

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Solemnity of Christ the King (A)

26 November 2023

My dear sisters and brothers,

World Youth Day

Today is Solemnity of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the Church's year. It's also World Youth Day when we celebrate the presence and contribution of young people in the life of the Church. You can find out more about World Youth Day here: www.worldyouthday.com

There will be a **Second Collection** as you leave church to support the ongoing work of youth ministry in the Archdiocese. There is also a leaflet explaining how this money is spent during the year.

Thank You

...to those who were able to write a Christmas Card for our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land.

...to Chris Sykes and the Fundraising Team for organising last Sunday's Christmas Fair, and to all who supported it.

Archdiocesan Synodal Council

Yesterday (Saturday), history was made as the inaugural meeting of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council (ASC) took place. Over 150 people, representing each Deanery in the Archdiocese – with many more online – gathered with the Archbishop to hear about the progress of implementing the Pastoral Plan and to propose pastoral priorities for the next twelve months. There will be more information about the ASC in the coming weeks.

'Family of Parishes' Event

Our new 'Family of Parishes', which incorporates the parishes of St Stephen's, Blessed James Bell and St Peter

& St Michael's, is invited to come together for a Christingle Service on Sunday 17 December at 4.00 pm at St Benedict's. 'Christingle' is an Advent service celebrating the coming of Jesus, the light of the world. This short service (about 35 minutes) is especially suitable for children who will lead a procession of light around the church. More details next week.

Ordination to the Priesthood

This coming Friday, 1 December, Hugh Donleavy will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Malcolm at 6.00 pm at St Alban's. Hugh will celebrate his first Mass at 12.00 noon on Saturday 2 December at Sacred Heart. Please keep Hugh and his family in your prayers at this special time.

New Parish Administrator

A reminder that the Archdiocesan Human Resources Department is in the process of recruiting a new Administrator for our parish. You can find full details here: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers The closing date for applications is 27 November 2023.

New Co-Cathedral

As you know, I was privileged to be able to attend the inauguration of our new Co-Cathedral in the Isle of Man on 3 November. There's a little write up and some pictures from the celebration on the display boards in church. There are also some prayer cards to St Maughold, the Patron Saint of the Isle of Man.

*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:** Miss 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 26 November Solemnity of Christ the King (A) <i>World Youth Day</i>	10.30 am Mass Harry Howl 3.00 pm Mass in Cantonese	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass John & Margaret McGinty 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 27 November		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 28 November		11.00 am Mass Michael Morris
Wednesday 29 November	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Holy Souls	
Thursday 30 November Feast of St Andrew, Apostle		11.00 am Mass Kevin Holt & Family 12.15 pm Funeral Service Jackie Wilkinson 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 1 December <i>World AIDS Day</i>	11.00 am Mass Private Intention (LISC)	
Saturday 2 December		4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners
Sunday 3 December 1st Sunday of Advent (B)	10.30 am Mass Ken Hindle	8.30 am Mass Ellen Cox

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

19.11.23	£708.16	(£283.30 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£220.50	(£115.50 Gift Aid)
Total	£1058.35	
Parish Caritas	£26.20	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today	Solemnity of Christ the King (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 Matthew 25: 31-46
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 34

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

How can we help? Please pick up a sheet from the back of church or download it from the Parish website.

ADVENT AT THE CATHEDRAL

See noticeboard for full details

Sunday 3 December at 5.00 pm

An Advent Sequence

Sunday 10 December at 3.00 pm

A Ceremony of Carols

Sunday 17 December at 5.00 pm

Festival Carol Service

NATIVITY SCENE FESTIVAL

St John Henry Newman are holding a display of Crib scenes in church as follows: Tuesday 5 December (10.00 – 12.00 noon & 2.00 – 4.00 pm), Wednesday 6 December (6.00 – 8.00 pm) and Friday 8 December (10.00 – 11.30 am & 2.00 – 4.00 pm). Refreshments will be available.

www.newmanparishwarrington.com

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

The usual publications, 'Advent Extra' and 'Walk With Me' will be available next weekend together with an Advent Calendar for Children.

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 Moms, Elizabeth Nash, Margaret Smith, Pamela Watson.

Those who have died recently, especially:

Jackie Wilkinson, Fr Nick Wilde.