

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
22 October 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday – a day celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world! We pray for those who leave home and family to work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

There will be a **Second Collection** for *Missio* as you leave church today. *Missio* is the Pope's charity which helps to build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. For more information and/or to donate online, please visit: www.missio.org.uk

Day of Prayer for Peace

Pope Francis has asked us to keep this coming Friday, 27 October, as a Day of Prayer, Fasting and Penance for Peace in the Holy Land.

Prayer Intentions

For a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel and the grace to dialogue.
For the immediate release of all hostages.
For humanitarian aid for the people of Gaza.
For the thousands who have been killed and those who are grieving.
For the injured and those attending to them.
For the many young children who are traumatised.

'Families of Parishes' Roadshows

The Pastoral Plan outlines a path forward for the Church in our Archdiocese. It envisions the creation of "Families of Parishes" as the next step in strengthening our faith community.

To provide a comprehensive understanding of this concept, the Archdiocese has scheduled three

informative roadshows, open to everyone interested in the future of the Church. The roadshows will take place at the following locations and times:

Saturday 4 November, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Sefton Park, Liverpool.

Tuesday 7 November, 7.00 – 9.00 pm at St Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk.

Wednesday 8 November, 7.00 – 9.00 pm at St Julie's Eccleston, St Helens.

If you have questions or would like further clarification about this emerging strategy, please do attend one of the upcoming roadshows.

November Pious Lists

You will find the traditional Pious Lists for November at the back of church. Please take one if you want, write the names of those you want to remember on the list, and then return it to church. We will remember all those on the Pious Lists during Mass in November. There's no obligation to place an offering in with your list, but if you want to, the money will go to the Priests Training Fund.

This Week

There will just be one Mass in Warrington next Friday, 27 October – a Deanery Mass at 12.00 noon in St Joseph's, Penketh. Do come along if you can. 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 |
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| Sunday 22 October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>World Mission Day</i> | 10.30 am Mass Jean Molphy | (Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Rita Devine |
| Monday 23 October | | 7.00 pm Prayer Group |
| Tuesday 24 October | | 11.00 am Mass Nadine Davies |
| Wednesday 25 October | 10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Catherine & Joanna Eason | |
| Thursday 26 October | | 11.00 am Mass Christine Lord 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction |
| Friday 27 October <i>Day of Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land</i> | 12.00 noon Deanery Mass at St Joseph's, Penketh | <i>Mass at St Gregory's High School</i> |
| Saturday 28 October Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles | | 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Teresa Moss |
| Sunday 29 October Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> | 10.30 am Mass Bill Moss | 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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| 15.10.23 | £725.81 | (£231.00 Gift Aid) |
| Standing Orders | £129.69 | (£89.31 Gift Aid) |
| Digital Giving | £246.00 | (£96.00 Gift Aid) |
| Total | £1101.50 | |
| Donations | £82.50 | (Animal Welfare) |
| Parish Caritas | £115.30 | |
| Fundraising | £289.00 | (Sponsored Run) |

Thank you so much for your generosity.

PARISH FEAST DAY

Next weekend, we will celebrate our Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell (transferred from 20 April).

NOTICE FOR ST OSWALD'S

Please note: The pathway between St Oswald's and Sheerwater Close will be closed for 24 hours from 11.00 pm on Sunday 29 October to 11.00 pm on Monday 30 October. Apologies for any inconvenience.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & NAZARE

Sunday 1 to Saturday 8 June 2024, £800 sharing, flying from Manchester. See noticeboard for poster. For more information, please contact Chris Sykes on 07587 046985 or chrissykes2@hotmail.com

RED MISSION BOXES

If your box needs emptying, please bring it to church or to the Parish Office. Many thanks.

WALSINGHAM 2024

If you would be interested in going on pilgrimage to Walsingham next March, please let Ann know on 07773 674059.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

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| Today | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) |
| <i>Readings</i> | Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5 Matthew 22: 15-21 |
| Weekdays | Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 29 |

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

St Benedict's & St Mary's

Luciano Bartolo, Ian Buist, Malcolm Hackwell, Jean Hendricks, Anne Hill, Mary Hinchliffe, Ged Hughes, Susan Keating, Andy McDonagh, Sheila Mellor, Peter Milner, Trina Mouldsdales, Sandra Richardson, Kate Rigby, Pembolina Smith, Matilde Valentine, Paul Vernon, Dolores Woodall.

St Oswald's

Keith Bate, Catherine Carne, Dave Ferris, Betty Fiddler, Mary Harcourt, Sam Johnson, Miriam Jones, Ron Jones, Peter McKeown, Jean Murphy, Jo Roberts, Cathy Spencer, Claire Taylor, Ray Toft, Margaret Watts.

Other Parishes

Marie Barnes, Catherine Donaldson, June Fallon, Pauline Heywood, James Hutchison, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Margaret Mobbs, Sr Maire Moms, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park).

Those who have died recently, especially:

Christine Lord, John Francis O'Brien (Frank).