

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Newsletter

### Solemnity of Christ the King (B)

24 November 2024

My dear sisters and brothers,

#### Youth Sunday

Today is Solemnity of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the Church's year. It's also Youth Sunday when we celebrate the presence and contribution of young people in the life of the Church.

There will be a **Second Collection** as you leave church to support the work of 'Animate' – the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry.

**Animate** invites you to a time of prayer, reflection and celebration at Lowe House, North Road, St Helens, WA10 2BE today (Sunday) at 5.00 pm. *See poster at the back of church for full details.*

#### Co-Cathedral in the Isle of Man

I was delighted to be able to visit the Isle of Man on 7 November to mark the first anniversary of the elevation of St Mary's in Douglas as our Co-Cathedral. The Archbishop led a Mass of Thanksgiving together with Mgr Devine and some of the Canons of the Cathedral Chapter. We were made so very welcome, and the parishioners were grateful that we were able to make the journey to be with them.

#### Archdiocesan Synodal Council

On Saturday 9 November, I joined some of the reps from our Deanery Synodal Council at the second Archdiocesan Synodal Council. The Council sets the pastoral priorities of the Archdiocese for the year ahead. It was good to hear all that's going on across the Archdiocese to implement the Pastoral Plan which was launched in Advent 2021 in response to our Archdiocesan Synod. A full report will be available in the coming weeks.

#### Deanery Mass

This month's Deanery Mass will take place at St Stephen's on Friday (29 November) at 7.00 pm. Our Deanery Masses usually take place at midday, but this means those who are at work cannot attend. We hope having an evening Mass once a term will enable more parishioners to attend the Deanery Mass.

#### Family of Parishes

There are a couple of events in our Family of Parishes to which you are warmly invited:

- a) Next Saturday, 30 November, St Peter & St Michael's in Woolston will host a **Time of Prayer and Reflection**, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon, to help us to prepare for the Season of Advent. Do come along if you can.
- b) On Sunday 8 December, St Stephen's will host a **Christingle Service** at 4.00 pm like we had at St Benedict's last year. 'Christingle' is an Advent service celebrating the coming of Jesus, the light of the world. This short service is especially suitable for children.

#### New Lectionary

Next weekend, we will hear new texts for the readings at Mass. Since 1969, we have been using *The Jerusalem Bible* translation. Now, our bishops invite us to use the *English Standard Version – Catholic Edition*. This is the latest in a series of English translations of the Scriptures which go back to the 16th century. Changes have been made to modernise the language and reflect the latest scholarship. The texts of the Psalms have also been changed, although these will be introduced more gradually over the next three years.

*With my prayers,  
Fr Dave*

### General Information

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**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](mailto:blessedjamesbell@rcaol.org.uk)
- 3) **Parish Website:** [www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk](http://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.

