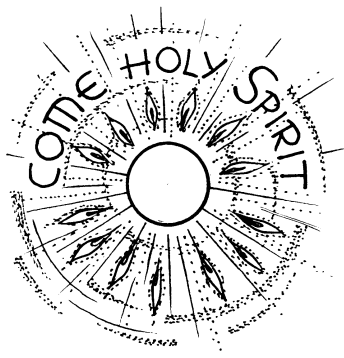


East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

7th Sunday of Easter (A)
17 May 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

World Communications Day

Today is World Communications Day. This annual day reminds us of the importance of not just keeping the faith but sharing it too. Vital to this is good communication – through websites, publications, and social media. So there is a **Second Collection** today to support the Church's work in communicating the Good News in the media.

Mustard Seed Children's Club

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

Churches Together in East Warrington

Bi-monthly meeting of clergy and reps this Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the lounge of St Oswald's Parish Centre.

Deanery Synodal Council

The Deanery Synodal Council (DSC) met yesterday for their bi-monthly meeting. They will be meeting again on Wednesday to receive a summary of the audits that took place in each Parish of the Deanery before Easter as part of the Parish Development Strategy. It is planned to present this information to parishioners in the coming months together with an overview of the Parish finances.

Confirmation 2026

Candidates for Confirmation from the Parishes of Blessed James Bell and St Peter & St Michael's in Woolston, together with their parents/carers, are invited to a meeting this Thursday, 21 May, at 7.00 pm in the lounge of St Oswald's Parish Centre. At the meeting, we will outline the process of preparation for

this year's Confirmations which will take place with the Archbishop at St Oswald's on 4 & 5 July.

Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and the last day of Easter. At the 10.30 am Mass, we will celebrate the various nationalities that now make up our congregations by having the Bidding Prayers 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.

Pentecost Novena

In the days leading up to Pentecost, the Church invites us to keep a Novena of Prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in the Church, and in the world. You will find a sheet at the back of church entitled, "Come Holy Spirit", with a short passage of Scripture and a prayer for each day of the week. If you prefer, you could simply pray, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

Can you help Deacon Dan?

Deacon Dan is still looking for a home for his dog, Oscar. Do you know someone who might be able to help? If you do, please contact Dan or the Parish Office. There are some posters at the back of church.

Thought for the Week

"You are part of a story of love – that of the Lord for His people – which began before you and does not end with you. You are part of it as unique and necessary pieces. You are part of it so that you may kindle a light, even amid the dense patterns of darkness" (*Pope Leo*).

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 17 May 7th Sunday of Easter (A) <i>World Communications Day</i>	10.30 am Mass Ron Monks	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The White Family 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 18 May		
Tuesday 19 May		11.00 am Mass Nadine Davies 12.00 noon Funeral Service Katherine Ann Robinson
Wednesday 20 May	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Tom Dillon	
Thursday 21 May		11.00 am Mass Brian Hughes 2.15 pm School May Procession 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 22 May	<i>No Mass today</i>	
Saturday 23 May	11.00 am First Communion Mass	4.30 pm Baptism Mass The Parishioners
Sunday 24 May Solemnity of Pentecost (A)	10.30 am Mass Tom Howell & Terry Davies	8.30 am Mass Patrick Naughton

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

10.05.26	£696.62	(£276.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£350.00	(£275.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1237.87	
Red Boxes (St B)	£423.69	(Missio)
Donation	£30.00	(In mem. Rita Hutson)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

'MISSIO' RED BOXES

If your Red Box is full, please bring it to church. The money you have collected will be counted by the coordinator, a receipt issued to you, and the money sent to 'Missio' which is the Pope's Charity for the Missions. Our Parish coordinators are: Katherine Lau (St Benedict's), Greg Caswell (St Mary's) and John Lawless (St Oswald's).

PARISH SOCIAL GROUP

Wednesdays 11.30 am – 1.00 pm in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Benedict's. Come along for some tea and toast, company and chat. All are welcome.

SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult and feel they are in immediate danger, please call the Police. If you wish to report any non-urgent concerns, please contact your Local Social Services or our Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team: Mark Robson (0151 522 1013 or 07585 761965) or Claire Newton (0151 522 1043 or 07384 643237), or you can email: safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	7th Sunday of Easter (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Acts 1: 12-14 1 Peter 4: 13-16 John 17: 1-11
Weekdays	Easter – Week 7

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 Hinchliffe, 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 Robinson, Monica Brown and Kaye Leah.