

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
12 November 2023**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Remembrance Sunday

Today is Remembrance Sunday. We will join churches and groups across the country by celebrating Masses of Remembrance, Peace and Hope this 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, as well as the many civilians and animals who lost their lives.

A Message from Dan Howarth

Our seminarian, Dan, has written a little note to us all:

"Fellow parishioners, I hope you don't mind me gatecrashing your newsletter, but I wanted to send you all an update.

"Coming to the end of the first month and it has been a busy few weeks. Straight back into the studies with philosophy, canon law and theology. It's nice to be back in the BEDA chapel daily and the familiarity helps with my prayer life, as has being across the road from St Paul. Seminary routine is easy to fall back into and it's almost like I didn't have 4 months back in the UK. My first practice homily is in a couple of weeks, preaching on the readings for the feast of the Holy Family – one of my personal favourites as it reminds me of belonging: that we all belong to the same family as children of God. Assignments are calling so need to rush off to bury my head in a Church fathers' book. Please be assured of my prayers for you all and your loved ones at this troubled time in the world. With peace and love, Dan."

Archdiocesan Synodal Council

The first meeting of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council takes place on Saturday 25 November. Representatives of all the deaneries in the Archdiocese will gather to hear about the progress of the implementation of the Pastoral Plan and suggest pastoral priorities for the next twelve months. Our deanery reps are: Fr Dave (Dean), Roger Harrison (Chair of the Deanery Synodal Council), Clare Lancaster & Mary Hallam (Warrington), Pauline Rolt & Denise Roberts (Widnes & Cronton), Moses Mui (Hongkongers) and Austin Sabu (under 30's). If you would like your reps to raise any matters at the ASC, please let them know.

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land

As you know, our parish is paired with two parishes in Jordan – Fr Fares Syriani and the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary in Kerak, and Fr Athos Righi and the parishioners of St James the Less in Ma'in.

For the last few years, we've sent Christmas cards to our sisters and brothers in these parishes. These cards have been received with immense gratitude. This year, they are needed more than ever.

If you would be willing to send a Christmas card to one or both parishes this year, please write a card and bring it to church **next weekend**. You don't need to stamp or address the envelope, simply write a message of hope and assure them of your prayers. 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 – 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
Sunday 12 November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.30 am Mass Those who died in war and armed conflict	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Andy McDonagh 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 13 November		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 14 November		11.00 am Mass Nadine Davies
Wednesday 15 November	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Holy Souls	
Thursday 16 November		11.00 am Mass Brigitte Capy 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 17 November	11.00 am Mass Canon Robert Etherington	
Saturday 18 November		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention
Sunday 19 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	10.30 am Mass Frank O'Brien	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

05.11.23	£685.80	(£308.15 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£160.50	(£72.50 Gift Aid)
Total	£975.99	
2nd Collection	£583.06	(Mission Appeal)
Parish Caritas	£21.32	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

EVENT AT ST PETER'S, WOOLSTON

St Peter and St Michael, Woolston, are holding an outside event (come rain or rain!) on Friday 24 November at 6.00 pm. The event is being organised in conjunction with the "With Love, Steph" charity. You will be able to participate and where necessary, purchase BBQ food, Craft stalls, Cake stall (with takeaway boxes), Christmas carols, Piety stall, children's games, and mulled wine, Irish coffee, tea and coffee to drink. We would love to see parishioners from other parishes in the deanery. Everyone is very welcome.

MUSIC AT THE MET

As we near the end of the liturgical year, the Cathedral Choir, accompanied by members of the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra, will sing Bach's Cantata 140 'Wachet auf' ('Sleepers wake') in the Cathedral next Sunday, 19 November, at 3.00 pm. Entrance is free. See poster at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Christmas Fair next Sunday in St Benedict's Parish Centre, 11.30 am – 2.00 pm. All are welcome.

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

How can we help? Please take a sheet home with you today.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 4)

Today	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Wisdom 6: 12-16 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 32

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 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, 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 Momm, Elizabeth Nash, Margaret Smith, Pamela Watson (*nee* Park).