

East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
19 October 2025

My dear sisters and brothers,

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday – a day celebrated in every Catholic church around the world! We pray especially for missionaries – those who leave home and family to work alongside communities that are poor and in need, regardless of their background or belief.

There will be a **Second Collection** for *Missio* as you leave church today. *Missio* is the Pope's charity which helps to build much-needed infrastructure in poor countries – from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. For more information and/or to donate online, please visit: www.missio.org.uk

November Pious Lists

During the month of November, we pray especially for those who have died. You will find the traditional Pious Lists 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.

Gaza

The ceasefire in Gaza has held for a week, but it's fragile. Hamas has not been able to return all the bodies of the hostages who were killed because they are under rubble from the bombardment. Israel has retaliated by continuing to withhold humanitarian aid from entering Gaza. There have been reprisals in Gaza by other militant groups, and the IDF and settlers have continued to terrorise Palestinians living in the West Bank. So, as I've said, the ceasefire is fragile.

One of the problems with the 'Peace Agreement' is that it fails to involve the ordinary people of Gaza. Israel, Hamas and the US are doing the deals, but where is the voice of ordinary Gazans? Surely they should come first, especially when so many countries have now recognised Palestine as a State in its own right, putting right the mistakes made decades ago when carving up Palestine to make space for Israel.

Fr Gabriel Romanelli, the parish priest of Holy Family – the only Catholic parish in Gaza, shares a short message on YouTube each day. To watch, simply go to YouTube and enter his name in the search bar. You can click on the symbol at the bottom right of the video for subtitles.

This week, Fr Gabriel likened the devastation in Gaza to a tsunami – there's nothing left but rubble! People are putting up tents where their homes used to be and digging to find the remains of relatives. Despite the devastation and the lack of food and medical care, he said at long last they can sleep at night – there are no more bombs or drones. He said there are too many orphans, and many are injured without medical care. He also spoke about the need to teach a new way of living without hatred, but it will be hard when people have lost so much, especially the little children who have lost their families and lived through such horror.

Let's continue to keep the people of Gaza and the West Bank in our daily prayers.

*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.

6) **Parish Social Group:** Wednesdays 11.30 am – 1.00 pm in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Benedict's. Come along for some tea and toast, company and chat.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
Sunday 19 October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) <i>World Mission Day</i>	10.30 am Mass Andrew McDonagh	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention (KE) 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 20 October		
Tuesday 21 October		11.00 am Mass Colette Postles
Wednesday 22 October St John Paul II	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Rita Devine	
Thursday 23 October		11.00 am Mass Thomas Grealy 11.30 am Rosary for Peace 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 24 October	No Mass today <i>(Fr D attending Meeting for Priests)</i>	
Saturday 25 October		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Vincent Lawton
Sunday 26 October Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass Jean Molphy	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

12.10.25	£948.14	(£289.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£152.50	(£123.75 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£336.00	(£101.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1436.64	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

PARISH FEAST DAY

Next weekend, we will celebrate our Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell (transferred from 20 April).

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Pope Leo has urged us to pray the Rosary during the month of October for peace in the world. This week, I will lead the Rosary after Thursday's 11.00 am Mass.

LORETO GRAMMAR SIXTH FORM

Students in Year 11 are warmly invited to attend Loreto Grammar's Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 23 October, 5.30 – 8.00 pm. Loreto Grammar is an all-girls Catholic Grammar School founded on the vision of Mary Ward. More details can be found at www.loretogrammar.co.uk No pre-registration required, just come along on the evening.

NOTICE FOR ST OSWALD'S

Please note: The pathway between St Oswald's and Sheerwater Close will be closed for 24 hours from 11.00 pm on Sunday 26 October to 11.00 pm on Monday 27 October. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Many thanks to those who organised last Sunday's Mustard Seed Club for Children. It was fantastic!

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

Today	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
<i>Readings</i>	Exodus 17: 8-13 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2 Luke 18: 1-8
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 29

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

(Names can only be included with the person's consent)

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

St Benedict's & St Mary's

Teresa Barnsley, Kath Bradshaw, Malcolm Hackwell, Jean Hendricks, Anne Hill, Mary Hinchliffe, Ged Hughes, Jim Hyland, Vin Jackson, Susan Keating, Trina Mouldsdales, Christine Murphy, Ann Pearson, Vincent Pinnock, Sandra Richardson, Kate Rigby, Pembolina Smith, Matilde Valentine, Dolores Woodall.

St Oswald's

Keith Bate, Brenda Brathing, Catherine Carne, Peter Cox, Dave Ferris, Marguerite Jones, Jo Roberts, Claire Taylor, Margaret Watts, Wilf Whelan.

Other Parishes

Mary Davies, Catherine Donaldson, June Fallon, James Hutchinson, Archbishop Kelly, Margaret Mobbs, Elizabeth Nash, Margaret Smith, Pamela Watson.

Those who have died recently, especially:

Kath McQuillan, Maureen Floyd.