

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
23 June 2024**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Refugee Week

Today (Sunday) is the last day of Refugee Week. During this annual week, we celebrate those who have made the UK their home, we grieve for those who lost their lives trying to reach safety in the UK, and we advocate for a more humane treatment of those who come to us seeking sanctuary.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) issued a statement to mark Refugee Week which you can find on the Parish website. Raymond Friel OBE, CEO of CSAN, writes:

“Following the passing of the Safety of Rwanda Bill this year, we are deeply concerned at the continued cruelty and rise in hostility towards those seeking sanctuary. Collectively, we reiterate our call for a just and humane asylum system that upholds the human dignity of migrants, protects refugees, and defends their right to seek asylum.”

“We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters seeking sanctuary and encourage the Catholic community across England & Wales as they consider who to vote for on 4 July to ensure that at the forefront of their thinking is the Biblical injunction to welcome the stranger.”

“Refugees are amongst the first victims of multiple forms of poverty, denied their dignity in their home countries, denied it throughout their journey to safety, and further denied upon arrival on our shores. We encourage the Catholic community to reflect on...how we may fulfil our obligation in the way that God intends, whilst calling upon our political leaders to do the same.”

Warrington Walking Day

Warrington Walking Day takes place this Friday, 28 June, preceded by Mass in church at 8.30 am. The procession will be leaving St Benedict's at 9.55 am. Statue bearers are asked to be in church by 9.15 am. It is advisable to bring a head covering and water. We could still do with a few more volunteers to help – please see the list on the noticeboard. Many thanks.

Confirmation Candidates

Last weekend, we took 36 young people preparing for Confirmation to visit the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool. Now you might think this wouldn't interest teenagers, but you would be wrong. Every year, I never cease to be amazed how the young people are completely absorbed by the building and its atmosphere.

Next weekend, our parish candidates will gather for a BBQ at St Oswald's and a brief rehearsal in church. Then, on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 July, St Oswald's will host the Confirmations for all the parishes in Warrington. 92 young people will be confirmed by Bishop Tom Neylon. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

Mass of Thanksgiving

Helen Lennon will be leaving St Oswald's Catholic Primary School this July after serving as Headteacher for twenty-five years. I'd like to invite you to join Bishop Tom Neylon (a former pupil of the school), together with Governors and Staff, for a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 5 July at 7.00 pm in St Oswald's Church, followed by a reception in the Parish Centre.

*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 23 June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	10.30 am Mass Stephen Bradshaw	Padgate & Woolston Walking Day (Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Clarence Knowles 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 24 June Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist		
Tuesday 25 June	10.00 am Funeral at Walton Lea Joseph Derek Tansey	11.00 am Mass Jennie Johnson
Wednesday 26 June	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Cathy Edwards	
Thursday 27 June		11.00 am Mass Michael Wood, Barry Wood, Kathleen Wood 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 28 June (St Irenaeus) Warrington Walking Day	8.30 am Mass People of Warrington	
Saturday 29 June		4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners
Sunday 30 June Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles	10.30 am Mass Marion Williams	8.30 am Mass Brenda Malone

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

16.06.24	£665.34	(£344.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£156.75	(£107.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£321.00	(£194.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1143.09	
Fundraising	£1397.00	(Sponsored Walk)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence – the annual collection to support the ministry of Pope Francis.

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.

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.

'FUN IN THE SUN'

An event especially for children after the 10.30 am Mass at St Benedict's on Sunday 14 July. Games, food and fun. Criss cross, juggling, skipping, musical chairs, free food boxes and drinks. Adults £2, free for children. All are welcome.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 4)

Today	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
<i>Readings</i>	Job 38: 1, 8-11 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 Mark 4: 35-41
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 13

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, Christine Murphy, 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:

Joseph Derek Tansey, Clarry Knowles.