

East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

6 September 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

Assisted Suicide

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returns to the House of Commons for its Second Reading this Friday, 11 September. If you've not already done so, please contact your MP using the online resources provided by the Catholic Bishops' Conference in association with Right to Life UK:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide>

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic and would like to know more (without obligation), I invite you to a short meeting at St Benedict's Church next Saturday, 12 September, at 10.30 am. Come along, have a cuppa, ask your questions and find out what is involved.

Evening Prayer with the Apostolic Nuncio

The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, is the Pope's representative in Great Britain and the Holy See's ambassador to the UK. His Excellency will be making a pastoral visit to the Archdiocese this week – meeting Clergy, Religious, Catholic Educators, School Children and Parish communities. He will also meet with Civil and Religious leaders in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, reflecting the strong relationships shared between our Christian communities and wider Civic Society. Archbishop John invites YOU to join the Apostolic Nuncio for Evening Prayer in the Cathedral next Sunday, 13 September, at 3.00 pm followed by a drink's reception in the Cathedral Crypt.

New Methodist Minister

Today (Sunday), Padgate Methodist Church and St Martin's, Woolston, will be welcoming a new minister: Rev Dr Sue Ann Mak. Sue is originally from Singapore

and moved to the UK about seven years ago. Please pray for her as she takes up her new appointment.

Hymn-A-Long!

If you like singing hymns, why not join us for a 'Hymn-A-Long' on Sunday 27 September, 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm, at St Benedict's. Let us know your favourite hymn by signing the sheet on the noticeboard at the back of church and we'll sing it! If you wish to stay for a shared lunch afterwards, we'll have a 'bring and share' in the Sacristy Meeting Room at 1.00 pm. All are welcome (whether you can sing or not!).

Safeguarding Survey

In October, the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) will conduct an audit on the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team and the work they do to keep our Parishes safe. As part of this audit, everyone within the Archdiocese – whether you are a victim, survivor, volunteer or parishioner – is invited to take a few minutes to complete a survey. The survey is open until Friday 25 September and can be found here:

<https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information>

Roof Repairs at St Oswald's

While repairs are undertaken to the church roof at St Oswald's, please note the following arrangements:

- 1) Weekday Masses (Tuesday & Thursday) will take place at St Benedict's.
- 2) Those who usually need access on weekdays, please make alternative arrangements with me.
- 3) Masses on Saturday and Sunday, as well as Thursday's Novena, will take place in church as usual.

With my prayers,

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 6 September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10.30 am Mass Shing-Wo Lau	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Tommy O'Brien 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 7 September		
Tuesday 8 September Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady	11.00 am Mass Frank Ashton	<i>Mass at St Benedict's</i>
Wednesday 9 September	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass Canon Leo Stoker	
Thursday 10 September St Ambrose Barlow	11.00 am Mass Private Intention (LISC)	<i>Mass at St Benedict's</i> 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 11 September	11.00 am Mass Rita Devine	
Saturday 12 September		4.30 pm Vigil Mass The Parishioners
Sunday 13 September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>Education Sunday</i>	10.30 am Baptism Mass Charles Eason	8.30 am Mass Andy Banks

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

30.08.26	£864.37	(£376.00 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£191.25	(£162.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£217.00	(£172.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1272.62	
Fundraising	£210.00	(St Benedict's 200 Club)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday is Education Sunday. It's an opportunity to pray for our Catholic Schools and to support them by making a donation to the Catholic Education Service.

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

August Winners: £50 David Moorcroft, £25 Victoria Henniker, £15 Catherine Antrobus, £10 Terry Vernon. Many thanks everyone.

CONCERT FOR APOSTOLIC NUNCIO

Come and join the Apostolic Nuncio for a concert at St Francis de Sales Church, Hale Road, Walton, L4 3RL next Saturday, 12 September, at 7.30 pm followed by a light supper. Soprano, Anna Callacher, with the Hope Street Consort, Paul Thomas (Trumpet) & James Luxton (Organ). See poster on church noticeboard.

NEWSLETTER EXTRA

Please pick up a copy of this month's Newsletter Extra or download it from the Parish website. There are all sorts of events going on this month, and there may be something that interests you or someone you know. Events include Mass in Honour of Venerable Elizabeth Prout (founder of the Sisters of the Cross & Passion), Talk on AI, Sleep Out with Nugent, Meal with the Archbishop for Young Adults (18-35), and much more.

PARISH SAFER RECRUITMENT & DBS REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster
Archdiocesan Safeguarding Department:
0151 522 1043 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 3)

Today	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
<i>Readings</i>	Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Romans 13: 8-10 Matthew 18: 15-20
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 23

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, 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:

Brenda Brathing, Anne 'Pat' Whalley.