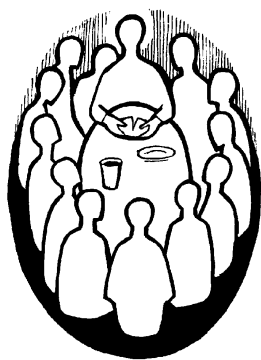


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A)
11 June 2023

My dear sisters and brothers,

Confirmation

A very warm welcome to the young people who are preparing for Confirmation, and their families, who are joining us for Mass this weekend. It's an opportunity for us to welcome these young parishioners of ours and to pray for them.

Next Saturday, the young people will visit our Cathedral in Liverpool. They will see the chapel where the Oil of Chrism is kept which the Bishop will use to anoint them when they are confirmed. The following weekend, they will gather for a BBQ at St Oswald's and a short rehearsal in church.

Corpus Christi

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 'Corpus Christi' as it used to be called. We take it for granted that we can receive communion when we come to Mass, but this hasn't always been the case. In fact, people have only been receiving communion regularly for just over the last hundred years.

People used to receive communion regularly until around the 4th century. Then, for various reasons, particularly the feeling of unworthiness, people stopped going to communion. The situation was so concerning that in the 12th century the First Lateran Council said Catholics should go to communion at least once a year (with Confession beforehand if necessary). This was the origin of the 'Easter Duty'. It wasn't until the beginning of the last century, with the encouragement of Pope Pius X, that communion once again became a regular pattern at Sunday Mass. Some of you may remember that it was reintroduced in some parishes by inviting the men's groups (like the CYMS)

to receive communion on one Sunday, the women's sodalities the next Sunday, and so on. The Second Vatican Council encouraged Catholics to receive communion whenever they participate in the eucharist.

Day for Life

Next Sunday is the annual 'Day for Life' – the day in the Church's calendar when we celebrate the gift of life from conception to natural death. This year, the theme is 'Listen to Her'. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in the Church and in society. By encouraging women to share their experience, it is hoped to break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation. There will be a Second Collection to support the Church's 'Day for Life' projects. For more information and resources: www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life

Cantonese Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

A warm invitation is extended to individuals aged 18 and above who are interested in exploring and deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith. All fellow believers are also welcome to join this journey of Catholic faith: 5 September 2023 – 19 May 2024. The programme consists of two components: Zoom Meetings on Tuesdays (8.00 – 9.30 pm) and physical gatherings on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Cathedral. The language medium is Cantonese. For all enquiries, please contact Flora on 07403 489931.

*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
Sunday 11 June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A) <i>Corpus Christi</i>	10.30 am Mass The Parishioners	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Sarah Boardman 8.30 am Mass Josephine Clare
Monday 12 June		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 13 June St Anthony of Padua		11.00 am Mass John & Pauline McGinty 1.30 pm Funeral Service Anthony Gilbert Warburton
Wednesday 14 June	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Blaze & Ashleen Donso	
Thursday 15 June		11.00 am Mass Fr David O'Kane 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 16 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	11.00 am Mass Price Family	
Saturday 17 June The Immaculate Heart of Mary		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Peter Wright
Sunday 18 June 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Day of Life</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>(including Children's Liturgy)</i> Amelia Baylen	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

28.05.23	£815.30	(£293.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.00	(£89.00 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£154.50	(£34.50 Gift Aid)
Total	£1098.80	
04.06.23	£657.77	(£221.30 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.00	(£89.00 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£183.50	(£68.50 Gift Aid)
Total	£970.27	
Donation	£200.00	(Caritas)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group will be meeting this Thursday, 15 June, at 8.15 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

WALKING DAYS

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. If you can help, please sign the list at the back of church.

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.

LOURDES CENTENARY YEAR 2023

Mass to mark the Archdiocesan Centenary Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Sunday 25 June at 5.00 pm in the Cathedral. The Mass will be an opportunity for pilgrims past and present to come together to celebrate this milestone. All are welcome.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today	Corpus Christ (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 John 6: 51-58
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 10

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:

Anthony Warburton, Frances Hadcroft and Hazel Molyneux.