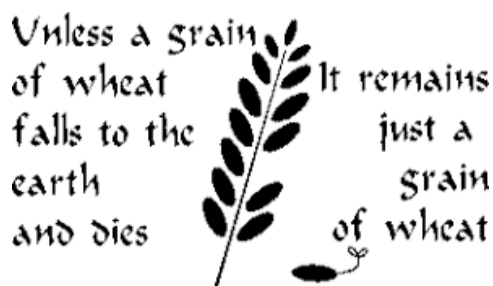


# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**5th Sunday of Lent (B)**

**17 March 2024**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### First Communion

A very warm welcome to the children and their families who are preparing for First Communion and who will be joining us for Mass this weekend.

### Holy Week

Holy Week is the most important week of the year for Christians. We remember and celebrate what Jesus did out of love for each one of us. The word 'holy' means 'to set apart'. So let us try to set aside some of the week for our Lord by joining in the ancient liturgies we will celebrate in communion with other Christians all over the world.

This year's schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

### Palm Sunday

Saturday	4.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
Sunday	8.30 am Mass at St Oswald's
	10.30 am Mass at St Benedict's

### Tuesday of Holy Week

11.00 am	Mass at St Oswald's
7.30 pm	Penance Service at St Oswald's (Service of Reconciliation)

### Wednesday of Holy Week

11.00 am	Mass at St Benedict's
7.30 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

### Holy Thursday

7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (with 'Watching' until 9.30 pm) St Benedict's
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### Good Friday

11.00 am	Stations of the Cross for Children St Benedict's
12.00 noon	Stations of the Cross at St Oswald's

3.00 pm	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord St Oswald's
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### Holy Saturday

8.00 pm	The Easter Vigil at St Oswald's (Please note: No 4.30 pm Vigil Mass)
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### Easter Sunday

8.30 am	Mass at St Oswald's
10.30 am	Mass at St Benedict's

### 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 this Saturday, 23 March, at 10.00 am, followed by tea, coffee and cake. Please come along if you can – it's a way of trying to build relationships between our parishes which is so necessary if we're going to be able to continue to be an effective Christian presence in Warrington in the years to come.

*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.

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 17 March</b> 5th Sunday of Lent (B)	<b>10.30 am First Communion</b> <b>Preparation Mass</b> Olive Elizabeth Swift	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm First Communion</b> <b>Preparation Mass</b> Joseph Cann <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 18 March</b>		<b>7.00 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 19 March</b> Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of Mary	<i>Mass at Cardinal Newman High School</i>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Eileen Harris
<b>Wednesday 20 March</b>	<b>10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Martin Jennings <b>1.00 pm Funeral Service</b> Denise Harris	
<b>Thursday 21 March</b>	<b>1.00 pm Funeral Service</b> Alan John Monks	<i>No Mass today</i> <b>7.00 pm Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Friday 22 March</b>	<b>12.00 noon Deanery Mass</b> at St John Fisher, Widnes	
<b>Saturday 23 March</b>	<b>10.00 am Family of Parishes</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> (at St Stephen's)	<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Philomena McCarron
<b>Sunday 24 March</b> Palm Sunday (B)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Angela Ryan	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

10.03.24	£678.04	(£293.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£234.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1041.73</b>	
2nd Collection	£373.15	(Nugent)
<i>Thank you so much for your generosity.</i>		

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

<b>Today</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent (B)</b>
<i>Readings</i>	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Hebrews 5: 7-9 John 12: 20-33
<b>Weekdays</b>	Lent – Week 5

### 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:** A reminder to members to pay for March. **St Oswald's:** Please buy a ticket for the Easter Hamper Raffle which will help to fund the expenses for this year's Padgate Walking Day.

### 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.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS / VACANCIES

Latest events from across the Archdiocese can be found on the Archdiocesan website – click on 'Menu' and then 'Events' at [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk) Vacancies can also be found on the website – click on 'Menu' and then 'Careers'.



### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

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

*St Benedict's & St Mary's*

Rosa-Maria Berry, 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, 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:**

Canon Vincent Burrows, Denise Harris, Alan Monks.