

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
**5 November 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Annual Mission Appeal

A very warm welcome to Fr Michael Heap, MAfr., of the Missionaries of Africa (formerly known as the 'White Fathers') who has travelled all the way from London to join us this weekend. Fr Michael will make the Annual Mission Appeal during Mass.

The Missionaries of Africa is an international Missionary Society of priests and brothers, founded in 1868. The name 'White Fathers' comes from their white habit based on the traditional North African dress of a white gown and a white hooded cloak. You can find out more at their website: [www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk](http://www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk)

### Changes at St Mary's Shrine

Two weeks ago, I bid farewell to Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP, who has been Rector of St Mary's Shrine since 2015. Fr de Malleray will be setting up a FSSP house in the Northampton Diocese, serving two communities in Bedford and Chesham Bois. This week, I was delighted to meet and welcome the new Rector of the Shrine, Fr Matthew Goddard, FSSP. Fr Matthew has come from Reading and will soon be joined by Fr Gwilym Evans, FSSP.

### 'Family of Parishes' Roadshows

If you would like to know more about our new way of working in the Archdiocese entitled 'Families of Parishes', there are two roadshows this week:

**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.

All are welcome. Booking is not required.

### Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. We will join churches and groups across the country by celebrating Masses of Remembrance, Peace and Hope over the weekend. We will also join the Acts of Remembrance at Bridgefoot and Bennetts Rec by keeping two minutes' silence at each Mass to remember those who gave their lives in war and armed conflict.

### Ceasefire needed NOW!

On Thursday, alongside other agencies, CAFOD handed in a petition urging the government to seek a ceasefire to prevent further loss of life in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. More humanitarian access must be granted to ease unimaginable levels of suffering.

Neil Thorns, Director of Advocacy at CAFOD, said: "The message from hundreds of thousands of people in the UK is clear: we need a ceasefire, and we need one today. Responding to the atrocities committed by Hamas with what amounts to a collective punishment of civilians living in the occupied Palestinian territory is leading to unimaginable levels of death and suffering."

Let's keep praying for peace, for the release of those held captive on both sides, and for compassion for the many innocent civilians caught up in the conflict.

*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 – 3.00 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 5 November</b> 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>(including Children's Liturgy)</i> Frank O'Brien	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Kathleen Postlethwaite <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 6 November</b>		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 November</b>		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Colette Ross
<b>Wednesday 8 November</b>	<b>10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>11.15 am Funeral Mass</b> Andy McDonagh	
<b>Thursday 9 November</b> Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		<b>9.30 am Funeral Mass</b> John Shaw <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 10 November</b> St Leo the Great	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Private Intention (LISC)	
<b>Saturday 11 November</b> St Martin of Tours		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Andy McDonagh
<b>Sunday 12 November</b> 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Those who died in war	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

29.10.23	£685.82	(£269.85 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£206.59	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1022.10</b>	
Parish Caritas	£12.96	
Fundraising	£78.00	(Hot Dogs)
	£50.00	(Donation)

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### SECOND COLLECTION

There is a Second Collection today. It's for the Annual Mission Appeal which will be made during Mass.

### 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](mailto:chrissykes2@hotmail.com)

### RED MISSION BOXES

Are there any more mission boxes that need emptying? If so, please bring your box to church or to the Parish Office. Many thanks.

### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to all the children who were baptised last month: **Alexis Swift, Mary Owens, Theo Livings, Evie Goodban, Frankie Foulkes, Reuben Van den Hoek and Iris Williams.** May God bless them and their families.

### PILGRIM WAY

'Hearts in Search of God' is a project to promote walking pilgrimages in England & Wales. They have

recently published a Pilgrim Way from the Cathedral to shrines in the diocese: [www.pilgrimways.org.uk](http://www.pilgrimways.org.uk)

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)*

**Today** **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

*Readings* Malachi 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10

1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13

Matthew 23: 1-12

**Weekdays** Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 31

### 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, Margaret Smith, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park).

**Those who have died recently, especially:**

Andy McDonagh and John Shaw.