

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell
29 October 2023

My dear sisters and brothers,

Happy Feast Day!

This weekend, we celebrate our Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell (*transferred from 20 April*). It was five years ago, on 26 October 2018, that Archbishop Malcolm came to Warrington and inaugurated our new parish under the patronage of the Warrington martyr, Blessed James Bell, bringing together the three former parishes of St Benedict's, St Mary's and St Oswald's. The picture above is a photograph of the window depicting Blessed James Bell in St Mary's Shrine.

Solemnity of All Saints

During the month of November, we remember and pray especially for all those who have died. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on Wednesday 1 November. Originally an Easter feast, the solemnity remembers and celebrates all those people of every time and place who tried to follow Jesus during their lives on earth and are now with God in heaven. There will be two Masses:

Tuesday 7.00 pm Vigil Mass at St Oswald's

Wednesday 11.00 am Mass at St Benedict's

All Souls

On Thursday 2 November, the Church throughout the world prays for all the faithful departed. On this day and on Remembrance Sunday, we remember especially those parishioners who have died during the last twelve months by reading out their names during Mass. **There will be two Masses:** 11.00 am at St Benedict's and 7.00 pm at St Oswald's.

Inauguration of New Co-Cathedral

As you may know, Pope Francis has granted cathedral status to the Church of St Mary of the Isle in the Isle of Man. The church will be a co-cathedral for the Archdiocese alongside the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool. It will be the first Catholic co-cathedral in the British Isles. Co-cathedrals are rare in the Catholic Church. They exist when two dioceses, each with their own cathedral, are merged or when a single diocese spans two distinct civil jurisdictions as in our own Archdiocese.

The Inauguration of our new Co-Cathedral will take place this Friday, 3 November, at 12.00 noon. At the start of the ceremony, Archbishop Malcolm and the Apostolic Nuncio will knock on the church door to gain admittance. The Nuncio will proclaim the decree from Pope Francis elevating the church to cathedral status and then install Archbishop Malcolm in his seat or 'cathedra'. The Canons of the Metropolitan Cathedral Chapter will then take their seats in the choir stalls. You will be able to watch this historic occasion online here: <https://t.co/OzH3XGAIRh>

Annual Mission Appeal

Next weekend, Fr Michael Heap, M.Afr., of the Missionaries of Africa (formerly known as the 'White Fathers') will join us for the weekend Masses to make the Annual Mission Appeal.

*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 29 October Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass Bill Moss	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Teresa Moss 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 30 October		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 31 October	11.00 am Funeral Mass Frank O'Brien	7.00 pm Vigil Mass James O'Donnell
Wednesday 1 November Solemnity of All Saints <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass The Parishioners	
Thursday 2 November All Souls	11.00 am Mass The Faithful Departed	7.00 pm Mass Mark Hastry
Friday 3 November	No 11.00 am Mass today <i>(Fr Dave attending the Inauguration of the Co-Cathedral in Isle of Man)</i>	
Saturday 4 November St Charles Borromeo		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Kathleen Postlethwaite
Sunday 5 November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass Frank O'Brien	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

22.10.23	£602.34	(£277.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£201.00	(£96.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£933.03	
2nd Collection	£321.18	(World Missions)
Donation	£60.00	
Parish Caritas	£34.44	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

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.

LADIES GROUP

The next meeting of the Ladies Group will take place this Thursday, 2 November, at 8.00 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

'FAMILY OF PARISHES' ROADSHOWS

The Archdiocese has scheduled three informative roadshows about 'Families of Parishes'. The roadshows are open to all and will take place as follows:

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're hoping to attend one of the roadshows, please let Fr Dave know. Many thanks.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Exodus 22: 20-26 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10 Matthew 22: 34-40
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 30

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, Sheila Mellor, Peter Milner, Trina Mouldsdale, 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, 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:

John Francis (Frank) O'Brien, Andy McDonagh, John Shaw.