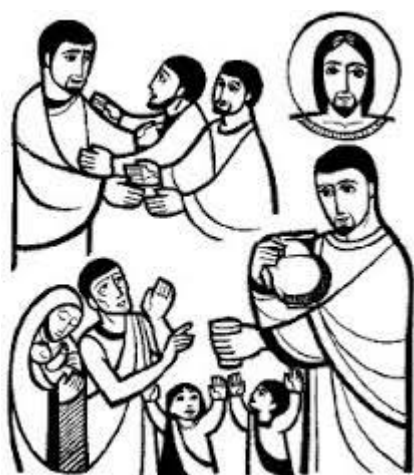


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
2 July 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend, it is our joy to host the sacrament of Confirmation for all the parishes in Warrington. Ninety young people will gather at St Oswald's with their families and friends in two celebrations. Bishop Tom Williams, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Liverpool, will preside at the celebrations. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

Padgate Walking Day

Last Saturday's Walking Day in Padgate was fantastic. The weather was great, there was a terrific turnout, and everything seemed to go according to plan.

Churches Together in East Warrington have to organise this event. For many years, Councillor Diana Friend has acted as Chief Marshal and done much of the preparation for us. Sadly, Diana died in recently after battling cancer. We will miss her greatly. She was a great friend to so many and did so much for the local community.

You may remember that I appealed for a new Chief Marshall earlier in the year. Stephen Brady from St Oswald's very kindly offered to take on this role. It's a lot of work and I am enormously grateful to him for stepping up at short notice and doing an outstanding job.

Steve would want me to point out that Walking Day is a team effort – and it is. So may I also thank John Lawless for coordinating the marshals for Padgate Lane and organising us all at St Oswald's; those who

acted as marshals, carried the statues and the church banner; Clare Lancaster and Lily Hennessey for adorning the statues with the most beautiful flowers; Catherine Flint and Steve McNicholls for providing First Aid; Kevin Holt for watching over the church; Ms Lennon, Mrs Orwin and the staff and children of St Oswald's Catholic Primary School together with their parents and parishioners who lined Padgate Lane; the Warrington Pipe Band ably led by drum major, Billy; and, of course, Eric Hughes and the staff in the Parish Centre.

His Excellency Archbishop Paul Gallagher

Archbishop Paul Gallagher is the Vatican Secretary for Relations with States. He is also a priest of our Archdiocese. This Wednesday, the Canons of the Cathedral Chapter will welcome him home during Mass in the Cathedral at 12.15 pm and install him as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. All are very welcome to this special celebration.

Catholic Social Action Networking Day

A reminder that there is a networking event taking place at St Margaret Clitherow Centre this Thursday, 6 July. The day will focus on asylum seekers, cost of living and environment, and aims to bring together policy makers, workers and volunteers to make partnerships and advocate for change. For more information and to book a free place: <https://SocialActionNetworkingEvent.eventbrite.com>

*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 2 July 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass <i>(including Children's Liturgy)</i> The Parishioners & Gary O'Donnell	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving (Jo Roberts) 8.30 am Mass Brenda Ann Malone 2.00 pm Confirmations
Monday 3 July Feast of St Thomas, Apostle		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 4 July	<i>(Service at Warrington Cemetery)</i>	11.00 am Mass Joseph Cann
Wednesday 5 July	10.15 – 11.30 am Exposition <i>(Fr Dave at Chapter Mass in Cathedral)</i>	
Thursday 6 July		11.00 am Mass Mary Mannion 6.00 pm Medley Music Concert <i>(No Novena & Benediction)</i>
Friday 7 July	12.00 noon Deanery Mass Private Intention (LISC)	
Saturday 8 July		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Francis Joseph Billington
Sunday 9 July Feast of St Benedict, Abbot 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Sea Sunday</i>	10.30 am Mass Patrick Timoney Dermott & Rita Lappin	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

25.06.23	£720.25	(£213.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.00	(£89.00 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£193.50	(93.50 Gift Aid)
Total	£1042.75	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

WALKING DAY DONATIONS

Thank you so much to the children from St Oswald's Catholic Primary School who donated £138.41 from the money they received on Walking Day to the people of Ukraine, and many thanks to St Ben's Family & Friends who donated £176.00 towards the costs of Walking Day.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, we have the annual collection for Peter's Pence which goes to support the ministry of Pope Francis in reaching out to those most in need.

ST OSWALD'S SUMMER FAIR

St Oswald's Catholic Primary School will be holding their annual Summer Fair this Friday, 7 July, 3.00 – 6.00 pm in school. Do come along if you can and help to raise much needed funds for our school.

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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

Today	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
<i>Readings</i>	2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10: 37-42
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 13

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 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, 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:

Canon Brendan Alger, Joan Wright and Jane Roberts.