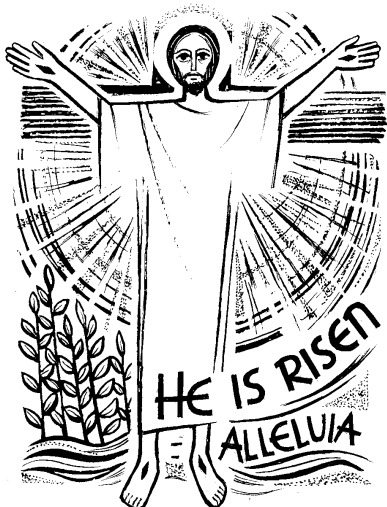


East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Easter Sunday – 5 April 2026

**“This is the day that God has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it!”**

(Psalm 118)

EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Happy Easter.

We sing, ‘Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!’ Praise the Lord!

Today is a day of great joy. Lent is over and we can enjoy the feast of Easter. Throughout the world, churches are garlanded with flowers, and Easter candles burn brightly. The newness and lightness of springtime resonate with the new hope offered by Jesus Risen from the Dead.

At Easter we celebrate God’s love for us. Three days ago, on Good Friday, we remembered when Jesus died on the cross. He died to free us from sin and welcome us into a new life with him by baptism. Today we congratulate and rejoice with all those adults baptised last night at the Easter Vigil and those who received confirmation and Eucharist. They are the new green shoots in the Church.

Easter renews the gift of hope. It is the hope that death has been conquered and is not the end. We can hope in the promise of eternal life with the saints in heaven. They praise and worship God.

Easter deepens the gift of faith. With faith in Jesus, we can face suffering knowing that sickness, suffering and

death are conquered by the Risen Christ. They are not the end. The light of Christ breaks into darkness.

Easter invites us to love others. On Maundy Thursday Jesus washed his disciples’ feet and is a witness to service. We are invited to care and love others by attending to their needs and bringing solace and hope.

Today we rejoice; Christ is risen from the dead. Happy Easter.

Most Rev John Sherrington
Archbishop of Liverpool

May the joy of this day – the greatest day of the year for Christians – lift your spirit, renew your hope, and bring peace to your heart.

A very happy Easter to you all!
Fr Dave

Help us shape Youth Ministry for the Future

How can we as Church best respond to the needs of young people today? The Archdiocese is exploring how we can best accompany young people. **We want to hear from you** to help us to plan youth ministry for the coming years. You are invited to one of two open meetings, 7.00 – 9.30 pm on Monday 20 April at St Joseph's, Crow Orchard Rd, Warrington WN6 9PA [QR](#) Tuesday 21 April at St Monica's, Fernhill Road, Bootle L20 9GA. For more information, contact Sarah McGeehan on s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk or 07415 099048.

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
Please note: The Parish Office will only be open on Wednesday and Friday morning this week.

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.
Please note: St Benedict's will only be open on Wednesday and Friday morning this week.

STOP PRESS

If you would like to be involved in this year's Warrington Walking Day event, there will be a meeting after the 10.30 am Mass next Sunday at St Benedict's.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	St Benedict's	St Oswald's
Easter Sunday, 5 April	10.30 am Baptism Mass Mary Howl	(Sat) 8.00 pm The Easter Vigil The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Mgr William Pinnington
Easter Monday, 6 April		
Easter Tuesday, 7 April		No Mass today
Easter Wednesday, 8 April	No Mass today	2.40 pm Funeral at Walton Lea <i>Barbara Tilley</i>
Easter Thursday, 9 April		No Mass or Novena today
Easter Friday, 10 April	No Mass today	
Easter Saturday, 11 April		4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners
Sunday 12 April 2nd Sunday of Easter (A)	10.30 am Mass Catherine Eason	8.30 am Mass Marion Naughton

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

29.03.26	£769.54	(£285.95 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£236.00	(£171.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1196.79	
Fundraising	£255.00	(St Benedict's 200 Club)

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

March Winners: £50 Yvonne Shaw, £25 Mary McMillan, £15 Terry Naughton, £10 Vivian Chan. Many thanks everyone.

SCAM EMAILS

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team has alerted us to a scam email currently circulating. In these messages, the sender pretends to be the parish priest and asks recipients to purchase gift cards for church staff, insisting the request be kept confidential. The scam emails are being sent from the address: churchpriest38@gmail.com Please remain cautious. Do not reply to this email or act on any requests it makes. Requests of this kind would never be sent.

CONTINUING THE PATH OF SYNODALITY

Pope Leo has invited us to continue to embrace the journey of synodality. As we journey through Eastertime towards the great feast of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we have an opportunity to reflect on the document that came from the final session of the Synod on Synodality called by Pope Francis that Pope Leo is now urging us to embrace at every level in the life of the Church. Tuesday evenings, 7.00 to 8.30 pm, on 21, 28 April, 5, 12, 19 May. To join the zoom meeting, use the weblink below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=VBT0x3xbJiWtU8x00sbiuCGmnO97Xn.1>

Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285 Passcode: 981267

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

Today	Easter Sunday
<i>Readings</i>	Acts 10: 34, 37-43 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-9
Weekdays	Easter Octave

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

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

Kath Bradshaw, Ray Chriscoli, Jean Hendricks, Anne Hill, Mary Hincliffe, Ged Hughes, Gail Hyamson, Jim Hyland, Vin Jackson, Susan Keating, Judith McDowall, 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, Margaret Exell, Dave Ferris, Marguerite Jones, Jean Murphy, Jo Roberts, Claire Taylor, Margaret Watts, Wilf Whelan.

Other Parishes

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

Those who have died recently, especially:

Harold Boyle, Bernard Hill, Don Abbott, Barbara Tilley.