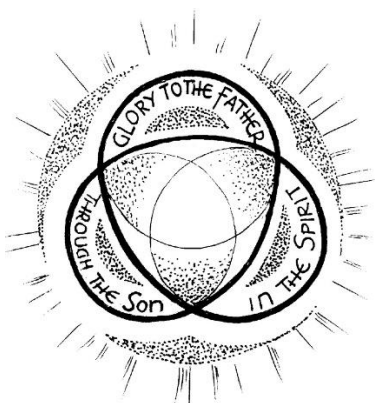


# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

**The Most Holy Trinity (B)**  
**26 May 2024**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### World Children's Day

Today, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, is the Catholic Church's first World Children's Day. Pope Francis announced this special day last year. The idea came from a nine-year-old boy, Alessandro, who wrote to Pope Francis with an idea to bring children together from different countries for a special event. Alessandro's hope was that the children could get to know one another, play and pray together, and become friends. There are lots of resources to use at home, including a letter from Pope Francis to children, here:

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/world-childrens-day>

**Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
reflected in the faces of children all over the world.  
Come, Jesus, you who make all things new,  
who are the way that leads us to the Father,  
come and remain with us always.  
Amen.**

### Padgate & Woolston Walking Day

Following a meeting with representatives from all the churches and schools who participate in Padgate & Woolston Walking Day, it was decided to cancel Walking Day this year. While this decision was made reluctantly, it was done so in the best interests of the children who take part in the procession. Significant concerns have been raised about safety which the local churches felt they could not resolve with confidence at this stage of planning. As Chair of Churches Together in East Warrington, which is responsible for organising Walking Day, I have issued a statement with a fuller explanation. You will find copies of the statement at the back of church and on the Parish website.

Churches Together plan to set up a Management Team in September to attempt to resolve these issues and plan for Padgate & Woolston Walking Day in 2025.

### Warrington Walking Day

Warrington Walking Day will take place on Friday 28 June. As usual, help is needed to carry the statues – St Benedict, Sacred Heart, Our Lady, as well as the Banner of St Benedict; marshals are also needed for the procession. If you can help, **PLEASE** sign the list on the noticeboard. Many thanks.

### Message from Dan!

I received a postcard from our seminarian, Dan Howarth, recently. He wrote:

*"Dear Fellow Parishioners, I hope Eastertide at Blessed James Bell went well. We are on the run down to exams so it's difficult to find time to get out in the sun – but I manage! The sun is keeping around 29 degrees! We had the Scots College Diaconate Ordination recently which was very special. Not long and I'll be back in wonderful Warrington very soon. Dan."*

Dan will be home mid-June. It will be good to have him back with us for some of the summer.

### Fundraising Walkathon

Finally, today (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 together at church. Hope you can join us.

*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**

	<b>St Benedict's</b>	<b>St Oswald's</b>
<b>Sunday 26 May</b> Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (B)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Terry Davies & Tom Howell	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Neil Marjason <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 27 May</b> Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury		<i>The Prayer Group is now meeting at St John Henry Newman Church</i>
<b>Tuesday 28 May</b>		<b>No Mass today</b> <i>Fr D at Hospital Chaplains Meeting</i>
<b>Wednesday 29 May</b>	<b>10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Charles Eason	<b>12.30 pm Funeral Mass</b> Samuel Johnson
<b>Thursday 30 May</b>		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Margaret Holliday <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 31 May</b> Feast of the Visitation of Mary	<b>12.00 noon Deanery Mass</b> <i>at St John Fisher, Widnes</i>	
<b>Saturday 1 June</b> St Justin Martyr		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Brian Fitzgerald
<b>Sunday 2 June</b> Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (B) <i>Corpus Christi</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Norman & Josie Child	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
	<b>2.00 pm Parish Corpus Christi Procession</b>	

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

19.05.24	£706.60	<i>(£285.05 Gift Aid)</i>
Standing Orders	£129.00	<i>(£89.31 Gift Aid)</i>
Digital Giving	£220.25	<i>(£104.00 Gift Aid)</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1055.85</b>	

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

**CALLING EX-NOTRE DAME WIGAN PUPILS**

There will be a Mass at 10.00 am this 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.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

Next 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 Shrine 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.

**LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Please see church noticeboard for Loreto Grammar School's Open Day for Entry to Year 7 in 2025 on Saturday 29 June (9.30 am – 1.00 pm), and for the School Alumnae Tea and Cakes on Saturday 29 June (1.30 – 3.30 pm). Full details: [www.loretogrammar.co.uk](http://www.loretogrammar.co.uk)

**CONFIRMATION 2024**

Meeting for Parish Candidates today (Sunday): 2.00 – 2.45 pm at St Benedict's.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 4)*

<b>Today</b>	<b>The Most Holy Trinity (B)</b>
<i>Readings</i>	Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40 Romans 8: 14-17; Matthew 28: 16-20
<b>Weekdays</b>	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 8

**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, Clarry Knowles, 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:**

Geoffrey Orange, Sam Johnson, Stephen McGowan.