

East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

6th Sunday of Easter (A)
10 May 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a holyday of obligation. Masses will be as follows:

Wednesday	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
Thursday	11.00 am	Mass at St Benedict's
	2.00 pm	Mass in St Benedict's School

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week, and the theme is 'Take Action'.

We've come a long way in recent years in understanding the importance of mental health, but it's also important to do something about it – for ourselves and for others. For example: Am I getting enough sleep? Am I being kind to me and others? If I'm worrying about something, could I reach out and talk to someone? One small action can make a real difference.

As part of the week, Warrington Council, in partnership with Warrington In Mind, will be hosting a '**Mental Health Marketplace**' on Thursday 14 May at Golden Square, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. The event will feature pop-up stalls, interactive activities, and the opportunity to talk to community mental health support groups and services. **Workshops** will also be taking place during the day at the Living Well Hub on Horsemarket Street from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm. Refreshments will be available.

Warrington also has a very good mental health website called "**Happy? Ok? Sad?**" with all sorts of advice, resources and guidance. Why not check it out? Here's the link: www.warrington.gov.uk/happy-ok-sad

Oscar Needs A Home!

Deacon Dan writes: "My 5-year-old French Bulldog, Oscar, is looking for a new home. Oscar is housetrained, good on a lead, friendly with other dogs, loving and loyal. His favourite things are napping, eating, snuggles, baths and sleeping. He is small for his breed. He does have anxiety issues and takes tablets for this. He can get scared easily, but overall, just wants to have some company. He likes to run around, and short exercise walks are needed. He can get itchy skin, so it helps to bathe him once a week at least. He is looking for someone who will be patient with him and who will not be scared by his anxiety. He likes children but has never lived with any. For interest or questions, please contact me via the Parish Office. Many thanks."

Mustard Seed Children's Club

The next meeting for children who have celebrated their First Communion will take place next Sunday, 17 May, at St Benedict's after the 10.30 am Mass.

Newsletter Extra

There are all sorts of events going on in the Archdiocese, so please pick up a copy of this month's 'Newsletter Extra' from the back of church or download it from the Parish website. Forthcoming events include:

- ▶ **Top Tips for a Happier Marriage** online on 19 May.
- ▶ **Catechist Course** in Widnes.
- ▶ **May Procession** in Liverpool on 30 May.
- ▶ **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** for altar servers in October.
- ▶ **Pilgrimage to Assisi** for young people at the end of November.

Have a good week!

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 10 May 6th Sunday of Easter (A)	10.30 am Mass Gerald Griffin 12.00 noon First Reconciliation <i>(First Confessions)</i>	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Vincent Lawton 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 11 May		
Tuesday 12 May		11.00 am Mass Margaret Myatt
Wednesday 13 May Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Service of the Word & Communion	7.00 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention (SG)
Thursday 14 May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (A) <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	11.00 am Mass Marie Barnes 2.00 pm Mass in School The Parishioners	7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 15 May	11.00 am Mass Gabriel Jinks	
Saturday 16 May		4.30 pm Vigil Mass The White Family
Sunday 17 May 7th Sunday of Easter (A) <i>World Communications Day</i>	10.30 am Mass Ron Monks	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

03.05.26	£723.06	<i>(£242.50 Gift Aid)</i>
Standing Orders	£191.25	<i>(£162.50 Gift Aid)</i>
Digital Giving	£129.00	<i>(£95.00 Gift Aid)</i>
Total	£1043.31	
First Communion	£250.79	
Donation to St B	£2000.00	<i>(Anon)</i>

Thank you so much for your generosity.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Next Sunday is World Communications Day. There will be a Second Collection to support the work of the Church in communicating the Good News through its websites, publications, and social media channels.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come and join BBC Songs of Praise on Tuesday 19 May at Liverpool Olympia celebrating the joy and power of Gospel music with special guests and the opportunity to lift your voice and your spirits! Recording at 7.00 pm (doors open from 5.30 pm). All ages are welcome but those aged 17 and under must be supervised by a responsible adult. Tickets can be obtained at no cost from: <https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1422>

PENTECOST 2026

On Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate the various nationalities that now make up our congregations. We will do this by having the Bidding Prayers at the 10.30 am Mass in various languages, and then sharing foods from different cultures after Mass. If you would be willing to share some food from your culture, please sign the list at the back of St Benedict's. Many thanks.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today	6th Sunday of Easter (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3: 15-18 John 14: 15-21
Weekdays	Easter – Week 6

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, Marguerite Jones, Jean Murphy, Jo Roberts, Claire Taylor, Margaret Watts, Wilf Whelan.

Other Parishes

Catherine Donaldson, June Fallon, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Pamela Watson, Carol Whitehouse.

Those who have died recently, especially:

Katherine Ann Robinson and Monica Brown.