

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (B) 'Corpus Christi' – 2 June 2024

My dear sisters and brothers,

#### Welcome

A very warm welcome to Bishop Tom Neylon who will preside at the Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend.

#### Corpus Christi Procession

Today (Sunday), 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. **Marshals** – please collect a hi viz jacket from church this weekend and meet at St Mary's in the cloister at 1.30 pm. Thanks.

#### Fundraising Walkathon

Many thanks to all those who took part in the Walkathon at St Benedict's last Sunday despite the threat of rain.

#### Confirmation Candidates

Now that all the First Communions are over, it's time for the Sacrament of Confirmation. So far, the young people in Year 8 have received some catechesis in school or with Deacon Tony and his team. Next weekend, our parish candidates will join us for Sunday Mass. It will be good to welcome them and pray for them. Then, on Saturday 15 June, I will take them to the Cathedral in Liverpool (and lunch at McDonalds). Finally, on Sunday 30 June, they will meet for a BBQ and a rehearsal before the Confirmation Services on Saturday and Sunday, 6 & 7 July.

#### Sight Loss Friendly Churches

On Monday 3 June at 2.00 pm, there will be a one-hour meeting on Zoom about welcoming and including blind and partially sighted people in church. An expert panel from the Torch Trust will lead the meeting and answer your questions. You can find out more here: [www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk](http://www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk) If you would like to attend the meeting, please register at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllce2srzIsGtwxyB-sNnmxqgmDGzAzVaL>

#### Padgate & Woolston Walking Day

Churches Together in East Warrington have organised Walking Day for many years. However, all the churches are struggling and no longer have the personnel, resources and volunteers to stage the walk.

This week, some of our local councillors, together with lots of volunteers from the local community, have offered to take on the organisation of Walking Day and to be responsible for it. So, Walking Day *may* be able to go ahead this year on Saturday 22 June. Watch this space!

The churches remain fully committed to Walking Day and are immensely grateful to the councillors and volunteers for offering to take on this important role.

#### Warrington Walking Day

Warrington Walking Day is due to take place on Friday 28 June. As usual, we need help carrying the statues and marshals for the procession. If you can help, please sign the list on the noticeboard. Many thanks.

*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.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
<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>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Brian Fitzgerald <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>2.00 pm Parish Corpus Christi Procession</b>		
<b>Monday 3 June</b> St Charles Lwanga & Companions		<i>Funeral Service at Walton Lea for Geoffrey Orange</i>
<b>Tuesday 4 June</b>		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Private Intention (LISC)
<b>Wednesday 5 June</b> St Boniface	<b>10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> John Farmer	
<b>Thursday 6 June</b>		<b>No Mass today</b> <i>(Priests' meeting with the Archbishop)</i> <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 7 June</b> Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Canon Vincent Burrows	
<b>Saturday 8 June</b> The Immaculate Heart of Mary		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Wilfred Dolley
<b>Sunday 9 June</b> 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Tom Barnard	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

26.05.24	£697.14	(£233.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£152.50	(£103.75 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£173.23	(£89.00 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1022.87</b>	
200 Club	£255.00	(St Benedict's)
Funeral	£168.15	(St Oswald's)

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

**May Winners:** £50 – Chimun Leung, £25 – Clem Lawton, £15 (+ £15 rollover) Bruce Lee, £10 – John Swift. Many thanks everyone.

### LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group will be meeting on Thursday 13 June at 8.00 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

### JOB VACANCY

An opportunity has arisen in the Pastoral Development Department for a dedicated training coordinator. If you know of anyone who may fit the role – ideally with a background in education and helping people to prepare for the sacraments – please do encourage them to apply. A job description along with recruitment pack can be found under 'careers' on the Archdiocesan website: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

### 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)

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)*

<b>Today</b>	<b>Corpus Christi (B)</b>
<i>Readings</i>	Exodus 24: 3-8 Hebrews 9: 11-15 Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26
<b>Weekdays</b>	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 9

### 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, Stephen McGowan.