

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

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



## Newsletter

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
**9 August 2026**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Welcome!

A very warm welcome to visitors, those who have come home for the summer, and to guests of parishioners. This week, a greeting in Spanish:

**Una cálida bienvenida a nuestros visitantes.**  
**Esperamos que tengas unas buenas vacaciones.**  
*"A very warm welcome to our visitors. We hope you have  
a good holiday."*

### Solemnity of the Assumption

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is on the 15 August and is a holyday of obligation. This year, the feast falls on a Saturday. Whenever a holyday falls on a Saturday or a Monday in England and Wales, it is transferred to the Sunday. Therefore, we will observe the Solemnity of the Assumption at Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday.

### Building Works at St Oswald's

1) You may have noticed that all the potholes as well as the entrance to the car park (on the school side) has been repaired. While it cost £3K, it was essential and I'm delighted with the result. I have now asked for the other side of the car park (renewing the entrance and filling the large potholes) to be done by the end of August if possible. However, there are only so many times that we can fill in potholes. In the next two or three years, the whole car park will need resurfacing, and we will need to seriously consider installing a system to prevent non-authorised parking.

2) At long last, all the quotes have now been received for the repairs to the roof of the church and have been examined by an external specialist. Not surprisingly,

given the economic situation, the cost is higher than I expected. However, rather than repairs, I think it is important that the work resolves the problem once and for all so that we don't have to revisit it in the future. The legacy left by a parishioner will cover the work, but it may not stretch to the internal repairs. So that needs some thought. I am due to meet with the Archdiocesan Surveyors in the next couple of weeks to confirm the schedule of works which should be complete by Christmas. Then we will address the internal work.

### Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

Archbishop John writes: "It is highly significant that the Prime Minister has confirmed his position about the need for proper palliative and social care ahead of the Second Reading of the fundamentally flawed Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill in September. People who are dying are vulnerable and need compassionate care and spiritual accompaniment until their last breath.

We have consistently called for meaningful investment in palliative and end of life care as an appropriate focus to uphold the dignity of all at the end of life and opposed a bill seeking to legalise assisted suicide. This level of care can be found in many Catholic care homes and hospices, but the sector remains woefully underfunded and there is an existential threat to these places of compassion and care should this legislation be passed.

I once more urge parliamentarians to vote against this dangerous legislation on 11 September and to work together to ensure that our palliative and social care services can be held up as examples of truly dignified care at the end of life for all."

With my prayers,  
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 9 August</b><br>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)     | <b>10.30 am Mass</b><br>The Parishioners                                   | <b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b><br>Kathleen Postlethwaite<br><b>8.30 am Mass</b><br>Ray Harris |
| <b>Monday 10 August</b><br>Feast of St Lawrence                |                                                                            |                                                                                                |
| <b>Tuesday 11 August</b><br>St Clare                           |                                                                            | <b>11.00 am Mass</b><br>Danny Woodward                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday 12 August</b>                                     | <b>10.15 am Exposition</b><br><b>11.00 am Mass</b><br>Miriam & Clem Lawton |                                                                                                |
| <b>Thursday 13 August</b>                                      |                                                                            | <b>12.45 pm Funeral Mass</b><br>Lisa Marie Anderson<br><i>No Novena during August</i>          |
| <b>Friday 14 August</b><br>St Maximilian Kolbe                 | <b>11.00 am Mass</b><br>Mgr Francis Frost                                  |                                                                                                |
| <b>Saturday 15 August</b>                                      |                                                                            | <b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b><br>The Parishioners                                                  |
| <b>Sunday 16 August</b><br>Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary | <b>10.30 am Mass</b><br>Special Intention                                  | <b>8.30 am Mass</b><br>Patrick & Marion Naughton                                               |

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

|                 |                 |                          |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 02.08.26        | £682.61         | (£298.00 Gift Aid)       |
| Standing Orders | £191.25         | (£162.50 Gift Aid)       |
| Digital Giving  | £251.00         | (£136.00 Gift Aid)       |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>£1124.86</b> |                          |
| Fundraising     | £200.00         | (St Benedict's 200 Club) |
|                 | £285.52         | (Strawberry Fair)        |

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### PRACTICAL HELP FOR REFUGEES

a) Do you have a spare **bicycle** in working order or not (men's, women's or children's)? If so, please phone 815646 or the Parish Office. Unwanted accessories (helmets, pumps, locks, etc) would also be welcome.

b) Care UK needs **new underwear**, 80% male 20% female, mainly small and medium, but all sizes are needed. Also, Care UK is also looking for **old mobile working phones** with chargers?

*These items can be taken directly to Care UK (Riverside Retail Park) or left in church. Many thanks.*

c) The Warrington Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group are planning a **multicultural recipe book** and are looking for a volunteer who knows how to organise and get the book ready for publishing. Do you know someone who might be able to help? If so, please let Fr Dave know.

### NEWSLETTER EXTRA

Please pick up a copy of this month's Newsletter Extra as you leave church or check it out on the Parish website. There are all sorts of events coming up this month and next in the Deanery and across the Archdiocese.

### PARISH SAFER RECRUITMENT & DBS REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)*

**Today 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

*Readings* 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 22-33

**Weekdays** Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 19

### 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, Fr Hubert Strowbridge, Pamela Watson, Carol Whitehouse.

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

Maria Ann Knight, Eric Morgan, Fr John Joyce, Edward Tilley.