

East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

14 June 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

Padgate & Woolston Walking Day

Walking Day for Padgate and Woolston takes place next Saturday, 20 June, at 2.30 pm. Thank you very much to those who have signed up to carry the church banner and statues. We could still do with some volunteers to help as marshals. Can you help, or do you know someone who could? Please sign the sheet at the back of church today if you do.

Given that there is no Warrington Walking Day this year, it has been agreed with the organisers to invite parishioners from St Benedict's to walk with St Oswald's and to bring their own church banner.

Confirmation 2026

Preparation continues with our young parishioners who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop John on 4 & 5 July. Next Saturday, the candidates and their families will join us for the 4.30 pm Mass at St Oswald's

'Walk with Jesus' Sponsored Walk

St Benedict's Fundraising Group invite you to 'Walk with Jesus' during the month of June.

Set your own walking target (at least 10 miles or 200 minutes between 1-30 June). While you walk, talk to Jesus, pray for your family, for those who are sick and for the needs of the world. Invite your family and friends to sponsor you. Save the final mile to do with everyone else around church after the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 5 July.

Sponsorship Forms and Walking Record Sheets are available at the back of church. Please return your Sponsorship Form and the money raised to St Benedict's by 12 July. Many thanks.

Refugee Week

Tomorrow marks the beginning of 'Refugee Week'. This annual week, which is celebrated all over the world, aims to highlight the plight of refugees and asylum seekers, and to celebrate the contribution they make to society, not least in the NHS and the care sector.

This year, the week is needed more than ever. The rise in hostility to those coming to the UK for help is alarming and causing fear in those who have settled here. It awakens memories of the severe trauma they have already experienced which caused them to flee from their homelands.

As Christians, we must be careful not to join the bandwagon of misinformation and scapegoating that is rife in social media and public opinion. Friday's feast of the Sacred Heart celebrated God's love for each one of us so that we might mirror this love to others.

The horrendous attempted murder in Belfast last Monday was evil; at the same time, the ensuing protests were illogical. Why is it so-called 'patriots' riot at crimes committed by those not born in the UK, but ignore the appalling crimes committed by 'white' British citizens every week? I'm afraid the Northern Ireland Secretary, Hilary Benn, spoke the truth when he described the unrest as "racist thuggery". He's right, and it needs to be called out for what it is.

We are invited to express our solidarity with refugees over 'Coffee & Cake' at Bank Park Pavillion this Wednesday, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Do come along if you're free. You will be very welcome.

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 14 June 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass Stephen Dolley	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass John McGinty 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 15 June		
Tuesday 16 June	<i>(Funeral Mass in Liverpool)</i>	11.00 am Mass Mgr William Pinnington
Wednesday 17 June	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Zita Campbell	
Thursday 18 June St John Rigby	<i>(Confirmations in Widnes)</i>	11.00 am Mass John McCarthy 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 19 June	11.00 am Mass Linda O'Hara	
Saturday 20 June		2.30 pm Padgate & Woolston Walking Day 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Margaret Morris
Sunday 21 June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Day for Life</i>	10.30 am Mass Malcolm Hackwell	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

07.06.26	£927.94	(£381.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£140.00	(£65.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1259.19	
Fundraising	£134.19	(St B Pentecost)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday is the annual Day for Life. There will be a Second Collection which will go toward the 'Day for Life Fund' which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. For more information and resources: www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Are you using Offertory envelopes that are marked with the number 49? If so, please contact the Parish Office (630127) so that we can check that you have the right box. Many thanks.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Exodus 19: 2-6 Romans 5: 6-11 Matthew 9: 36-10: 8
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 11

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, Tommy Price, 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.