

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
16 July 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Welcome to Fr Aloysius!

A very warm welcome to Fr Aloysius from Hong Kong who will be joining us at the 10.30 am Mass this weekend. Fr Aloysius has come over to visit our Hong Kong parishioners who have come to Warrington during the last two years. It is humbling to see the way the Church in Hong Kong reaches out to those members who have needed to relocate after the changes that have taken place in the country.

Medley Music, St Benedict & Mini-Vinnies

The end of term in our schools has seen some wonderful opportunities for our children. Last week, Fran Sixsmith led a 'Medley Music Concert' in St Oswald's Church involving children from ten local primary schools. They sang and entertained their parents and friends who filled the church. It was so lovely to see children being children, throwing themselves into the music and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Then, on Tuesday morning, the staff and children of St Benedict's Catholic Primary School gathered together for Mass in the school hall to celebrate the Feast of St Benedict. Sometimes our Catholic schools come under a lot of criticism because the children don't come to Mass on Sunday. However, it's not the job of our schools to ensure the children come to Mass, that's up to their parents. But, please, have no doubt that if you visit either of our schools you will find happy Christian communities where the children live out their faith and embody Christian values. I always feel so humbled when I visit the children and staff. I have no doubt that they are one of the best adverts for the Catholic Church!

Finally, on Thursday, St Oswald's Mini-Vinnies (child members of the SVP) together with pupils from Cardinal Newman, hosted an 'Afternoon Tea' in St Oswald's Parish Centre for older parishioners who were so very grateful for the gesture. The children from St Oswald's had even made coloured bookmarks, during their lunchtimes, with their own chosen words from the Scriptures. Luckily there were some of these bookmarks over which I will take into the hospital when I'm visiting during the week.

Strawberry Fair

Today, after the 10.30 am Mass, there will be a Strawberry Fair in the sacristy meeting room at St Benedict's. It's also an opportunity for a little fun and fellowship after Mass. Do come along if you can.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This coming Friday, pilgrims from all over the Archdiocese will leave for the one hundredth Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Next weekend, we will join the pilgrims with special Masses in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes and, after the 10.30 am Mass, we will bless the newly restored (99% complete) Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Benedict's.

And finally...

There is a Mass with **LGBTQ+ Catholics** and friends at All Saints, Anfield, today (Sunday) at 2.00 pm. All are welcome.

*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 16 July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass <i>(including Children's Liturgy)</i> Canon Brendan Alger	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Peter Hastry
Monday 17 July		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 18 July		9.15 am School End of Term Mass Canon Charles Teebay
Wednesday 19 July	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Brittany & Joe Doherty	
Thursday 20 July		11.15 am Funeral Mass Kathleen Wood 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 21 July	11.00 am Mass Sally O'Connor	
Saturday 22 July Feast of St Mary Magdalene		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Shirley Lo
Sunday 23 July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>World Day for Grandparents and Older People</i>	10.30 am Mass Pilgrims in Lourdes	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

09.07.23	£1172.73	(£327.71 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£126.23	(£99.69 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£144.50	(£33.50 Gift Aid)
Total	£1443.46	
Donations	£153.00	(Parish Caritas)
<i>Thank you so much for your generosity.</i>		

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Isaiah 55: 10-11 Romans 8: 18-23 Matthew 13: 1-23
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 15

SECOND COLLECTION

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

FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

Laws are being brought in which will force small farmers to purchase commercial seeds rather than choose their own. While this is good for big business profits it's not good for farmers. It is likely to put many out of business and exasperate the food crisis. So, as you leave church today, you are invited to sign a letter to the UK government to protect the right of farmers around the world to choose their own seeds.

DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

The annual Disability Awareness Day (DAD) takes place next today (Sunday), 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.

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

St Benedict's & St Mary's

Luciano Bartolo, 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, Dave Ferris, 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), Marie Barnes.

Those who have died recently, especially:

Kathleen Wood, Peter Hastry and Vera Brindle.

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