

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
29 September 2024**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Ged Edwards who will speak at the Masses this weekend. Ged lives in St Helens and works for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). As many of you will know, CAFOD is the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

CAFOD'S Harvest Fast Day

This coming Friday, 4 October, is CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day – one of two days in the year when we go without a meal, or something we enjoy, and give what we save in this way to the poorest of the poor.

Giving to CAFOD means our Church network can respond quickly to emergencies overseas. Please take an envelope home with you today and bring it back next weekend. Alternatively, you can donate online here: www.cafod.org.uk/give

Praise be to you, O God,
source of life and goodness.
You fill the earth with abundance
and love all that you have made.
As we join creation in singing your glory,
teach us to care for our common home.

Praise be to you, O God,
revealed in Jesus, God with us.
We hear the call of the Carpenter,
to carve a path to a better future.
Guide our hands to repair what's broken,
to build a just and peaceful world.

Praise be to you, O God,
who enfolds us with the Spirit,
to call us deeper into the heart of love,
to comfort and disturb.
Give us strength and courage

to work with you to make all things new.
Amen.

Caroline Stanton/CAFOD

World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Today is the 110th World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Established in 1914, the day is an occasion to express concern for vulnerable people on the move, to pray for them, and to learn more about what is causing people to flee from their homelands. Pope Francis has written a beautiful letter entitled, 'God walks with His People'. There are copies at the back of church.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees in England & Wales, writes: "I wish to thank all of you in parishes and communities who are providing support and welcome to migrants and refugees who reach these shores... There are many, many parishes in this country who have positively responded to the stranger seeking asylum... Surely through your actions, migrants and refugees who experience such hospitality can more easily believe that God is with them."

Blessing of Animals

The annual Blessing of Animals will take place at St Benedict's next Sunday, 6 October, at 2.00 pm. This short service provides an opportunity to thank God for our animal friends, to bless those who are poorly, remember our beloved pets who have died, and pray for the many animals that suffer across the world. The service lasts about 25 minutes and is followed by some treats for pets and refreshments for their servants! **Please let people know about the service**, especially those who have pets. Every year, people turn up who never go to church but who have heard about the service from parishioners.

*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 29 September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>World Day for Migrants & Refugees</i>	10.30 am Mass Martin Patrick	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Rita Devine 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 30 September St Jerome		
Tuesday 1 October St Teresa of Lisieux		11.00 am Mass Nadine Davies
Wednesday 2 October The Guardian Angels	10.00 am Funeral Mass James Geoffrey Smith	
Thursday 3 October		11.00 am Mass Private Intention (Hughes) 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 4 October St Francis of Assisi	11.00 am Mass Capitular Intention	
Saturday 5 October		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Pauline Heywood
Sunday 6 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	10.30 am Mass Sick Animals	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

22.09.24	£944.78	<i>(£293.70 Gift Aid)</i>
Standing Orders	£191.25	<i>(£162.50 Gift Aid)</i>
Digital Giving	£195.00	<i>(£105.00 Gift Aid)</i>
Total	£1331.03	
Fundraising	£36.60	<i>(Hot Dogs)</i>
Donations	£125.00	<i>(Cantonese Mass)</i>
	£230.00	<i>(John Leicester)</i>

Thank you so much for your generosity.

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group will be meeting this Thursday, 3 October, at 8.00 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

ROSARY WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Children aged 6-12 years old are invited to St Benedict's on Saturday 12 October, 1.30 – 2.30 pm, to make Rosary beads. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you would like to attend (parents are welcome too).

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

We have a couple of adults who want to become Catholic and others who want to explore the Catholic faith. We also have an adult who missed celebrating Confirmation when they were younger. If you would like to join this small group on their journey, please contact Fr Dave or the Parish Office on 630127.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Claire Lancaster.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Readings Numbers 11: 25-29

James 5: 1-6

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Weekdays Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 26

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:

James Geoffrey Smith.