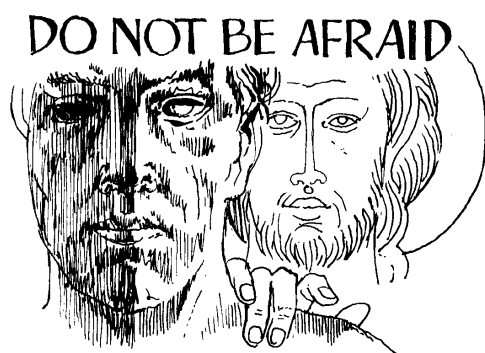


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
25 June 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Confirmation 2023

Last weekend, Deacon Tony, Cathie Jones and I took our young parishioners preparing for Confirmation to visit the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool. Now you might think this wouldn't interest teenagers, but you would be wrong. Every year, I never cease to be amazed how the young people are completely absorbed by the building and its atmosphere.

Having watched the look of awe on their faces when they get off the coach, I take the young people around the chapels that surround the Cathedral – saying a little about each and linking them with our daily lives. There's the statue of Archbishop Oscar Romero, the large red window that spills its glow over the Cathedral at 3.00 pm each day, the Children's Chapel, the Lady Chapel, the awesome statue of Abraham together with the Stations of the Cross designed by Sean Rice, the Unity Chapel, the Chapel of the Oils, the Baptistry and so much more.

I had never taken the young people to the Crypt before, but Deacon Tony persuaded me. They loved it. Built in 1933, the Byzantine style is unique and includes the Treasury, the 'Resurrection Chapel' complete with rolling stone where former Archbishops are buried, a concert room, a chapel for daily Mass and a huge hall used for everything from university exams to beer festivals.

After the tour, we give the young people about forty minutes to go off on their own. Some sit in the quiet of the Cathedral to pray, others retrace their steps and revisit the chapels while others light candles or read about the history of the Cathedral displayed throughout the building.

I've taken young people to the Cathedral for over thirty years and always have to go and round them up. There's never enough time. The young people always behave impeccably and with reverence.

This weekend, the candidates will gather for a BBQ at St Oswald's and a brief rehearsal in church. Then, next weekend, St Oswald's will host the Confirmations for all the parishes in Warrington. 90 young people will be confirmed by Bishop Tom Williams. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

This Thursday is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul and is a holyday of obligation. Masses will be as follows:

Wednesday	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
Thursday	9.15 am	School Mass at St Oswald's
	11.00 am	Mass at St Benedict's
	2.00 pm	Mass at St Benedict's School

Warrington Walking Day

Finally, Warrington Walking Day takes place this Friday, 30 June, preceded by Mass in church at 8.30 am. The procession will be leaving St Benedict's a little earlier this year, so statue bearers – please arrive at 9.00 am. It is advisable to bring a head covering and water. We could still do with a few more volunteers to help – see the list on the noticeboard in the porch. Many thanks.

*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 25 June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass Tom Ireland	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Rita Devine 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 26 June		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 27 June	1.15 pm Funeral Mass Teresa Glover	11.00 am Mass Frank Hawley
Wednesday 28 June St Irenaeus	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Nadine Davies 1.00 pm Funeral Service Hazel Molyneux	7.00 pm Vigil Mass Anna McGee
Thursday 29 June Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	11.00 am Mass Josephine Curtin 2.00 pm Mass at St Benedict's School The Parishioners	9.15 am School Mass (in church) John Barry Wood Michael Wood
Friday 30 June Warrington Walking Day	8.30 am Mass People of Warrington	
Saturday 1 July		2.00 pm Confirmations 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving (Jo Roberts)
Sunday 2 July 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass The Parishioners & Gary O'Donnell	8.30 am Mass Brenda Ann Malone 2.00 pm Confirmations

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

18.06.23	£803.52	(£305.80 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.00	(£89.00 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£216.50	(£124.50 Gift Aid)
Total	£1149.02	
2nd Collection	£388.50	(Day for Life)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence – the annual collection to support the ministry of Pope Francis.

ST AMBROSE COLLEGE

Open Day on Saturday 1 July, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. See website: www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

ST OSWALD'S SUMMER FAIR

Friday 7 July, 3.00 – 6.00 pm in school

The Friends of St Oswald's are appealing for helpers to assist with the Summer Fair. If you can spare some time on Friday 7 July to help, please contact them by email friendsofstoswaldsprimary@yahoo.com or by leaving a message at the school office. Many thanks.

ST BENEDICT'S SUMMER FAIR

St Ben's Friends PTA will be holding a Summer Fair at school on Friday 14 July, 3.00 – 5.00 pm. Free entry. Join us for lots of fun... bouncy castle, obstacle course, games, raffle, bar, food, and lots more.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 4)

Today	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Jeremiah 20: 10-13 Romans 5: 12-15 Matthew 10: 26-33
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 12

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, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park).

Those who have died recently, especially:

Teresa Glover, Hazel Molyneux.