

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**3rd Sunday of Lent (B)**

**3 March 2024**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### First Communion

A very warm welcome to the children in Year 4 at St Benedict's, and their families, who will be joining us for Mass this weekend as they begin their preparation for First Communion.

For those children at non-Catholic Schools, I will be in touch this week to arrange a meeting in the near future.

### LGBTQ+ Catholics

Mass with LGBTQ+ Catholics and friends will take place at 2.00 pm today (Sunday) at All Saints, Oakfield, Anfield, Liverpool L4 2QG followed by a social gathering. All are welcome.

### Religious Education Inspection

As you may know, St Oswald's Catholic Primary School was inspected by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate on 24 & 25 January following the new Ofsted Framework. As Chair of Governors, I am delighted to inform you that the inspection team judged our school to be outstanding in every category.

The report shows that the inspectors truly experienced St Oswald's as we know it is and acknowledged this in their grading: a special community, where everyone is valued, welcomed, supported and nurtured; where pupils thrive and receive the very best care and education to prepare them for high school and adult life. You will find copies of the report at the back of church.

I know you will join me in congratulating and thanking our Head Teacher, Ms Lennon, the RE Coordinators – Mrs Orwin (Assistant Head) and Miss Morris, and our wonderful staff – both teaching and non-teaching – in achieving this result. It is a testament to the great love,

commitment and dedication they have for every child in our care.

In addition to the Governors, parents and carers, I want to say a special 'Thank you' to the children we are privileged to serve. Their manner and care for each other, their love and their goodness, give me great hope today and for the future.

### Calling Year 8!

Young people in Year 8, who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, are invited to visit the website [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and click on the 'Register for Confirmation' in the top right-hand corner of the page. **Registration closes on Friday 15 March 2024.**

### Chrism Mass

This year's Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30 pm. If you would like a place on the coach, please sign the list at the back of church. The coach will depart from St Oswald's at 6.10 pm and St Benedict's at 6.20 pm. The Mass usually finishes by 9.15 pm so we should be back by 10.00 pm. If you are able to contribute towards the cost of the coach, I suggest £5 per adult.

### Families of Parishes

This weekend, we have a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop about 'Families of Parishes' – the way parishes across the Archdiocese are coming together in groups. There are copies of the Archbishop's letter at the back of church and you can read it on the Parish website.

*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:** Rev Tony Kerrigan & Rev David Boyle.

2) **Parish Office:** Mrs Bernie Griffin. Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 am – 2.30 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: Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 am – 2.30 pm.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
<b>Sunday 3 March</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent (B)	<b>10.30 am First Communion</b> <b>Presentation Mass</b> John & Doris Ryan, Catherine Shireby	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Peggy McGinty <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 4 March</b>		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 5 March</b>		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Eileen Harris
<b>Wednesday 6 March</b>	<b>11.30 am Funeral Mass</b> Delia Margaret Dixon	
<b>Thursday 7 March</b>	<b>6.00 pm Installation of New Rector</b> <i>St Mary's Shrine</i>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Mark Kelly <b>7.00 pm Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Friday 8 March</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Private Intention (LISC) <b>11.40 am Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5.30 pm Stations in Cantonese</b>	
<b>Saturday 9 March</b>		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Sunday 10 March</b> 4th Sunday of Lent (B)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Paul Vernon	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> Jack Disley

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

25.02.24	£582.07	(£260.35 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£256.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£967.76</b>	
2nd Collection	£751.97	(Mission Appeal)
Parish Caritas	£100.00	
Fundraising	£240.65	(200 Club & Hot Dogs)
<i>Thank you so much for your generosity.</i>		

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend: CAFOD'S Lent Fast Day  
Next weekend: Nugent

### LENTEN ALMS

During Lent, there is a wall box in St Benedict's and a basket in St Oswald's for Lenten Alms. The money donated will go to support the children of Gaza who have suffered so much in recent months.

### PADGATE WALKING DAY

We're having an Easter Hamper Raffle to help raise funds for this year's Padgate Walking Day. The day costs the parish just over a £1000! Donations for the hamper would be gratefully received. Many thanks to those who have contributed so far.

### FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENT

Following the success of the Christingle before Christmas, our next 'Family of Parishes' event will be Stations of the Cross at Stephen's on Saturday 23 March at 10.00 am, followed by tea, coffee and cake. Please put the date in your diary and come along if you're free. Our 'Family of Parishes' consists of the parishes of

Blessed James Bell, St Peter & Michael's, and St Stephen's.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)*

<b>Today</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent (B)</b>
<i>Readings</i>	Exodus 20: 1-17 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25 John 2: 13-25
<b>Weekdays</b>	Lent – Week 3

### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

**Those who are sick or homebound, especially:**

*St Benedict's & St Mary's*

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, Dolores Woodall.

*St Oswald's*

Keith Bate, Catherine Carne, Dave Ferris, Betty Fiddler, Sam Johnson, Jo Roberts, Cathy Spencer, Claire Taylor, Margaret Watts, Margaret Whitlow.

*Other Parishes*

Marie Barnes, Catherine Donaldson, June Fallon, James Hutchison, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Fr Barry McAllister, Margaret Mobbs, Sr Maire Moms, Elizabeth Nash, Margaret Smith, Pamela Watson.

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

Miriam Jones, Delia Margaret Dixon, Maureen Lennon, Marie Stubbins, Canon Vincent Burrows, Denise Harris, Alan Monks.