

East Warrington Family of Parishes
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

18 October 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

Ordination of Deacon Dan Howarth

Next weekend, it will be our joy to host the Ordination of Deacon Dan to the Priesthood. Please note the following arrangements:

➔ **Saturday 24 October**

The Ordination will take place at 12.00 noon in St Oswald's Church. You are all very welcome to the Mass and to the reception afterwards in the Parish Centre.

NB. There will be NO 4.30 pm Vigil Mass.

➔ **Sunday 25 October**

Mass Times: The 8.30 am Mass will be at St Benedict's and the 10.30 am Mass will be at St Oswald's due to the numbers expected. The 10.30 am Mass will be Dan's First Mass as a priest.

Altar Servers: If you wish to serve at the 10.30 am Mass next Sunday at St Oswald's, you are very welcome. Please remember to take your alb and cincture home with you today.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: The usual rotas will be suspended next weekend. However, if you can assist at either of the Sunday morning Masses, please phone the Parish Office or send me an email.

Finally, sincere thanks to all those who have offered to help with the Ordination. I really can't thank you enough.

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday, established a hundred years ago in 1926 by Pope Pius XI. It's a global day of prayer, reflection and promotion for the Catholic Church's missionary work. This work is carried out by

the Pope's charity, *Missio*. There will be a **Second Collection** for *Missio* as you leave church. The money raised goes directly to support churches, schools, hospitals and local vocations in over 1,100 young or struggling mission dioceses, primarily across Africa, Asia, Oceania and Latin America. For more information and/or to donate online, please visit: www.missio.org.uk

November Pious Lists

During the month of November, we pray especially for those who have died. You will find the traditional Pious Lists at the back of church. Please take one if you want, write the names of those you want to remember on the list, and then return it to church. We will remember all those on the Pious Lists during Mass in November. There's no obligation to place an offering in with your list, but if you want to, the money will go to the Priests' Training Fund.

Parish Development Strategy

This Thursday, 22 October, Mgr Philip Inch (*Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Organisation and Synod Implementation*) will visit the parish to explain the Parish Development Strategy which was launched in Warrington at the beginning of the year. The meeting will take place at 1.30 pm in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's. So, if you have questions about the strategy or need some reassurance, do please come along.

Parish Feast Day

Next weekend, in addition to Deacon Dan's ordination, we will celebrate our Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell (transferred from 20 April).

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 18 October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	10.30 am Mass Joan Howl	(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass Deacon Dan Howarth 8.30 am Mass The Parishioners
Monday 19 October		
Tuesday 20 October	11.00 am Mass Andrew McDonagh	<i>Mass at St Benedict's due to building repairs</i>
Wednesday 21 October	10.15 am Exposition 11.00 am Mass John Heywood	
Thursday 22 October St John Paul II, Pope	11.00 am Mass Mary O'Donnell	<i>Mass at St Benedict's</i> 7.00 pm Novena & Benediction
Friday 23 October	11.00 am Mass Stu Ha Fok	
Saturday 24 October		12.00 noon Ordination to the Priesthood of Dan Howarth <i>No 4.30 pm Mass</i>
Sunday 25 October Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	8.30 am Mass The Parishioners	10.30 am Fr Dan's First Mass Fr Dan's Intention

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

04.10.26	£762.16	(£321.68 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£161.25	(£127.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£277.00	(£162.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1200.41	
11.10.26	£699.06	(£265.50 Gift Aid)
Standing Orders	£161.25	(£127.50 Gift Aid)
Digital Giving	£286.75	(£165.00 Gift Aid)
Total	£1147.06	
CAFOD Fast Day	£699.00	
Missio Boxes	£734.93	(St Oswald's)

Thank you so much for your generosity.

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 1)

Today **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Readings Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5
Matthew 22: 15-21

Weekdays Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 29

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

During the month of October, Fr Dave will lead the Rosary each week. This week, the Rosary will be prayed after the 11.00 am Mass on Friday.

NOTICE FOR ST OSWALD'S

Please note: The pathway between St Oswald's and Sheerwater Close will be closed for 24 hours from 11.00 pm on Sunday 25 October to 11.00 pm on Monday 26 October. Apologies for any inconvenience.

NEWSLETTER EXTRA

Please pick up a copy of this month's Newsletter Extra. There are all sorts of events going on, including:

St Benedict's Men's Breakfast Group twenty-fifth anniversary on Saturday 14 November.

Christmas Cup Cake Decorating Class on Saturday 21 November in St Benedict's Parish Centre.

You can download both the Newsletter and Newsletter Extra from the Parish website.

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

Catherine Donaldson, June Fallon, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Pamela Watson, Carol Whitehouse.

Those who have died recently, especially:

Diane Farnan.