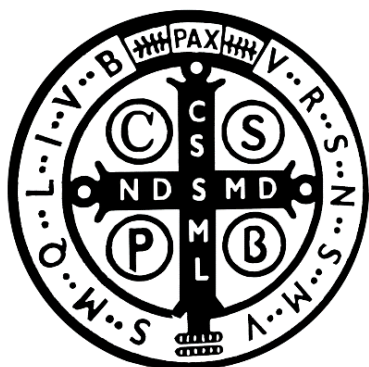


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Feast of St Benedict, Abbot
14 July 2024

My dear sisters and brothers,

Feast of St Benedict, Abbot

Today is the Feast of St Benedict (*transferred from 11 July*). While this is a special day for the community at St Benedict's, it's also a special day for St Mary's and St Oswald's too because all three communities were founded by the Benedictine monks from Ampleforth Abbey. So a very happy feast day to you all.

The image above is the medal of St Benedict. In the centre is a cross containing the letters C S M L - N D S M D. The letters stand for the Latin phrase, 'Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Nunquam draco sit mihi dux' ('May the holy cross be my light! May the dragon never be my overlord!').

The letters C S P B stand for 'Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti' ('The Cross of our Holy Father Benedict').

Surrounding the cross are the letters V R S N S M V - S M Q L I V B. The letters stand for: 'Vade retro Satana! Numquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas!' ('Begone Satan! Never tempt me with your vanities! What you offer me is evil. Drink the poison yourself!').

Finally, located at the top of the medal is the word PAX which means 'peace'.

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency, which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For more information about the work of Stella Maris, please visit the website: www.stellamaris.org.uk

Confirmations

Many congratulations to all the young people who were Confirmed at St Oswald's by Bishop Tom Neylon last weekend. The celebrations were beautiful and lasted just an hour. My sincere thanks to all those who helped us to host the services.

Far Right Politics

The rise of far right politics across Europe, in the United States and now in the UK, is alarming. It is accompanied by racism, intolerance of those we perceive as different to ourselves, and a type of nationalism that is self-destructive. Since Brexit, we have witnessed the appalling treatment of those coming to our shores for help – not only by the way they are treated, but by a rhetoric that would have been regarded as intolerable twenty years ago. This far right ideology is not only contrary to the Gospel, but it is dangerous. It seems we don't learn the lessons of history.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

In June, Archbishop Malcom celebrated his 75th birthday. Canon Law asks bishops, priests and deacons to submit their resignation when they reach the age of 75. This may be accepted or rejected. Archbishop Malcolm submitted his letter to the Apostolic Nuncio (the Pope's representative in the UK) last month. The Nuncio has asked the Archbishop to stay on for the time being while a successor is sought.

*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:** Miss 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.
- 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

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
Sunday 14 July Feast of St Benedict, Abbot 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>Sea Sunday</i>	10.30 am Mass Jaqueline Massey	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Philomena McCarron 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 15 July St Bonaventure		
Tuesday 16 July	<i>Mass at St Gregory's High School</i>	11.00 am Mass Annie McGinty
Wednesday 17 July	12.00 noon Deanery Mass at St Bede's, Widnes	
Thursday 18 July		9.15 am School End of Year Mass William & Agnes McCool 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 19 July	11.00 am Mass Bernard Eason	
Saturday 20 July		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Sr Helen Flynn
Sunday 21 July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	10.30 am Mass Ron Monks	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

07.07.24	£698.22	(£344.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£156.75	(£107.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£395.00	(£193.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1249.97	
2nd Collection	£344.97	(Peter's Pence)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be the annual Second Collection to help support our priests living in retirement. This will be the last Second Collection until the Autumn.

'FUN IN THE SUN'

There will be an event especially for children after the 10.30 am Mass at St Benedict's today (Sunday). Games, food and fun, criss-cross, juggling, skipping, musical chairs, free food boxes and drinks. Adults £2, Children free. 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.

DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

Disability Awareness Day (DAD) takes place today (Sunday), 10.00 am – 4.30 pm, at Walton Hall Gardens WA4 6SN. It's a free event for all ages. DAD offers something for everyone and a fun day out for the whole family. Visitors can expect to find around 200 exhibitors, equipment suppliers, transport, holidays, leisure, employment, support groups, and services,

plus a Sports Zone, including scuba diving, a Performing Arts marquee, Centre Arena and family entertainment. For full details: 01925 240064 or www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
<i>Readings</i>	Amos 7: 12-15; Ephesians 1: 3-10 Mark 6: 7-13
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 15

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 Hincliffe, Jim Hyland, Ged Hughes, Susan Keating, Sheila Mellor, Peter Milner, Trina Mouldsdales, 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:

Phyllis Buckley-Mellor.