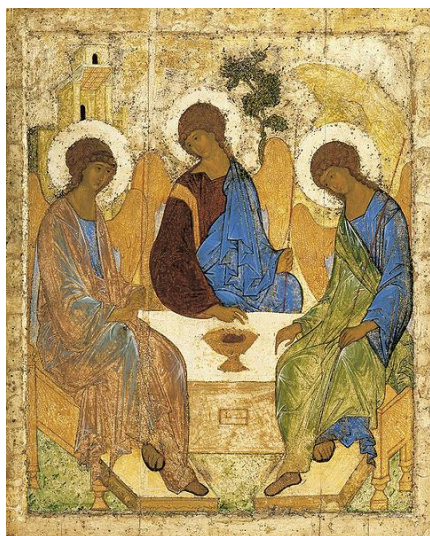


# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**The Most Holy Trinity (A)**  
**4 June 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Trinity Sunday

The image above is of a famous icon of the Trinity created by Andrei Rublev (1360-1430). It's based on the story in the book of Genesis in which the Lord, in the form of three angels, visits Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (*cf. Genesis 18: 1-15*). Abraham and Sarah warmly welcomed them and graciously provided hospitality to the visitors.

Looking at Rublev's icon, notice that the three angelic figures are of equal size. Each holds a rod in the left hand, symbolising their equality. Each wears a cloak of blue, the colour of divinity; and the face of each is exactly the same, depicting their oneness.

The Father is portrayed in the figure on the left. His head is the only one that is raised, his gaze turned to the other two figures. The Son is the middle figure. He is blessing the cup he is to drink, indicating his readiness to offer himself for humanity. The Spirit is the figure on the right. His hand is resting on the table next to the cup suggesting that he will be with the Son as he carries out his mission.

It has been suggested that the space between the figures is to convey openness, hospitality and welcome. It signifies God's invitation to share in the life of the Trinity. God invites us to come and sit at his table so that he can share his life with us. This is what we are doing when we gather round the altar to celebrate the eucharist.

### First Communions & Confirmations

A very warm welcome to the children who are celebrating their First Communion with us at St Oswald's this weekend, and to their families and friends. This is the last group of children celebrating their First Communion this year. Now it's time for the Confirmations. So, next weekend, parishioners in Year 8 who are preparing for Confirmation will join us for Sunday Mass. It will be good to welcome them and pray for them.

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers

At 6.00 am on Thursday morning, 40 people – including 15 parishioners – left Warrington for a nine-day Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers in France. Please keep them in your prayers just as they have promised to pray for us.

**Padgate Walking Day** takes place on Saturday 24 June. We need **marshals** to stand at the top of the roads closed on Padgate Lane and Station Road. Please ask members of your families and friends if they could help and sign the list at the back of church next weekend. Many thanks.

**Warrington Walking Day** takes place on Friday 30 June. As usual, we need help carrying the statues and marshals for the procession. If you can help, please sign the list on the noticeboard. Many thanks.

*With my prayers,  
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 4 June</b> Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (A)	<b>10.30 am Baptism Mass</b> <i>(including Children's Liturgy)</i> John Vaughan	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>(with First Communions)</i> Alexander Finney <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 5 June</b> St Boniface		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 6 June</b>		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Frank Hawley
<b>Wednesday 7 June</b>	<b>10.15 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Rita Ollier	
<b>Thursday 8 June</b>	<b>1.20 pm Funeral at Walton Lea</b> Thomas Ireland	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Jack Disley <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 9 June</b>	<b>11.00 am Funeral Service</b> Bernadette Vaughan	
<b>Saturday 10 June</b>		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Sarah Boardman
<b>Sunday 11 June</b> Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A) <i>Corpus Christi</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> Josephine Clare

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

### RED MISSION BOXES

If your Red Mission Box needs emptying, please bring it to St Benedict's or St Oswald's, or phone the Parish Office (630127) if you need someone to pick it up. Many thanks.

### UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Just before the pandemic, I stopped getting the Universe Catholic Weekly because few people were buying it and we were losing around £600 a year. Since then, the paper went online. Now, it has decided to relaunch itself as a hard copy at £2.50 per week. You can view a display copy at the back of church. If you would like to order a weekly copy, please contact the Parish Office and we will arrange this for you.

### LOURDES CENTENARY YEAR 2023

On Sunday 25 June at 5.00 pm, there will be a celebration Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral to mark the Archdiocesan Centenary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Mass will be a chance for pilgrims past and present to come together to celebrate this milestone. All are welcome.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Archdiocese is currently advertising for several roles in schools as well as a Parish Cleaner, Parish Administrator, Communications Officer and a Retreat

Coordinator. For more information, visit:  
[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers)

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)*

**Today** **Trinity Sunday (A)**  
**Readings** Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13: 11-13  
 John 3: 16-18  
**Weekdays** Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 9

### 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, 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, Peter McKeown, 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:**

Tom Ireland, Bernadette Vaughan & Hazel Molyneux.