

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul
30 June 2024

My dear sisters and brothers,

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

This weekend, we celebrate the apostles, Peter and Paul: Peter, who established the early Church, and Paul, its outstanding preacher. There will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence – the annual collection which goes to support the ministry of Pope Francis in reaching out to those most in need.

Prayer for the General Election

As we prepare to vote on Thursday, this prayer from the Westminster Justice & Peace Commission may be helpful:

Lord God,
who govern all peoples in every time and place,
instil in us a spirit of wisdom that we may choose
Members of Parliament and a Government
who truly serve the common good of all.
Help us to do all we can to shape a society
which upholds the right to life itself,
works for justice and peace at home and abroad,
welcomes the stranger,
protects God's beautiful creation,
and enables us to flourish as citizens.
May his Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Padgate & Woolston Walking Day

Many thanks to Councillor Sue Emery, St Oswald's Headteacher, Helen Lennon, School Office Manager, Dee Bonsall, and so many others including the many volunteers who stepped up to ensure Walking Day could go ahead this year. It was a lovely day and showed the local community at its best. It also provided a good model for planning Walking Day in the future –

the whole community coming together and working together.

May I also thank John Lawless for organising us all at St Oswald's; those who acted as marshals, carried the statues and the church banner; Briar, Clare and Lily for adorning the statues with the most beautiful flowers; Kevin Holt for watching over the church; the staff and children of St Oswald's Catholic Primary School together with their parents and parishioners who lined Padgate Lane; the Warrington Pipe Band; and, of course, the staff in the Parish Centre.

Mass of Thanksgiving

As you know, Helen Lennon will be leaving St Oswald's Catholic Primary School at the end of term after serving the school 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 this Friday, 5 July, at 7.00 pm in St Oswald's Church, followed by a reception in the Parish Centre.

Confirmations

Next weekend, 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.

Lourdes Departure Mass

Finally, the Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Departure Mass will take place in the Cathedral with Archbishop Malcolm next Sunday, 7 July, at 5.00 pm. All are welcome.

*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 30 June Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles	10.30 am Mass Marion Williams	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Brenda Malone
Monday 1 July		
Tuesday 2 July		11.00 am Mass Ged Whelan
Wednesday 3 July Feast of St Thomas, Apostle	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Tracey Fearon	12.45 pm Funeral Mass Clarry Knowles
Thursday 4 July		11.00 am Mass Joseph Cann 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 5 July	11.00 am Mass Private Intention (LISC)	7.00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving Helen Lennon
Saturday 6 July		2.00 pm Confirmations 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Maureen Fisher
Sunday 7 July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	10.30 am Mass Mary Mannion & Family	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners 2.00 pm Confirmations

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23.06.24	£774.91	(£335.75 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£156.75	(£107.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£162.00	(£66.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1093.66	
Walking Day	£183.61	(St Benedict's School)
Baptism	£110.00	
First Communion	£50.00	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

'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.

VACANCY AT LORETO GRAMMAR

Loreto Grammar School is seeking to appoint a PA to the Headteacher. See noticeboard for full details or school website: www.loretogrammar.co.uk

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

In preparation for the Jubilee Year next year, there will be a Eucharistic Pilgrimage for parishes at Liverpool

Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 21 September, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm. More information to follow.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

Today	Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul
<i>Readings</i>	Acts 12: 1-11; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16: 13-19
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, Wilf Whelan, 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:

Clarry Knowles, Robert Victor Tann ('Vic'), Iris Price.