

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
28 July 2024

My dear sisters and brothers,

Welcome!

A very warm welcome and thanks to Fr Mark Drew, Fr John Schofield and Canon Christopher Cunningham who will be presiding at the Masses this weekend while I have a break.

May I also extend a warm welcome to visitors, those who have come home for the summer, and to guests of parishioners.

World Day for Grandparents and Older People

Today is the fourth World Day for Grandparents and Older People – the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis has written a beautiful message for the day entitled, “Do not cast me off in my old age” (cf. Ps 71:9). There are copies of his message at the back of church and on the Parish website.

**Lord, faithful God,
you who created us in your image,
you who never leaves us alone and
who accompanies us through every season of life,
do not abandon us, take care of us,
and grant us, once again,
the ability to discover ourselves
and recognise that we are your children.**

**Renew our hearts with your Word
and do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us with your tenderness
and teach us to say: “I will not abandon you”
to those we meet on our journey.**

**With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
and make this a day without loneliness, and a day
abundant with the first fruits of your peace.
Amen.**

Olympic Games

The Olympic Games, held every four years, began in Paris on Friday. Last Sunday, Pope Francis expressed his hope that the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games would provide the opportunity for warring nations to respect an ancient Greek tradition and establish a truce for the duration of the Games: “According to ancient tradition, may the Olympics be an opportunity to establish a truce in wars, demonstrating a sincere will for peace... I hope that this event can be a sign of the inclusive world we want to build and that the athletes, with their sporting testimony, may be messengers of peace and valuable models for the young.”

The Bishops’ Conference of France have set up a website for the Games: <https://holygames.fr>

‘You Are Worth More Than Gold’

Unfortunately, the event planned for children and young people during the last week of August has had to be postponed. We hope to do something later in the year or early next year.

*God bless you,
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. Tel: 01925 630127. Email address: blessedjamesbell@rcaol.org.uk
Please note: the Parish Office will only be open on Tuesday and Thursday morning this week.
- 3) **Parish Website** www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk
- 4) **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
No confessions this week.
- 5) **St Benedict’s Church** will be open for private prayer on Tuesday and Thursday this week, 10.00 am – 1.00 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 28 July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Older People</i>	10.30 am Mass Olive Elizabeth Swift	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Derrick Roberts
Monday 29 July Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus		
Tuesday 30 July		<i>No Mass today</i>
Wednesday 31 July St Ignatius Loyola	<i>No Exposition or Mass today</i>	
Thursday 1 August St Alphonsus Liguori		<i>No Mass today</i> <i>No Novena during August</i>
Friday 2 August	<i>No Mass today</i>	
Saturday 3 August		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Kathleen Postlethwaite
Sunday 4 August Feast of St Oswald, King & Martyr 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	10.30 am Mass John Leicester	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

21.07.24	£620.20	(£242.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£156.75	(£107.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£206.00	(£106.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£982.95	
2nd Collection	£460.65	(Priests in Retirement)
Donation	£5000.00	(St Benedict's)
Parish Caritas	£171.91	(Vic Tann's Funeral)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

RAFFLE PRIZES

The following are invited to claim their prizes from the sacristy at St Benedict's: Mary McDonagh, Greg Caswell, Patricia Thompson, Kieran Kane, Joan Flanagan, Dorean Child and Ticket No 531-535.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

A National Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham, on Saturday 14 September in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. Around 1500 Catholics are expected. For those who would like to go, the Archdiocese has organised a coach which will depart from St Margaret Clitherow Centre (Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA) at 8.00 am in time for a 10.15 am arrival with events beginning at 11.00 am. The coach aims to return to the St Margaret Clitherow Centre by 8.00 pm. Cars can be left at St Margaret Clitherow Centre's secure car park for the duration of the day. The cost per person is £20 which includes return coach travel and entry to the event. If you have any questions or queries, please contact Fr Ged Callacher on g.callacher@rcaol.org.uk To book a place: www.archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/zm5sh2jf

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

Today	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
<i>Readings</i>	2 Kings 4: 42-44 Ephesians 4: 1-6 John 6: 1-15
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 17

Welcome

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 Mouldsdales, Christine Murphy, Sandra Richardson, Kate Rigby, Pembolina Smith, Matilde Valentine, Peter Ward, Dolores Woodall, Carol Worsley.

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:
 John Leicester, Deacon Paul Cooper.