

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**Feast of St Benedict, Abbot  
9 July 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Feast of St Benedict

While today's Feast of St Benedict (*transferred from 11 July*) is a special day for the community at St Benedict's, it's also a special day for St Mary's and St Oswald's too because all three communities were founded by the Benedictine monks from Ampleforth Abbey. So a very happy feast day to you all.

### Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency, which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For more information about the work of Stella Maris, please visit the website: [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)

### Confirmations

Many congratulations to all the young people who were Confirmed at St Oswald's by Bishop Tom Williams last weekend. The celebrations were beautiful and lasted just an hour. My sincere thanks to all those who helped us to host the services.

### Warrington Walking Day

A huge thanks to all those who took part in this year's Warrington Walking Day. A special thanks to Clem Lawton and Chris Jones for all their hard work in preparing for the day and keeping us all together during the walk; to those who acted as marshals, carried the statues, the church banner and the Cross; to Mr Perry, Mr Forde, and the staff and children of St Benedict's Catholic Primary School together with parents and parishioners who either walked or lined

the roads; to the Northenden Pipe Band for accompanying us; and to Adam and the Staff in the Parish Centre.

### Strawberry Fair

Next Sunday, after the 10.30 am Mass, there will be a Strawberry Fair at St Benedict's. While it's one of our annual fundraising initiatives, it's also an opportunity for a little fun and fellowship after Mass. Many thanks to those who are organising this for us.

### Fix the Food System

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food, and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. Clearly the current global food system is not working.

At the heart of this crisis is a struggle over control of the world's seeds. Laws are being brought in whereby small farmers will have to purchase commercial seeds rather than choose their own. While this is good for big business profits it's not good for the farmers. It is likely to put many out of business and exasperate the crisis.

CAFOD invites us to support their new campaign, 'Fix the Food System'. Next weekend, you can help by signing a letter to the UK government to protect the right of farmers around the world to choose their own seeds.

*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 9 July</b> Feast of St Benedict, Abbot 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Sea Sunday</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Patrick Timoney Dermott & Rita Lappin	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Francis Joseph Billington <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 10 July</b>		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 11 July</b>	<b>9.15 am Mass at St Benedict's School</b> <b>12.45 pm Funeral Service</b> Joan Wright	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> William & Agnes McCool <i>(7.00 pm Confirmations in Widnes)</i>
<b>Wednesday 12 July</b>	<b>10.15 – 11.30 am Exposition</b> <i>(Fr Dave attending Deans Meeting)</i>	
<b>Thursday 13 July</b>	<i>(12.30 pm Funeral in Widnes)</i>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Price Family <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 14 July</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Rigby Family	
<b>Saturday 15 July</b> St Bonaventure		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Sunday 16 July</b> 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>(including Children's Liturgy)</i> Canon Brendan Alger	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> Peter Hastry

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

02.07.23	£697.36	(£339.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.00	(£89.00 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£243.50	(£73.50 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1069.86</b>	
2nd Collection	£375.49	(Peter's Pence)
Confirmations	£290.47	

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be the annual Second Collection to help support our priests living in retirement.

### DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

Disability Awareness Day (DAD) takes place next Sunday, 16 July, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm, at Walton Hall Gardens WA4 6SN. It's a free event for all ages. DAD offers something for everyone and a fun day out for the whole family. Visitors can expect to find around 250 exhibitors, equipment suppliers, transport, holidays, leisure, employment, support groups, and services, plus a Sports Zone, including scuba diving, an arts marquee, centre arena and family entertainment. For full details: 01925 240064 or [www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk](http://www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk)

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**The Ladies Group** will be meeting this Thursday, 13 July, at 8.00 pm in the lounge of St Oswald's Parish Centre.

**St Ben's Friends PTA** will be holding a Summer Fair at school this Friday, 14 July, 3.00 – 5.00 pm. Entry is free.

**Mass with LGBTQ+ Catholics** and friends at All Saints, Anfield, next Sunday, 16 July, at 2.00 pm.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)*

**Today** **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

*Readings* Zechariah 9: 9-10

Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Matthew 11: 25-30

**Weekdays** Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 14

### 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, Barbara Williamson, 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:**

Joan Wright, Peter Hastry and Kathleen Wood.