

East Warrington Family of Parishes  
**PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL**

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



## Newsletter

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Remembrance Sunday  
9 November 2025**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Remembrance Sunday

Today is Remembrance Sunday. We join churches and groups across the country by celebrating Masses of Remembrance, Peace and Hope this weekend. We 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, as well as the many civilians and animals who lost their lives.

### Christmas Dinner

Before the pandemic, we used to provide a Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day at St Benedict's for those who were on their own. We also delivered meals to those who were on their own but couldn't join us at St Benedict's. Since Covid, other charities have been providing this opportunity on Christmas Day. However, if there are individuals who would like to come to St Benedict's for a Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, 12.00 – 2.00 pm, could you let Bernie know in the Parish Office (630127) by 23 November? Similarly, if you would like a Christmas Dinner brought to your home on Christmas Day, let Bernie know. If there's enough demand, we can get organised.

### Parish Council

Before the pandemic, we used to have a Parish Council which was enormously helpful. I tried to resurrect this a couple of years ago but there were only two volunteers. I thought church meetings might be a way forward but then recognised that both churches would be better working together given that we are one parish.

So, in attempt to restart the Parish Council, I have asked twelve parishioners – all of whom have specific responsibilities – to form a new Council. We will meet together for the first time in the coming weeks. However, I would like the meetings to be 'open' meetings as they were previously, so any parishioner will be welcome to attend.

### Christmas Fayre

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

### Advent Collections

This year's Advent Collections begin today and will run until Sunday 8 December:

#### 1) For the people of Gaza

The money we raise will go to the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem 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.

*With my prayers,  
Fr Dave*

### General Information

1) **Parish Priest:** Canon Dave Heywood. Tel: 01925 630127. Email: [frdave@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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](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.

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
<b>Sunday 9 November</b> Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners & Those who died in war	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Brian Plumb <b>8.30 am Mass</b> Thanksgiving (Golden Wedding)
<b>Monday 10 November</b> St Leo the Great		
<b>Tuesday 11 November</b> St Martin of Tours ( <i>Armistice Day</i> )		<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Maureen Floyd
<b>Wednesday 12 November</b> St Josaphat	<b>11.30 am Funeral Mass</b> Veronica Kathleen Edmonds	
<b>Thursday 13 November</b>	<b>12.30 pm Funeral Mass</b> Margaret Butler	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Fr Brendan Curley <i>No Novena &amp; Benediction</i>
<b>Friday 14 November</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Edith White	
<b>Saturday 15 November</b>		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Bernie McMahon
<b>Sunday 16 November</b> 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Teresa & Bill Moss	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

26.10.25	£654.27	(£212.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£152.50	(£123.75 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£212.00	(£92.00 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1018.77</b>	
02.11.25	£601.57	(£247.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£152.50	(£123.75 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£100.00	(£50.00 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£854.07</b>	
Fundraising	£240.00	(St Benedict's 200 Club)

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will enter Committee Stage in the House of Lords this Friday, 14 November. Once again, Catholics are encouraged to write to peers to oppose the Bill. The Bishops' Conference has issued guidance on how to write to peers here: [www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-peers](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-peers) Earlier this year, Archbishop John recorded a video for the Bishops' Conference explaining our objection to the proposed legislation. The video is well worth watching: [www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide)

### 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 Formation Sessions from the Education Department, Events for Young People, A Trip to Medjugorje, Support for Divorced and Separated, '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 4*)

<b>Today</b>	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>
<i>Readings</i>	Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17 John 2: 13-22
<b>Weekdays</b>	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 32

### 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 Mouldsdale, 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.