

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

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

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## Newsletter

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
**13 September 2026**

My dear sisters and brothers,

### Education Sunday

Today is Education Sunday. It is celebrated on the second Sunday of September each year just as the new academic year begins. Established in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales.

The Catholic Church was a pioneer in the provision of education in England and Wales more than 1000 years ago, with state involvement beginning only in the 19th century. The Church has continued to provide education in partnership with the government ever since.

Bishop Marcus Stock, Chair of the Catholic Education Service writes: "On Education Sunday, we give thanks to the Lord for the vocations of all who work within the Catholic sector: the teaching and support staff, chaplains, school leaders and governors. It is through their commitment and hard work that pupils and students in our schools, colleges and universities can thrive and contribute to society through their formation and education."

### Evening Prayer with the Apostolic Nuncio

The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, the Pope's representative in Great Britain and the Holy See's ambassador to the UK, has been making a pastoral visit to the Archdiocese this week. His visit culminates in a celebration of Evening Prayer in the Cathedral today (Sunday) at 3.00 pm, followed by a drink's reception in the Cathedral Crypt. Everyone is very welcome.

### St Gregory's Catholic High School

"We would like to invite pupils in Year 6 along with their parents/carers to attend St Gregory's Catholic High School Open Evening on Thursday 17 September, 4.00 – 7.00 pm. The event is intended for those pupils who require a place at the school in 2027."

### Deanery Mass

This month's Deanery Mass takes place a week earlier than usual on Friday 18 September at 12.00 noon. It will be held at Holy Family Church, Hall Lane, Widnes WA8 5DP. Do come along if you can.

### Advent Walk

Churches Together in East Warrington are proposing an Advent Walk in Padgate and Fearnhead. The plan is to have a series of illuminated displays depicting the Christmas story and other festive scenes along Padgate Lane, Station Road and Fearnhead Lane.

To help organise this, we need one or two volunteers from each church willing to meet with other team members once or twice a month from October to December. In addition, volunteers will need to take on some responsibility for liaising with local businesses and schools, as well as with those who would be willing to put up a display in their own front windows or gardens along the route.

If you would be willing to be part of this team, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with the coordinator, Anne Tobiasen. Many thanks.

### 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.

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 13 September</b><br>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)<br><i>Education Sunday</i>    | <b>10.30 am Baptism Mass</b><br>Charles Eason                                         | <b>(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b><br>The Parishioners<br><b>8.30 am Mass</b><br>Andy Banks |
| <b>Monday 14 September</b><br>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross                               |                                                                                       |                                                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday 15 September</b><br>Our Lady of Sorrows                                           | <b>11.00 am Mass</b><br>Private (JH)                                                  | <i>9.15 am Mass in St Oswald's<br/>Primary School</i>                                    |
| <b>Wednesday 16 September</b><br>Saints Cornelius & Cyprian                                  | <b>10.15 am Exposition</b><br><b>11.00 am Service of the Word<br/>&amp; Communion</b> |                                                                                          |
| <b>Thursday 17 September</b>                                                                 | <b>No Mass today</b><br><i>(Chapter Mass at the Cathedral)</i>                        | <b>7.00 pm Novena &amp; Benediction</b>                                                  |
| <b>Friday 18 September</b>                                                                   | <b>12.00 noon Deanery Mass</b><br>at Holy Family, Cronton WA8 5DP                     | <i>(8.45 am Mass at Cardinal Newman<br/>Catholic High School)</i>                        |
| <b>Saturday 19 September</b>                                                                 |                                                                                       | <b>4.30 pm Vigil Mass</b><br>The Parishioners                                            |
| <b>Sunday 20 September</b><br>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)<br><i>Home Mission Sunday</i> | <b>10.30 am Mass</b><br>Agnes & Lukas Machnio                                         | <b>8.30 am Mass</b><br>Successful Surgery (Jan)                                          |

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 06.09.26        | £719.89         | (£282.51 Gift Aid) |
| Standing Orders | £191.25         | (£162.50 Gift Aid) |
| Digital Giving  | £195.00         | (£130.00 Gift Aid) |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>£1106.14</b> |                    |

*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### SECOND COLLECTION

Today there is a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service. Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday, so there will be a Second Collection to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

### CHAPTER OF CANONS

This week, our Archdiocesan Chapter of Canons, the first and oldest chapter in the country, are celebrating their 175th Anniversary with Mass in the Cathedral at 12.15 pm on Thursday 17 September.

### 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 Fr Dave.
- 3) Masses on Saturday and Sunday, as well as Thursday's Novena, will take place in church as usual.

### DATE CHANGE

The ALIVE worship celebration advertised in this month's Newsletter Extra will now take place on Sunday 27 September, 4.00 – 5.00 pm.

### PARISH SAFER RECRUITMENT & DBS REPS

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

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*(Divine Office – Psalter Week 4)*

**Today**                    **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
**Readings**             Sirach 27: 30-28: 7; Romans 14: 7-9  
Matthew 18: 21-35  
**Weekdays**          Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 24

### 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 Kelly, Bishop Tom Neylon, Fr Hubert Strowbridge, Pamela Watson, Carol Whitehouse.

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

Brenda Brathing, Pat Walley, Pat Robinson, Colin Yates.