday 9 May Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse | | 11.00 am Mass Sue Disley |
| Wednesday 10 May | 10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Memorial Mass Sheila Pinnock | |
| Thursday 11 May | | 11.00 am Mass Fr David O'Kane 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction |
| Friday 12 May | <i>(10.00 am Mass at St Gregory's High School)</i> 11.30 am Mass Donald Franks | |
| Saturday 13 May Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral | 12.00 noon & 2.00 pm First Communion Masses | 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Mary Geraghty |
| Sunday 14 May 6th Sunday of Easter (A) | 10.30 am Mass Leopoldo Baylen | 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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| 30.04.23 | £764.02 | (£265.40 Gift Aid) |
| Standing Orders | £129.69 | (£89.00 Gift Aid) |
| Digital Giving | £69.50 | (£25.00 Gift Aid) |
| Total | £963.21 | |
| 2nd Collection | £436.85 | (Priests Training Fund) |

Thank you so much for your generosity.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR BISHOP TOM

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on Wednesday 17 May at 7.00 pm in the Cathedral. Everyone is invited to the Mass and the Drinks Reception which will follow.

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.

FAITHS & DEMENTIA

A major conference exploring how all faiths can support people affected by dementia. Wednesday 17 May at St Margaret Clitherow Centre (formerly LACE), Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA. Registration from 9.30 am, start 10.00 am, close 4.00 pm. Admission £15, but free to people with dementia and family carers. For more information:

www.dementiaactionliverpool.com/fd23.html

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

The May edition of the Catholic Pic is online at:

https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_may_2023

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

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| Today | 5th Sunday of Easter (A) |
| <i>Readings</i> | Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Peter 2: 4-9 John 14: 1-12 |
| Weekdays | Easter – Week 5 |

Alleluia!

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, John Cassidy.