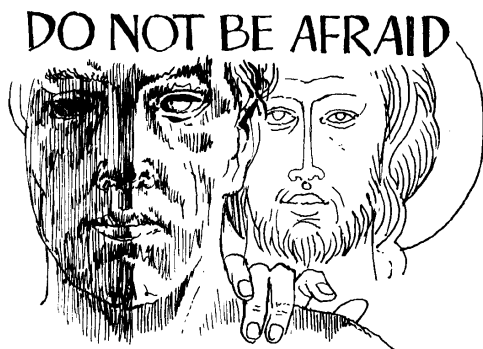


East Warrington Family of Parishes  
**PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL**

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



## Newsletter

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
**21 June 2026**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Welcome

This weekend, it is our joy to welcome the young people who are preparing for Confirmation to the 4.30 pm Vigil Mass. A very warm welcome to them all and to their parents and families.

### Day for Life

Today is the Church's annual 'Day for Life', a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. You will find lots of information and resources at: [www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life)

There will be a **Second Collection** as you leave church for the 'Day for Life Fund'. This fund provides financial assistance to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death.

### Confirmation 2026

The next meeting for our young people preparing for Confirmation is this Wednesday, 24 June, 7.00 – 8.00 pm, in St Oswald's Parish Centre.

### Deanery Mass

This month's Deanery Mass will be a little bit different. It will take place next Friday, 26 June, at 12.00 noon in St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NS. There is two hours free parking in the nearby Cockhedge Centre (WA1 2QQ).

St Mary's Shrine, together with St Benedict's and St Oswald's, forms the Parish of Blessed James Bell in central Warrington. However, St Mary's is in care of the

Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP) which celebrates the Mass and the Sacraments as they were before the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's. I thought it would be good for us to experience the Mass in this way which is permitted in our Archdiocese. Some things will be strange to us now, but many of us will remember them from our childhood: the altar faces the wall of the church, communion is on the tongue and most of the Mass will be in Latin.

The priests of the Shrine understand that this may be challenging but want us to feel very welcome. There will be a sheet available explaining what is happening and the music will include a couple of well-known hymns as well as the Missa de Angelis which will be familiar to many of you.

When Archbishop Malcolm appointed me to Warrington, I agreed to host the FSSP because I thought Pope Benedict was right when he said that the old Latin Mass and the Mass we're now used to in our parishes could exist side by side. Having one of our Deanery Masses at St Mary's Shrine is an important milestone in accepting and respecting different ways of worshipping God. So I hope you will come along to next Friday's Deanery Mass at St Mary's Shrine. It may not be your way of worshipping God, but your presence will show others that we are a Church that welcomes everyone and allows for different ways of worship.

### Newsletter Extra

Don't forget to pick up a copy of this month's Newsletter Extra or download it from the Parish website.

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 21 June</b> 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Day for Life</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Malcolm Hackwell	<b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> Margaret Morris <b>8.30 am Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Monday 22 June</b> Saints John Fisher & Thomas More		
<b>Tuesday 23 June</b>	<b>12.30 pm Funeral Mass</b> Aldo Cornelius Samuels	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> Vic Tann
<b>Wednesday 24 June</b> Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist	<b>10.15 am Exposition</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Bernard Eason	
<b>Thursday 25 June</b>	<b>11.15 am Funeral Mass</b> Patricia Ann McDermott	<i>No Mass today</i> <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Friday 26 June</b>	<b>10.00 am Funeral Service</b> Carol Ann Wilson	<b>12.00 noon Deanery Mass</b> <i>at St Mary's Shrine</i>
<b>Saturday 27 June</b>		<b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> The Parishioners
<b>Sunday 28 June</b> Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> Fr Nicolas de Francqueville, MEP	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> Brenda Malone

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

14.06.26	£846.00	(£358.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£187.00	(£152.00 Gift Aid)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1224.25</b>	
Donation	£100.00	(Parish Caritas)

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence – the annual collection to support the ministry of Pope Leo.

### 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.

### '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.

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 4)*

<b>Today</b>	<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>
<i>Readings</i>	Jeremiah 20: 10-13 Romans 5: 12-15 Matthew 10: 26-33
<b>Weekdays</b>	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 12

### 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, Tommy Price, Pamela Watson, Carol Whitehouse.

**Those who have died recently, especially:**

Aldo Cornelius Samuels, Patricia Ann McDermott, Carol Ann Wilson, Ray Harris, Jessie Brady and Antonio Fortunato Giovedi.