

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell
27 October 2024

My dear sisters and brothers,

Happy Feast Day!

This weekend, we celebrate our Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell (*transferred from 20 April*). It was six years ago, on 26 October 2018, that Archbishop Malcolm came to Warrington and inaugurated our new parish under the patronage of the Warrington martyr, Blessed James Bell, bringing together the three former parishes of St Benedict's, St Mary's and St Oswald's.

Solemnity of All Saints

During the month of November, we remember and pray especially for all those who have died. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on 1 November. Originally an Easter feast, the solemnity remembers and celebrates all those people of every time and place who tried to follow Jesus during their lives on earth and are now with God in heaven. *Masses will be as follows:*

Thursday	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
Friday	9.15 am	School Mass at St Oswald's
	11.00 am	Mass at St Benedict's
	2.00 pm	Mass in St Benedict's School

All Souls

On 2 November, the Church throughout the world prays for all the faithful departed. On this day and on Remembrance Sunday, we remember especially those parishioners who have died during the last twelve months by reading out their names during Mass. Since the Saturday evening Mass is for Sunday, there will just be one Mass for All Souls on Saturday at 11.00 am at St Benedict's.

November Pious Lists

You will find the traditional Pious Lists for November at the back of church. Please take one if you want, write the names of those you want to remember on the list, and then return it to church. We will remember all

those on the Pious Lists during Mass in November. There's no obligation to place an offering in with your list, but if you want to, the money will go to the Priests' Training Fund.

A Poem for Older Folks

Someone handed the following poem to me recently. It's very good and ends with a very pertinent question:

**A row of bottles on my shelf
caused me to analyse myself.
One yellow pill I have to pop
goes to my heart so it won't stop.
A little white one that I take
goes to my hands so they won't shake.
The blue ones that I use a lot
tell me I'm happy when I'm not.
The purple pill goes to my brain
and tells me that I have no pain.
The capsules tell me not to wheeze
or cough or choke or even sneeze.
The red ones, smallest of them all,
go to my blood, so I won't fall.
The orange ones, big and bright
prevent my leg cramps in the night.
Such an array of brilliant pills
helping to cure all kinds of ills,
but what I'd really like to know is...
what tells each one where to go?**

Confirmation 2025

If you are in Year 8 (or older) and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June/July 2025, please pick up an application form from the back of church or download a form from the Parish website. Please complete the form and return it to Fr Dave by **13 December 2024**. You will then receive a letter about the preparation which will begin in February.

*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) **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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
Sunday 27 October Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass Catherine & Joanna Eason	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Carol Worsley 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 28 October Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles		
Tuesday 29 October		No Mass today <i>(Fr Dave at Meeting for Priests)</i>
Wednesday 30 October	10.15 – 11.00 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Thomas Grealy	
Thursday 31 October		7.00 pm Vigil Mass James O'Donnell
Friday 1 November Solemnity of All Saints <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	11.00 am Mass The Parishioners 2.00 pm Mass in School Veronica Judge	9.15 am School Mass (in church) Vincent Lawton
Saturday 2 November All Souls	11.00 am Mass for All Souls' Day The Faithful Departed	4.30 pm Vigil Mass Margaret Myatt
Sunday 3 November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	10.30 am Mass <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i> Ewa Krol	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Details of last week's collections will be in next week's Newsletter.

CAFOD MEETING

Ged Edwards, CAFOD Coordinator for the Archdiocese, visited us recently to tell us about the work of CAFOD. Ged will be coming back to lead a session on CAFOD at St Benedict's on Saturday 9 November, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm (including lunch). If you would like to attend or would like to know more, please contact Ged on 07779 804241 or by email on gedwards@cafod.org.uk Thank you.

CRAFT CLUB

Before Covid hit us in 2020, we used to have a Craft Club. We're wondering about starting it up again on Wednesdays in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Benedict's, 11.45 am – 1.30 pm (including tea and toast). If you're interested, please speak to Celia or put your name on the poster at the back of church. Many thanks.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS & VACANCIES

Latest events from across the Archdiocese can be found on the Archdiocesan website – click on 'Menu' and then 'Events' at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk Vacancies can also be found on the website – click on 'Menu' and then 'Careers'.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, please contact Bernie in the Parish Office.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Claire Lancaster

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**
Readings Jeremiah 31: 7-9
 Hebrews 5: 1-6
 Mark 10: 46-52

Weekdays Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 30

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

St Benedict's & St Mary's

Kath Bradshaw, 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, Brian Plumb, 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, Margaret Smith, Pamela Watson.