

East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (A)

31 May 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

Trinity Sunday

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. We celebrate the way God reveals himself to us: three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – so united in love that they are one God.

The Archbishop has written a Pastoral Letter which we will hear during Mass today. In his letter, Archbishop John refers to the famous icon of the Trinity created by Andrei Rublev (1360-1430) and depicted in the sketch above. It's based on a story in the book of Genesis in which the Lord, in the form of three angels, visits Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (*cf. Genesis 18: 1-15*). Abraham and Sarah warmly welcome them and generously provide hospitality to the visitors.

God the Father is portrayed in the figure on the left. His head is the only one that is raised, his gaze turned to the other two figures. God the Son is the middle figure. He is blessing the cup he is to drink, indicating his readiness to offer himself for humanity. God the Holy Spirit is the figure on the right. His hand is resting on the table next to the cup suggesting that he will be with the Son as he carries out his mission.

God invites us to come and sit at his table so that he can share his life with us. This is what we are doing when we gather round the altar to celebrate the eucharist.

Pentecost

Thank you to all those who helped to organise last Sunday's Pentecost International Celebration – to Jan,

Rosanne and Dan for leading the Bidding Prayers in different languages; to our musicians for the song in Cantonese during communion; and to all those who prepared food from different cultures for us to enjoy afterwards. I hope this celebration will grow and become an annual feature in the Parish calendar.

Confirmation 2026

Our young parishioners preparing for Confirmation will visit the Cathedral next Saturday, 6 June. It never ceases to amaze me how spellbound they are when they first enter the Cathedral and how absorbed they become as we go round the chapels and visit the Crypt. As a treat, we will take them to McDonalds on the way home. Then they will meet for their third preparation meeting at St Benedict's on Wednesday 10 June at 7.00 pm.

Corpus Christi Procession

Our annual Parish Corpus Christi Procession, which brings together our three churches of St Benedict's, St Mary's Shrine and St Oswald's, will take place next Sunday, 7 June. The procession will begin in St Mary's Shrine at 2.00 pm and conclude in St Alban's Church at around 3.00 pm. The procession is a great witness to our faith in Jesus Christ in a society that increasingly no longer knows him. Please come along if you can.

First Communion Children

Children who have celebrated their First Communion recently are invited to wear their special clothes and walk together at the front of the procession.

Marshals

If you could assist as a marshal, please sign the sheet at the back of church or phone the Parish Office.

God bless you,

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 31 May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (A)	10.30 am Mass Bruce's Birthday	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Helen Murphy 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 1 June St Justin		
Tuesday 2 June		<i>No Mass today</i> (Site meeting about roof repairs)
Wednesday 3 June St Charles Lwanga & Companions	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Charles Eason	
Thursday 4 June		11.00 am Mass Eddie Buckley 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 5 June St Boniface	11.00 am Mass Private Intention (LISC)	
Saturday 6 June		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Dominic & Edith Ross
Sunday 7 June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A) <i>Corpus Christi</i>	10.30 am Mass Harry Boyle	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
	2.00 pm Parish Corpus Christi Procession	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

17.05.26	£623.41	(£285.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£351.00	(£236.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1165.66	
2nd Collection	£346.74	(World Communications)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

PADGATE & WOOLSTON WALKING DAY

St Oswald's has been asked to provide some volunteer marshals. Could you help, or do you know someone who could help? If so, please sign the list at the back of church. The marshals work in teams and are provided with all they need. They are essential for Walking Day to go ahead. We particularly need help outside St Oswald's where a lot of people gather to watch the procession.

SAFEGUARDING ADMINISTRATOR

Are you organised, adaptable and confident in supporting a busy team? An opportunity is available at the Archdiocese of Liverpool for an Administrator within the Safeguarding Team to provide high quality administrative support. In this vital role, you will process and check DBS applications, support enquiries from Parishes and external agencies, and help ensure compliance with National Safeguarding Standards. You will be a key point of contact for the Safeguarding Office, contributing to safe, effective and compassionate Safeguarding practice across the Archdiocese. **Closing Date: 3 June.** Full details can be found at:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

Today	Trinity Sunday (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14 John 3: 16-18
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 9

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:

Kaye Elizabeth Leah, Patricia Ann McDermott and Richard Roughley.