

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**Feast of St Oswald, King & Martyr**  
**13 August 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Feast of St Oswald, King & Martyr

This weekend, we keep the feast of St Oswald, King and Martyr, transferred from 5 August – the date of St Oswald's death in the year 642. While this is a special feast for the community at St Oswald's, it's also a special day for the rest of us now that we have come together as one parish. So, a very happy feast day to you all!

### Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

This Tuesday, 15 August, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary and a Holyday of Obligation. There will be two Masses:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Mass at St Benedict's

The feast of the Assumption originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the 'Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God'. It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the 'Assumption'. The feast celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of heaven. Where she has gone, we hope one day to follow.

### Fr Tony Slingo

Many of you will remember Fr Tony Slingo who was parish priest at St Benedict's from 1995 to 2006. He is now parish priest of St Teresa's in Norris Green. Fr Tony will be going into Whiston Hospital tomorrow (14 August) to have a kidney removed. He will need a couple of months to rest and allow his body to recover

but hopes to return to normal after that. Please keep Fr Tony in your prayers.

### I was a stranger, and you did not make me welcome!

In my experience of working with asylum seekers and refugees for over twenty years, members of the UK Government are not being honest about immigration. I don't really know why they are being untruthful – my guess is that it's a distraction from all the problems at home, e.g. the impact of Brexit, the cost of living crisis, the breakdown of public services, and so on.

I cannot believe that public figures are repeating over and over untruths about the refugee crisis. These lies are breeding a fever of hatred and indignation against innocent people who are crying out for help.

With the help of Care4Calais, I've endeavoured to put together answers to the questions people ask about asylum seekers and refugees which provide the truth about the current situation. Please read it, share it and challenge the narrative being promoted which is doing enormous damage.

### Pope Francis

"I want to look each of you in the eye and tell you: Do not be afraid ... Shine with the light of Christ. Listen to Him that you too might be light to the world. And be not afraid, for the Lord loves you and walks by your side" (World Youth Day 2023).

*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 13 August</b> Feast of St Oswald, King & Martyr (Transferred from 5 August)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Jane & Tim Wright (Silver Wedding) <b>8.30 am Mass</b> Patrick & Marion Naughton
<b>Monday 14 August</b> St Maximilian Kolbe		<b>7.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Patricia Hughes
<b>Tuesday 15 August</b> Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> The Parishioners	
<b>Wednesday 16 August</b>	<b>10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Teresa Moss	
<b>Thursday 17 August</b>		<i>No Mass today</i>
<b>Friday 18 August</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Private Intention (LISC)	
<b>Saturday 19 August</b>		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> John & Peggy McGinty
<b>Sunday 20 August</b> 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Annis & Joan Ward	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23.07.23	£791.46	(£342.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£205.01	(£80.00 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1126.16</b>	
30.07.23	£787.27	(£275.80 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£153.50	(£35.50 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1070.46</b>	
06.08.23	£843.63	(£289.10 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£190.50	(£73.50 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1163.82</b>	

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### SNACK & STAY or SNACK AWAY!

The Archdiocese is launching 'Snack & Stay or Snack Away' to provide a free sandwich, fruit, crisps and drinks to children of any age during the school holidays. This initiative will be available at Parish Centres throughout the Archdiocese. For updates, please visit: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news)

### WANTED – BIKES FOR REFUGEES

If anyone has an old bike languishing in a shed or garage that is surplus to requirements, we can use them. Adult size, men's or women's, working or in need of repair. We can arrange collection. If you can help, please call Miriam on (01925) 815646.

### THE PRIESTS IN CONCERT

'The Priests' will be performing live in concert on Thursday 12 October at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The concert is part of the celebrations to mark the

centenary year of the Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and to support the work of the Cathedral Friends. Tickets are £25. For group bookings please phone 07860 129589 or email [theprietsliverpool@hotmail.com](mailto:theprietsliverpool@hotmail.com)

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

<b>Today</b>	<b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>
<i>Readings</i>	1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 22-33
<b>Weekdays</b>	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 19

### 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, 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*

Marie Barnes, Catherine Donaldson, June Fallon, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Margaret Mobbs, Sr Maire Momm, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park).