

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday (B)
19 May 2024

My dear sisters and brothers,

Pentecost

Today, the fifty days of Easter culminate in the great feast of Pentecost. We remember how Jesus, after returning to his Father in heaven, sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sent them out to proclaim the Good News of God's love to the whole of creation. This event marked the beginning of the Church.

Two thousand years later, the mission of the Church remains the same and is enshrined in our own Archdiocesan Mission Statement: *"Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation."*

First Communion

A very warm welcome to the children and young people who are celebrating their First Communion with us at St Benedict's this weekend, and to their families and friends – some of whom have travelled great distances to be here.

Fundraising Walkathon

Next Sunday, there will be a gentle, fun Walkathon from St Benedict's to Orford Park and back at 12.00 noon, followed by a picnic (bring your own) together at church. If you're able, please pick up a sponsorship form from the back of church.

Confirmations

Bishop Tom Neylon will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 2.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, 6 & 7 July, at St Oswald's, Padgate. Young parishioners in Year 8 who have registered for the sacrament are

invited to a meeting at St Benedict's next Sunday, 26 May, 2.00 – 2.45 pm. There's an invitation in the post!

'Family of Parishes' Spring Walk

I was delighted to hear that over 50 people from our Family of Parishes took part in last Sunday's Spring Walk from St Oswald's to St Peter & St Michael's in Woolston. Thank you so much to our Synodal Reps for organising this event and to all who took part.

Corpus Christi Procession

On Sunday 2 June, there will be a Parish Corpus Christi Procession bringing together our three churches of St Benedict's, St Mary's Shrine and St Oswald's. The procession will begin in St Mary's at 2.00 pm and conclude in St Alban's where Canon Christopher will lead Benediction at around 3.00 pm. The procession is a great witness to our faith in Jesus Christ in a society that increasingly no longer knows him. All are welcome, including children who have just celebrated their First Communion. Please extend an invitation to anyone you think might like to come along.

Half-Term

Finally, the schools break up for half-term on Friday. It will be a much-needed break for the staff and children of our schools who work so hard. I hope they have a good break and come back refreshed for the final term of the school year.

*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.
- 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 19 May Pentecost Sunday (B)	10.30 am First Communion Mass The Parishioners	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Avril Hamnet 8.30 am Mass Miriam Jones
Monday 20 May Our Lady, Mother of the Church		<i>The Prayer Group is now meeting at St John Henry Newman Church</i>
Tuesday 21 May		11.00 am Mass Kate McGraide
Wednesday 22 May	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Patrick Naughton	
Thursday 23 May Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest		11.00 am Mass Brian Hughes 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 24 May	No Mass today <i>(Fr Dave at Meeting for Deans)</i>	2.00 pm School May Procession (in church)
Saturday 25 May St Bede the Venerable		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Neil Marjason
Sunday 26 May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (B)	10.30 am Mass Terry Davies & Tom Howell	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

12.05.24	£697.42	(£333.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£129.00	(£89.31 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£336.00	(£89.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1162.42	
2nd Collection	£291.32	(World Communications)
1st Communion	£422.18	

Thank you so much for your generosity.



TWO CATHEDRALS WALK

The annual Two Cathedrals Walk takes place today (Sunday) beginning at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3.00 pm with a short service led by Mgr John Devine, followed by an ecumenical procession along Hope Street to the Anglican Cathedral for a blessing. Afterwards, there will be a thanksgiving picnic in the Anglican Cathedral – bring your own picnic or dine in the Welsford Bistro.

CALLING EX-NOTRE DAME WIGAN PUPILS

There will be a Mass at 10.00 am on Friday 31 May at St John Henry Newman Church, Latchford, for the repose of the souls of Miriam Jones and all other deceased pupils. There will be a chance to reminisce over tea and coffee after Mass. Blue veils not required.

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 Vacancies can also be found on the website – click on 'Menu' and then 'Careers'.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	Pentecost Sunday (B)
<i>Readings</i>	Acts 2: 1-11 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 7

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, Jim Hyland, Ged Hughes, Susan Keating, Sheila Mellor, Peter Milner, Trina Mouldsdale, Sandra Richardson, Kate Rigby, Pembolina Smith, Matilde Valentine, Peter Ward, Dolores Woodall.

St Oswald's

Keith Bate, Catherine Carne, Peter Cox, Dave Ferris, Betty Fiddler, Marguerite Jones, Jo Roberts, Cathy Spencer, Claire Taylor, Margaret Watts, Margaret Whitlow.

Other Parishes

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

Those who have died recently, especially:

Geoffrey Orange, Sam Johnson, Stephen McGowan.