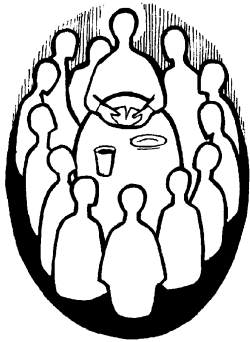


East Warrington Family of Parishes  
**PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL**

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



## Newsletter

### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A) 'Corpus Christi' – 7 June 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

#### Corpus Christi

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 'Corpus Christi' as it used to be called.

We take it for granted that we can receive communion when we come to Mass, but this hasn't always been the case. In fact, people have only been receiving communion regularly for just over a hundred years. People used to receive communion regularly until around the 4th century. Then, for various reasons, particularly the feeling of unworthiness, people stopped going to communion. The situation was so concerning that in the 12th century the First Lateran Council said Catholics should go to communion at least once a year (with Confession beforehand if necessary). This was the origin of the 'Easter Duty'. It wasn't until the beginning of the last century, with the encouragement of Pope Pius X, that communion once again became a regular pattern at Sunday Mass. Some of you may remember that it was reintroduced by inviting the men's groups (like the CYMS) to receive communion on one Sunday, the women's sodalities the next Sunday, and so on. The Second Vatican Council encouraged Catholics to receive communion whenever they participate in the eucharist.

#### 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, takes place today (Sunday) beginning in St Mary's Shrine at 2.00 pm and concluding 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

Thank you to those who've offered to help as marshals. Please meet at St Mary's Shrine at 1.30 pm for a briefing.

#### Confirmation 2026

Yesterday (Saturday), our young parishioners preparing for Confirmation visited the Cathedral. As well as touring the various chapels and the Crypt beneath the Cathedral, they saw the chapel where the Oil of Chrism is kept which the Archbishop will use to anoint them when they are confirmed in July. This Wednesday, 10 June, they will gather for their third preparation meeting at 7.00 pm. *Please note:* this meeting will take place at St Benedict's Church.

#### Lourdes Petitions

If you would like to send a petition to be placed in the Grotto at Lourdes during the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage in July, please complete one of the forms available at the back of church and place it in the basket/box labelled 'Lourdes Petitions'. Please do not place money in with your petition.

#### St Oswald's

Some good news! At long last, I had a site meeting with the Archdiocesan Surveyors this week about the repairs to the roof and the walls of the church. We have a plan and, once we've received another couple of tenders, the work can begin. I am hopeful that this work will begin in the next couple of months.

God bless you,

*Fr Dave*

### General Information

- 1) **Parish Priest:** Canon Dave Heywood. Tel: 01925 630127. Email: [frdave@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:blessedjamesbell@rcaol.org.uk)
- 3) **Parish Website:** [www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk](http://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
<b>Sunday 7 June</b> Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (A) <i>Corpus Christi</i>	10.30 am Mass Harry Boyle	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Dominic & Edith Ross 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
<b>2.00 pm Parish Corpus Christi Procession</b>		
<b>Monday 8 June</b>		
<b>Tuesday 9 June</b>		11.00 am Mass Karen Leigh
<b>Wednesday 10 June</b>	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Fr Vince To, IVE	
<b>Thursday 11 June</b> St Barnabas		11.00 am Mass Sarah Boardman 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
<b>Friday 12 June</b> The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (A)	11.00 am Mass Bill & Teresa Moss	
<b>Saturday 13 June</b>		4.30 pm Vigil Mass John McGinty
<b>Sunday 14 June</b> 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass Stephen Dolley	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

24.05.26	£750.62	(£261.05 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£208.00	(£93.00 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1149.87</b>	
31.05.26	£725.02	(£261.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£326.00	(£211.00 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1242.27</b>	
Fundraising	£245.00	(St B 200 Club)

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

May Winners: £50 Mary McMillan, £25 Michael Hines, £15 Gabrielle Atkinson, £10 Margo Davies. Many thanks.

### PADGATE & WOOLSTON WALKING DAY

Many thanks to those who have signed up to help with Walking Day. We still need some volunteers to act as marshals. Could you help, or do you know someone who could help? If so, please sign the list at the back of church. Many thanks.

### 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.

### COMMUNION AT HOME

If you are no longer able to come to Mass and would like to receive communion at home, please phone the Parish Office (630127).

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)*

<b>Today</b>	<b>Corpus Christi (A)</b>
<i>Readings</i>	Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 John 6: 51-58
<b>Weekdays</b>	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 10

### 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:

Francis Seeckts, Richard Roughley, Patricia Sullivan, Aldo Cornelius Samuels, Patricia Ann McDermott and Carol Ann Wilson.