

East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Solemnity of All Saints
2 November 2025

My dear sisters and brothers,

Solemnity of All Saints

During the month of November, we remember and pray especially for all those who have died. The month begins with today's Solemnity of All Saints. 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.

All Souls

This year, All Souls' Day falls on 3 November. On this day, the Church across the world prays for all the faithful departed. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 am at St Benedict's. During the Mass, we will remember especially those parishioners who have died during the last twelve months by reading out their names during Mass.

Adoremus 2025

As part of this year's Jubilee celebrations, we are invited to 'Adoremus' at the Cathedral next Saturday, 8 November. During the day, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, opportunities for Confession, workshops, and a shared time of prayer for all. You will find the full schedule on the Parish website, the church noticeboards and on flyers at the back of church. Briefly:

9.00 am	Mass & Exposition with the Archbishop
10.15 am	Workshops
2.00 pm	Shared time for Diocesan Prayer with Archbishop John
3.15 pm	Workshops
4.15 pm	Veneration of the Relics of St Pier Giorgio Frassati & St Carlo Acutis
5.00 pm	Mass with Bishop Tom Neylon

Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday is Remembrance Day. We will join churches and groups across the country by celebrating Masses of Remembrance, Peace and Hope over the weekend. We will also join the Acts of Remembrance at Bridgefoot and Bennetts Rec by keeping two minutes' silence at each Mass to remember those who gave their lives in war and armed conflict.

Advent Collections

We usually hold our Advent Collections in November because of the pressure on many of us during December. The collections will begin next Sunday and will run until Sunday 8 December. There will be two collections this year:

1) For the people of Gaza

The devastation left by two years of bombing means that nearly 2 million people have been left with absolutely nothing. The money we raise will go to the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem (Cardinal Pizzaballa) who is able to source tents, medicines, food and other essentials. Please place any offerings in an envelope marked 'Gaza' and either place them in the Sunday collection or hand them into the Parish Office.

2) St Francis Collection

Food, treats and toys for cats, dogs, rabbits, and guinea pigs to help Warrington Animal Welfare care for the enormous number of animals that are tragically abandoned during the year, especially over the Christmas period. Offerings can be left in the box at the back of church. www.warringtonanimalwelfare.org.uk

*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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
Sunday 2 November Solemnity of All Saints <i>(Transferred from 1 November)</i>	10.30 am Mass Kath McQuillan	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass James O'Donnell 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 3 November All Souls	11.00 am Mass The Faithful Departed	
Tuesday 4 November St Charles Borromeo		11.00 am Mass Emily Johnson
Wednesday 5 November	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Ronald & Elizabeth Hyamson	
Thursday 6 November		No Mass today <i>(Fr Dave at Chapter Mass)</i> 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 7 November	11.00 am Mass Terry Davies	
Saturday 8 November		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Brian Plumb
Sunday 9 November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica <i>(Remembrance Sunday)</i>	10.30 am Mass Those who died in war & Thanksgiving (Golden Wedding)	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Details of last week's collection will be available in next weekend's Newsletter.

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

October Winners: £50 Tiffaney Yim, £25 Miriam Gibbons, £15 Stephen Wong, £10 John Molphy. Many thanks everyone.

CAFOD'S JUBILEE ICON

Many thanks to all those who were able to come to St Oswald's last Wednesday evening to see CAFOD's Jubilee Icon and to celebrate Mass. Despite the short notice, every parish in Warrington was represented.

CHRISTMAS TABLE-TOP SALE

Join us for some festive fun including refreshments, cakes, crafts, raffle, etc., on Sunday 16 November, 11.45 am – 2.00 pm, in St Benedict's Parish Centre. Free entry. Tickets (£5) available if you would like to sell your own goods. Speak to Chris Sykes or contact the Parish Office (630127). All welcome.

NEWSLETTER EXTRA

Please pick up a copy of this month's Newsletter Extra. There are all sorts of events coming up in the Archdiocese including Adoremus, Formation Sessions from the Education Department, 'Lord, teach us to pray' at Irenaeus, events for young people, 'A Celebration of Christmas' at the Cathedral and this year's CAFOD Fun Run in December.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today

Solemnity of All Saints

Readings

Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14

1 John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12

Weekdays

Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 31

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 Edmonds and Margaret Butler.