

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

4th Sunday of Lent (B)
10 March 2024

My dear sisters and brothers,

New Rector at St Mary's Shrine

On Thursday, the Archbishop came to Warrington to install the new Rector at St Mary's Shrine. In a beautiful, gentle evening liturgy, Archbishop Malcolm welcomed the new Rector, Fr Matthew Goddard, FSSP, together with his assistant, Fr Gwilym Evans, FSSP.

Fr Goddard ministered in Ottawa, Canada, before serving in Reading for the last nine years. Fr Evans was ordained two years ago and joined Fr Matthew in Reading. We welcome them both and assure them of our prayers as they begin their ministry in Warrington.

If you want to watch the installation, you can do so on YouTube. Just enter St Mary's Shrine in the search bar.

Holy Week

Holy Week is fast approaching – Palm Sunday is two weeks today! The Holy Week ceremonies are among the most beautiful of the year and take a lot of planning and preparation. They also need plenty of volunteers! So, at the back of church, there are sign-up sheets for Altar Servers, Stewards, Readers, and the Washing of the Feet. If you could help, I would be most grateful if you could sign up today. Many thanks in advance.

Archdiocesan Synodal Council

At the end of November, delegates from every Deanery met for the first Archdiocesan Synodal Council. It was a powerful day. We listened to what has happened to implement the Pastoral Plan since its publication in November 2021 and suggested priorities for the Archdiocese for the next 12 months. You will find copies of the Report at the back of church and on the

Parish website which gives a summary of the priorities that emerged.

Red Mission Boxes

The 'Red Box' has been around for over 100 years. Whether you still have one at home, or remember having one growing up, the organisers would love to hear from you as they plan for the future. Would you be happy to speak with them? If so, please complete a short form to show your interest and to find out more at: www.missio.org.uk/research If you cannot access the form online, you can call 020 7821 9755. Thank you!

Final Call for Confirmation

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 and click on the 'Register for Confirmation' tab. **Registration closes this Friday, 15 March.**

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.

Family of Parishes Event

Our next 'Family of Parishes' event will be Stations of the Cross at St Stephen's on Saturday 23 March at 10.00 am, followed by tea, coffee and cake.

*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: 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

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: Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 am – 2.30 pm.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
Sunday 10 March 4th Sunday of Lent (B) <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	10.30 am Mass Paul Vernon	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Jack Disley
Monday 11 March		7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 12 March		11.00 am Mass Ian Whelan
Wednesday 13 March	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Andrew McDonagh	
Thursday 14 March		11.00 am Mass Gilbert Cox 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 15 March	11.00 am Mass Thanksgiving (St Anthony) 11.40 am Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 16 March		4.30 pm First Communion Preparation Mass Joseph Cann
Sunday 17 March 5th Sunday of Lent (B)	10.30 am First Communion Preparation Mass Olive Elizabeth Swift	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

03.03.24 £763.78 (£259.65 Gift Aid)
 Standing Orders £129.69 (£89.31 Gift Aid)
 Digital Giving £207.00
Total £1100.47
 2nd Collection £560.83 (CAFOD Fast Day)
Thank you so much for your generosity.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 4)

Today 4th Sunday of Lent (B)
Readings 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23
 Ephesians 2: 4-10
 John 3: 14-21
Weekdays Lent – Week 4

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, there is a Second Collection for Nugent which cares for, educates, and protects vulnerable children, young people and adults through schools, care homes, and community and social work services.

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.

FUNDRAISING

St Benedict's 200 Club February Winners: £50 – Nora Addis, £25 – Barry Henniker, £15 – Terry Naughton, £10 – Betty Lunt. **St Oswald's:** Many thanks to all those who have donated prizes and bought tickets for the Easter Hamper Raffle.

LADIES GROUP

Easter Cake Decorating Class on Saturday 23 March, 2.00 – 4.00 pm, in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Benedict's. £10 per person. All ingredients included. Please book with Sandra Brinksman in person or through the Parish Office. All welcome.

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, Canon Vincent Burrows, Denise Harris, Alan Monks.