

East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul
28 June 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

This weekend, we celebrate the apostles, Peter and Paul: Peter, our leader in the faith, and Paul, its fearless preacher. There will be a **Second Collection** for Peter's Pence – the annual collection which Pope Leo uses to help those most in need.

Padgate & Woolston Walking Day

Many thanks to Councillor Sue Emery, Dee Bonsall from St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, and so many others from the community who organised last Saturday's Walking Day. It was a lovely day and showed the local community at its best.

Thank you to John Lawless and Steve Brady for organising us all at St Oswald's; to those who acted as marshals, carried the statues and the church banner; to Kevin Holt for watching over the church; to the staff and children of St Oswald's Catholic Primary School who walked, together with their parents and parishioners who lined Padgate Lane; to the Warrington Pipe Band; and, of course, to the staff in the Parish Centre. A special thanks to the ladies who stepped in and organised the beautiful flowers for the statues while Briar was ill and Clare was away.

Warrington Walking Day Reborn

As I'm sure you know, due to financial cutbacks there will be no Warrington Walking Day this year. Instead, there will be a multi-denominational Heritage Event with readings, prayers, hymns, traditional banner displays, and performances by local church and school bands on Saturday 4 July, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, in

Warrington Town Hall and Bank Park. The day will include a Picnic Afternoon Tea, price £20. To book your Afternoon Tea, simply scan the QR code on the church noticeboard or Parish website. Boxes can be collected from the Town Hall Tea Room.

Confirmations

Next weekend, St Oswald's will host the Confirmations for all the parishes in Warrington. 76 young people will be confirmed by Archbishop John Sherrington in two services at 2.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

Mustard Seeds Children's Club

This time last year, we launched the 'Mustard Seeds Children's Club' for children who've celebrated their First Communion. The group has been an incredible success and continues to meet every other month after the 10.30 am Sunday Mass. My thanks to Bruce and Clara, John and Sue, and others for this initiative which has never seen less than twenty children taking part. The next meeting will be on Sunday 12 July at 12.00 noon for about an hour.

Diamond Jubilee of Mgr John Butchard

Many of you will remember the gentle and very tall Mgr John Butchard who was Parish Priest at St Joseph's, Penketh (1990-2000), and Dean of Warrington. Mgr Butchard, still going strong at 84, is celebrating sixty years as a priest this year and St Joseph's invite you to join him for a Mass of Thanksgiving next Friday, 3 July, at 6.30 pm, followed by refreshments in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

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 28 June Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul <i>(Transferred from 29 June)</i>	10.30 am Mass Fr Nicolas de Francqueville, MEP	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners 8.30 am Mass Brenda Malone
Monday 29 June	<i>(Mass at St Peter's School, Woolston)</i>	
Tuesday 30 June		11.00 am Mass Karen Leigh
Wednesday 1 July	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Special Intention	
Thursday 2 July		11.00 am Mass John McGinty 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 3 July Feast of St Thomas	11.00 am Mass Mgr Francis Frost	
Saturday 4 July		2.00 pm Confirmations 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Mary & Michael Mannion
Sunday 5 July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass The Parishioners	8.30 am Mass Joseph Cann 2.00 pm Confirmations

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

21.06.26	£730.32	<i>(£288.55 Gift Aid)</i>
Standing Orders	£191.25	<i>(£162.50 Gift Aid)</i>
Digital Giving	£206.00	<i>(£141.00 Gift Aid)</i>
Total	£1224.25	
2nd Collection	£349.05	<i>(Day for Life Fund)</i>

Thank you so much for your generosity.

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.

COULD YOU HELP OUR PARISH CENTRES?

The Archdiocesan Parish Centre Management Company (APCMC) is inviting expressions of interest from people who would like to help shape the future of Parish Centres across the Archdiocese of Liverpool by becoming lay members of its board. If you're interested, have a word with Fr Dave who is one of the Directors of APCMC.

DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

This year's Disability Awareness Day (DAD) takes place on Sunday 12 July, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm, at Walton Hall Gardens WA4 6SN. It's a free event for all ages. DAD offers something for everyone and a fun day out for the whole family. For full details, pick up a brochure at the back of church, or phone 01925 240064, or go to: www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 1)

Today	Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul
<i>Readings</i>	Acts 12: 1-11 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16: 13-19
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 13

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

Fr Leo Cooper, Catherine Donaldson, June Fallon, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Tommy Price, Pamela Watson, Carol Whitehouse.

Those who have died recently, especially:

Ray Harris, Jessie Brady and Antonio Giovedi.