

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
16 June 2024

My dear sisters and brothers,

Deanery Synodal Council

Last Tuesday, the Deanery Synodal Council met for their bi-monthly meeting. The three 'Families of Parishes' (East Warrington, West Warrington, Widnes & Cronton) reported back on events that had taken place recently. They then decided on a project each 'Family' could undertake during the next 12 months. In East Warrington, our reps proposed CAFOD's Live Simply. We also discussed how we can best keep parishioners informed of developments and began to prepare for the next Archdiocesan Synodal Council in November.

Day for Life

Today is the annual 'Day for Life' – the day in the Church's calendar when we celebrate the gift of life from conception to natural death. The focus this year is on care at the end of life and the need to build a culture of care.

There has been much discussion recently about 'assisted suicide', whereby people who feel they are overburdened by suffering might be helped to bring their lives to a premature end by a change in legislation.

People who are coming towards the end of their lives can feel vulnerable, and recent research shows that many consider themselves a burden on their loved ones and wider society.

Jesus shows us that life always has dignity and that there is no such thing as a useless life. So we are called to defend the gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide.

As a hospital chaplain, apart from nurses, I probably see more people die than anyone else. People don't die in pain or suffering as some suggest. These days, palliative care is superb. What people need as they approach the end of life is care and company, not pressure to end their lives.

I am always humbled when I see family members keeping vigil at the bedside of a loved one who is dying. It's a hard thing to do – exhausting at times, but I've no doubt that it brings their loved one great comfort as the Lord comes and takes their hand to lead them home to heaven.

Padgate & Woolston Walking Day

Walking Day will take place next Saturday, 22 June. As one of the churches taking part, we need volunteers to carry the statues and the church banner. Please sign the list at the back of church if you can help. Many thanks.

English Language Class

Did you know that we run an English language class for anyone for whom English is not their first language? The class takes place at St Oswald's Parish Centre every Tuesday, 10.00 – 11.30 am. It's free, friendly, informal and all are welcome.

Adoramus Liverpool

Next year is a Jubilee Year in the Church – something that takes place every twenty-five years. In preparation, there will be a Eucharistic Pilgrimage for parishes at the Cathedral on Saturday 21 September, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm. More information to come.

*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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
Sunday 16 June 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>Day for Life</i>	10.30 am Mass Glenis Dewane	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Sarah Boardman 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 17 June		
Tuesday 18 June St John Rigby		11.00 am Mass Sr Megan Haisley
Wednesday 19 June	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Pat Williams	
Thursday 20 June	10.30 am Funeral Service James Buckley	11.00 am Mass Margaret Morris & Ben Brewer 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga	No Mass today <i>(Fr Dave at a Meeting for Priests)</i>	
Saturday 22 June St John Fisher & St Thomas More		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Clarence Knowles
Sunday 23 June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	10.30 am Mass Stephen Bradshaw	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

09.06.24	£755.71	(£345.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£156.75	(£107.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£243.00	(£125.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1155.46	
Donations:	£110.00	(Caritas)
	£200.00	(Funeral)
	£100.00	(Confirmation)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection today to support the Church's 'Day for Life' projects. For more information and resources: www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Are you using Gift Aid envelopes that are marked with a number 6? If so, you've got the wrong box. Please contact the Parish Office (630127) so that we can give you the right box. Many thanks.

WARRINGTON WALKING DAY

Warrington Walking Day takes place on Friday 28 June. Many thanks to those who've signed up to help carry the statues and to be marshals for the procession. If you can help, please sign the list on the noticeboard. Many thanks.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TEACHING TALENT

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the Cathedral's Education Service team! Come and help hundreds of schoolchildren and young people to learn about our wonderful Cathedral. A volunteer writes: "It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of

light and colour and be able to bring the Cathedral to life for the generations of the future'. Contact us at education@metcathedral.org.uk

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
<i>Readings</i>	Ezekiel 17: 22-24 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10; Mark 4: 26-34
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 11

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, Margaret Mobbs, Sr Maire Moms, Elizabeth Nash, Margaret Smith, Pamela Watson.

Those who have died recently, especially:

James Buckley, Deacon Joe Moreland, Geoff Figgins, Sheila Thornton (nee Grindley), Clarry Knowles, Joseph Derek Tansey and May Bloom.