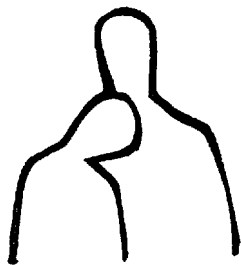


East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
5 July 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend, it is our joy to host the sacrament of Confirmation for all the parishes in Warrington. 76 young people will gather at St Oswald's with their families and friends in two celebrations. Archbishop John will preside at the Confirmations.

Earthquakes in Venezuela

As you have probably seen on the news, the situation in Venezuela is catastrophic. If you would like to support the rescue effort, you can donate to CAFOD who will ensure our donations get to those in most need. You can either donate to today's **Second Collection** at the end of Mass, or you can go online and donate here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/venezuela-earthquake-appeal>

Parish Development Strategy

The Parish Development Strategy (PDS) was launched in our Deanery in January. The PDS aims to help us to continue to implement the Pastoral Plan from our Archdiocesan Synod (2020-2021) and to help us to plan for the future with smaller congregations, reduced income and fewer priests. At the back of church, you will find a PDS Update summarising what has been happening during the last six months.

Feast of St Benedict

This year's Feast of St Benedict falls on Saturday 11 July. While St Benedict's Catholic Primary School will celebrate the day in school on Friday, we will celebrate the feast in church during the Masses next weekend.

Mustard Seeds Children's Club

The next meeting of the Mustard Seeds Children's Club will take place next Sunday, 12 July, at 12.00 noon in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Benedict's. The meeting

will last about an hour and is for children and teenagers who've celebrated their First Communion.

Fun in the Sun & Strawberry Fair

To launch the summer holidays and celebrate the diversity that makes up our parish community, St Benedict's will be holding the annual 'Fun in the Sun' (especially for children) and Strawberry Fair on Sunday 19 July after the 10.30 am Mass. Mark the date. All are welcome. More information next week.

Refugees & Asylum Seekers

As someone who has worked with asylum seekers and refugees for more than a decade and who appreciates the complex problems regarding immigration, it infuriates me when I hear politicians pontificating about issues they know little about. Ordinary people pick up on these ignorant soundbites, and they quickly become the substance of social media which is believed without question by too many people. Government policy then tries to respond to this manufactured outrage rather than dealing with the reality of the situation.

Warrington has long been a community that has welcomed people from all over the world, especially those who have suffered overseas. Sadly, the present atmosphere of hatred and intolerance in the UK is changing the attitude of residents to those in need in our town. This not only creates fear in those who have fled situations most of us could scarcely comprehend, but effects the support they should be receiving. As I've said many times, "What if we were in their shoes? What would we hope people would do to help us?"

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 5 July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass The Parishioners	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Mary & Michael Mannion 8.30 am Mass Brenda Malone 2.00 pm Confirmations
Monday 6 July		
Tuesday 7 July		11.00 am Mass Annette Aldrich
Wednesday 8 July	<i>No Exposition today</i> 11.30 am Funeral Mass Antonio Giovedi	
Thursday 9 July		11.00 am Mass Una McQuaid 6.00 pm Medley Music Concert
Friday 10 July	10.30 am Funeral Service Raymond Harris	
Saturday 11 July		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Brian Fitzgerald
Sunday 12 July (Sea Sunday) Feast of St Benedict, Abbot 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass The Parishioners	8.30 am Mass Private Intention (LISC)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

28.06.26	£802.79	<i>(£361.50 Gift Aid)</i>
Standing Orders	£191.25	<i>(£162.50 Gift Aid)</i>
Digital Giving	£191.00	<i>(£110.00 Gift Aid)</i>
Total	£1185.04	
2nd Collection	£358.29	<i>(Peter's Pence)</i>

Thank you so much for your generosity.

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

June Winners: £50 Betty Lunt, £25 Michael Hines, £15 Susannah Chan, £10 Aysha. Many thanks everyone.

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, please 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 next Sunday, 12 July, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm, at Walton Hall Gardens WA4 6SN. It's a free event for all ages. For full details, pick up a brochure at the back of church, or phone 01925 240064, or go to: www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk

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)

Today	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Zechariah 9: 9-10 Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Matthew 11: 25-30
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 14

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:

Antonio Giovedi, Ray Harris, Jessie Brady.