

East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Feast of St Benedict, Abbot

Sea Sunday – 12 July 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

Feast of St Benedict, Abbot

Today is the Feast of St Benedict (*transferred from 11 July*). While this is a special day for the community at St Benedict's, it's also a special day for St Mary's and St Oswald's too because all three communities were founded by the Benedictine monks from Ampleforth Abbey. So a very Happy Feast Day to you all.

Sea Sunday

Today is also Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea) is the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For more information about the work of Stella Maris, please visit their website: www.stellamaris.org.uk

Confirmations

Many congratulations to all those who were Confirmed at St Oswald's by Archbishop John last weekend. The celebrations were beautiful and lasted just an hour. My sincere thanks to all those who helped us to host the services.

Clarification: SSPX and FSSP

You may have heard that a conservative Catholic group, the Society of Saint Pius X (SSPX), has been excommunicated from the Church. The group incurred excommunication because they ordained four bishops without the permission of the Pope. Bishops are appointed by the Pope. To do otherwise fragments the unity of the Church. Pope Leo pleaded with the SSPX

not to go ahead with the ordinations but to continue dialogue with the Vatican. Unfortunately, the SSPX went ahead with the ordinations and so automatically incurred excommunication as outlined in Canon Law. Vatican authorities are urging faithful Catholics not to attend the SSPX's churches, chapels and Mass centres lest they too fall under the same penalty of excommunication.

The SSPX is known for its celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments using the liturgical books in force prior to the Second Vatican Council. Happily, for those who are attached to the traditional Latin rites, here in the Archdiocese of Liverpool we have the FSSP (the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter), based at St Mary's Shrine in Warrington, which was founded by Pope St John Paul II for this very purpose. The FSSP is in full communion with the Church, accepts the Second Vatican Council and, as we have seen at our most recent Deanery Mass, is very much part of the life of our local Deanery.

Mustard Seeds Children's Club

The next meeting of the Mustard Seeds Children's Club takes place today (Sunday) at 12.00 noon in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Benedict's. The meeting will last about an hour and is especially 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) as well as a Strawberry Fair next Sunday, 19 July, after the 10.30 am Mass. All are 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 12 July (Sea Sunday) Feast of St Benedict, Abbot <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass The Parishioners	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Brian Fitzgerald 8.30 am Mass Private Intention (LISC)
Monday 13 July		
Tuesday 14 July		11.00 am Mass Canon Leo Stoker
Wednesday 15 July St Bonaventure	No Exposition or Mass today <i>(9.30 am Mass with the Archbishop at St Gregory's Catholic High School)</i>	
Thursday 16 July		9.15 am End of School Year Mass All Souls 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 17 July	11.00 am Mass Elizabeth Hyamson	
Saturday 18 July		4.30 pm Vigil Mass Margaret Cooper
Sunday 19 July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Baptism Mass The Parishioners	8.30 am Mass Annie McGinty & Derrick Roberts

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

05.07.26	£651.70	(£331.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£246.00	(£171.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1088.95	
2nd Collection	£951.85	(For Venezuela)
Confirmations	£612.97	
Donation	£100.00	(Hong Kongers)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be the annual Second Collection to support our priests living in retirement.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) at St Oswald's Catholic Primary School who donated **£119.56** from their Walking Day money to help Warrington's Refugee Support Group.

ANNUAL LOURDES MASS

The Annual Archdiocesan Lourdes Mass will take place in the Cathedral next Sunday, 19 July, at 3.00 pm. All are welcome. In the parish, we will celebrate Masses in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes next weekend.

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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Isaiah 55: 10-11 Romans 8: 18-23 Matthew 13: 1-9
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 15

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

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

Those who have died recently, especially:

Michael Raymond Fylan