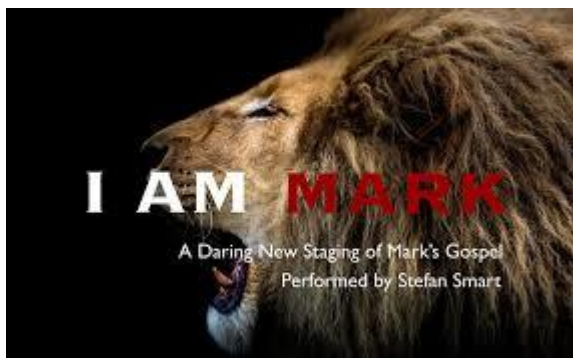


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8 September 2024**

My dear sisters and brothers,

“I Am Mark”

A daring new staging of Mark's Gospel performed by Stefan Smart at St Oswald's, Padgate, on Friday 27 September at 7.00 pm.

The Gospel of Mark was written to be shared live with first century audiences in one sitting. Aimed at those outside the Jewish faith, Mark's Gospel has the potential to capture 21st century hearts and minds like no other story.

In this dynamic new, word-for-word, solo performance, Stefan Smart brings us the story as it was originally narrated. So come along, sit back, relax, and imagine yourself among Mark's first audience, as you experience the Good News of Jesus 'as it was in the beginning', in all its urgency and power, challenge and comfort.

The performance will begin at 7.00 pm. There will be two 45-minute acts and a 15-minute interval. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide refreshments, so feel free to bring your own.

Tickets: Adults £3, free for those aged 8 to 18 (*not suitable for children under 8 years old*), available from the Parish Office (630127) or frdave@rcaol.org.uk Why not buy a second ticket for a son or daughter, a friend or parishioner who no longer comes to church, a neighbour or colleague who may not have heard the story of Jesus?

Education Sunday

Today is Education Sunday – an opportunity for us to pray for our Catholic Schools and to support them by making a donation to the Catholic Education Service.

Anniversary of Consecration

Today, the community at St Benedict's will celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of St Benedict's church on 8 September 1943. Although the church was opened in 1915, it was the custom to pay off the debt before churches were consecrated.

As far as I know, although the altar was consecrated, I can find no evidence that St Oswald's was ever consecrated. I don't know why this is. So, when the works to the roof and walls of the church are completed (hopefully next year), I'll invite the Archbishop to consecrate the church – a rare celebration these days.

Training for New Eucharistic Ministers

There will be training for new Eucharistic Ministers on the following dates: Thursday 19 September, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, and Saturday 5 October, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. Both sessions will take place at St Benedict's. New ministers only need to come to one of the sessions but must book by contacting the Parish Office.

If you think the Lord might be nudging you to become a Eucharistic Minister – assisting with communion in church and/or taking communion to someone in their home – please let me know.

Mid-Autumn Festival

Our Hong Kong parishioners invite us to celebrate with them after the 10.30 am Mass next Sunday, 15 September. The occasion is the Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as 'Moon Festival' or 'Mooncake Festival' – a traditional festival celebrated in Chinese culture around this time. Its focus is on family gathering and thanksgiving. Everyone is 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:** 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) **St Benedict's Church** is open for private prayer: Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 am – 2.30 pm.

5) **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 8 September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>Education Day</i>	10.30 am Mass Sr Marie Morris	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Jasmine Turner 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 9 September		
Tuesday 10 September St Ambrose Barlow		11.00 am Mass Rita Devine
Wednesday 11 September	11.30 am Funeral Mass Veronica Bernadette Keenan	
Thursday 12 September		11.00 am School Welcome Mass Andy Banks 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 13 September St John Chrysostom	11.00 am Mass Ann Carter	
Saturday 14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	12.00 noon Wedding Service Hannah Nevinson & Ashley Hales	4.30 pm Vigil Mass Chris McGann
Sunday 15 September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>Evangelii Gaudium / Home Mission Day</i>	10.30 am Mass Charles Eason	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

25.08.24	£887.86	(£288.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£190.00	(£100.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1269.11	
01.09.24	£684.91	(£307.67 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£186.00	(£116.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1062.16	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today there is a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service. Next Sunday is Home Mission Day, so there will be a Second Collection to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship.

PAUSE FOR HOPE

The annual Ecumenical Service, 'Pause for Hope', supporting those with cancer and their loved ones, will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday 22 September at 3.00 pm. The main speaker will be Catherine Jones, Chair of North West Cancer Research. The service will feature music from Billy Hui and SingMe Merseyside. Tickets are not required – all are welcome.

NEWSLETTER EXTRA!

This month's Newsletter Extra is available at the back of church and includes information about 'Sight Loss

Friendly Church'; Pilgrimages to York, Walsingham and Rome; Training for Readers; Music at the Met; National Eucharist Congress and Adoremus Liverpool.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**
Readings Isaiah 35: 4-7
 James 2: 1-5
 Mark 7: 31-37
Weekdays Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 23

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.

Other Parishes

Marie Barnes, Catherine Donaldson, June Fallon, James Hutchison, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Margaret Mobbs, Elizabeth Nash, Sr Maria Natella, Margaret Smith, Pamela Watson.

Those who have died recently, especially:

Veronica Bernadette Keenan, Catherine Mary Vernon.