

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**3rd Sunday of Easter (B)
14 April 2024**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Fr Gabriel Romanelli

Fr Gabriel Romanelli, the parish priest of Holy Family Parish, Gaza, has accepted an invitation from the Bishops to visit the UK at the end of April. During the visit, Fr Gabriel will meet the Bishops to thank them for their continued support; he will speak to MPs and Lords in Parliament before a brief visit to Glasgow. Then he will spend a few days at English Martyrs in Litherland before returning to the Holy Land. On Sunday 28 April, he will join Bishop Tom Neylon for Mass at English Martyrs at 10.30 am. All are welcome.

Deanery Synodal Council

Last Tuesday, the Deanery Synodal Council met in Widnes for its bimonthly meeting. We reflected on the recent events that have taken place in our Families of Parishes, including the Stations of the Cross at St Stephen's on the eve of Holy Week. The coming together of parishes for these events has been very positive and is helping us to see beyond our own churches and parishes to the wider Catholic community. This is important because, as members recognised, we've reached the stage where no parish can operate in isolation – we need each other to function effectively.

Eucharistic Ministers

As we gradually begin to reintroduce communion under both kinds, I invite those who are Eucharistic Ministers to a short meeting at St Benedict's this Thursday, 18 April, at 7.00 pm.

First Communions

Next Saturday, the children from St Oswald's Catholic Primary School will celebrate their First Communion in

two celebrations. On 11 May, the children from St Benedict's will do the same. Then, on 19 May, the children who are at non-Catholic Schools will celebrate their First Communion with us during Sunday Mass. Please keep the children, and their families, in your prayers.

Blessed James Bell

Next Saturday, 20 April, is the Memorial of Blessed James Bell. Since the Sundays of Easter take priority over patronal feasts, we'll do what we've done before and transfer the feast to the Sunday closest to the Solemnity of All Saints which, this year, is 27 October.

Parish Synodal Council

When our three parishes came together as one parish in 2018, we set up a new Parish Council. The council met bimonthly until the pandemic hit in March 2020. I would like to resurrect the council in the coming months but as a Parish Synodal Council to reflect the new culture of synodality that Pope Francis is encouraging us to foster in the life of the Church. If you would be interested in joining the Council, please let me know. Thank you.

LGBTQ+ Catholics

The next gathering for LGBTQ+ Catholics will take place on Sunday 28 April at St John Stone, Ainsdale PR8 3RN. There will be Mass at 2.00 pm followed by a social gathering. All are most welcome.

May the peace of the risen Lord Jesus be with you.

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.
- 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 14 April 3rd Sunday of Easter (B)	10.30 am Mass Special Intention	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Ian Whelan
Monday 15 April	10.30 am Funeral Service Michael John Cook	7.00 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 16 April St Bernadette	<i>Mass at Cardinal Newman High School</i>	11.00 am Mass Samuel Taylor
Wednesday 17 April	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Wilf Dolley	
Thursday 18 April		11.00 am Mass Bill Moss 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 19 April	11.00 am Mass John Joseph Dean	
Saturday 20 April Blessed James Bell <i>(transferred to 27 October)</i>		11.00 am & 1.00 pm First Communion Masses 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Patricia & Clarence Knowles
Sunday 21 April 4th Sunday of Easter (B) <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	10.30 am Mass Catherine Helen Swift	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

31.03.23	£1101.64	(£450.02 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.69	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£274.00	
Total	£1505.33	
07.04.24	£690.71	(£228.80 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.00	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£214.00	
Total	£1033.71	
Good Friday	£420.07	(Holy Places)
St Oswald's	£560.50	(Walking Day Raffle)
St Benedict's	£195.00	(200 Club)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday is the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a Second Collection for the Priests Training Fund.

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

March Winners: £50 Clem Lawton, £25 Mike Rosebury, £15 TJS Ryan, £10 Yvonne Snell.

PARISH OUTING

St Benedict's is organising a Parish Outing to the Lake District on Monday 13 May to visit the Laurel & Hardy Museum and Wax Lyrical Factory Outlet in Ulverston. Cost including entry fee from £23.00. Please sign the list at the back of church if you interested.

The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days and concludes with the great feast of Pentecost.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	3rd Sunday of Easter (B)
<i>Readings</i>	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2: 1-5 Luke 24: 35-48
Weekdays	Easter – Week 3

Alleluia!

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, Jim Hyland, 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, Peter Cox, 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, Margaret Mobbs, Sr Maire Moms, Elizabeth Nash, Margaret Smith, Pamela Watson.

Those who have died recently, especially:

Michael John Cook, Fr John Johnson.