

East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Solemnity of Christ the King (C)

World Youth Day – 23 November 2025

My dear sisters and brothers,

World Youth Day

Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the Church's year. It's also World Youth Day when we recognise and celebrate the presence 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.

You will find a leaflet at the back of church which highlights all that young people do, and what Animate offers young people across the Archdiocese.

Animate will be marking the day with a 'Youth Alive Mass' at St Mary's, Lowe House, St Helens WA10 2BE at 5.30 pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Fair

A lot of people put a great deal of time and energy into organising last Sunday's Christmas Fair at St Benedict's. On behalf of us all, I want to say an enormous 'Thank you' to everyone who played a part in planning and running the fair. May I also thank all who supported the Fair by their presence. The total raised should be available next weekend.

Confirmation 2026

If you are in Year 8 (or older) and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June/July 2026, please pick up an application form from the back of church or download it from the Parish website. Please complete

the form and return it to Fr Dave by 31 January. Many thanks.

Cardinal Nichols

During the week, Cardinal Vincent Nichols reflected on his time in office as he approaches retirement. It's a very good interview and can be watched on YouTube here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzK_frskrnc

Last call for Christmas Dinner

Before the pandemic, we used to provide a Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day for those who were on their own. We also delivered meals to those who were on their own but couldn't join us. 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 the end of this week at the latest? Similarly, if you would like a Christmas Dinner brought to your home on Christmas Day, let Bernie know. Many thanks.

Nicene Creed

Every Sunday, we say the Creed together at Mass. Christians have done this since 325 AD. This week, Pope Leo will visit Turkey where the Creed was put together 1700 years ago. To mark the occasion, Fr Mark Drew has kindly offered to give a talk on '**The Nicene Creed: What is it? What does it mean? Why does it matter?**' The talk will take place at St Stephen's, Orford, next Saturday, 29 November: 10.30 am Tea/Coffee, 11.00 am Talk. All are very welcome.

*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 23 November Solemnity of Christ the King (C) <i>World Youth Day</i>	10.30 am Mass Harry Howl	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Josephine Clare
Monday 24 November St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions		
Tuesday 25 November		11.00 am Mass Edith White
Wednesday 26 November	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Denise Williams	
Thursday 27 November		11.00 am Mass John & Peggy McGinty 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 28 November	12.00 noon Deanery Mass <i>At St Stephen's, Orford</i>	
Saturday 29 November		4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners
Sunday 30 November 1st Sunday of Advent (A)	10.30 am Mass Peter Milner	8.30 am Mass Brenda Malone, Mary Malone

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

16.11.25	£671.65	(£254.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£152.50	(£123.75 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£186.00	(£106.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1010.15	
Pious Lists	£276.50	(Priests Training Fund)
Legacy Gift	£505.29	
Donation	£500.00	(St Oswald's Repairs)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

FAIRTRADE STALL

There will be a Fairtrade Stall after the Masses next weekend. Many thanks to Clare Lancaster and Mary Hallam for providing this for us.

MUSTARD SEED GROUP

The next meeting for children who've made their First Communion will be on Sunday 7 December after the 10.30 am Mass at St Benedict's.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 14 December, 11.45 am – 1.30 pm at St Benedict's. Performance, games, food. Free entry for children, £3 per adult.

ADVENT COLLECTIONS

For the people of Gaza – please place any offerings in an envelope marked 'Gaza' and place them in the Sunday collection or hand them into the Parish Office;
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, especially over Christmas. *Please note:* rawhide in treats is bad for dogs.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today	Solemnity of Christ the King (C)
<i>Readings</i>	2 Samuel 5: 1-3 Colossians 1: 12-20 Luke 23: 35-43
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 1, Week 34

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, Carol Whitehouse.

Those who have died recently, especially:

Kenneth Alfred Smith, John Colduck.