East Warrington Family of Parishes

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

8 November 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

Remembrance Sunday

Today is Remembrance Sunday. We join churches and groups across the country by celebrating Masses of Remembrance, Peace and Hope this weekend. We also join the Acts of Remembrance at Bridge Foot and Bennetts Rec by keeping two minutes' silence at each Mass to remember those who gave their lives in war and armed conflict, as well as the many civilians and animals who lost their lives.

Poppy Display

This year, you'll notice a display of handmade poppies dropping from the sanctuary wall at St Benedict's. When I saw it, I immediately thought of the poppies dropping in the Royal Albert Hall during the annual Festival of Remembrance. This beautiful tribute has been created by Zoe Wong. She has been knitting since Easter! Thank you so much for this amazing gift, Zoe.

Advent Collections

We usually hold our Advent Collections in November because of the pressure on many of us during December. The collections will begin today and will run for four weeks until Sunday 6 December. There will be two collections this year:

1) **For the people of Gaza**

The devastation left by three years of bombing means that nearly 2 million people have been left with absolutely nothing. The money we raise will go to the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem (Cardinal Pizzaballa) who is able to source tents, medicines, food and other essentials. Please place any offerings in an envelope marked 'Gaza' and either place them in the Sunday collection or hand them into the Parish Office.

2) **St Francis Collection**

Food, treats and toys for cats, dogs, rabbits, and guinea pigs to help Warrington Animal Welfare care for the enormous number of animals that are tragically abandoned during the year, especially over the Christmas period.

Archdiocesan Synodal Council

Yesterday (Saturday), I attended the fourth Archdiocesan Synodal Council (ASC) with representatives from our Deanery Synodal Council. The purpose of the ASC is to advise the Archbishop on pastoral matters and monitor the implementation of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan launched in 2021 following our Archdiocesan Synod. This year's ASC was focused on how we are summoned to recognise Christ in the poorest and most marginalised of our brothers and sisters and to put love into action. A summary of the day will be published shortly.

Christmas Raffle

Jayne Woodward at St Oswald's is very kindly putting together some hampers for a Christmas Raffle to help raise funds to repair the interior walls of the church. Donations of suitable prizes would be very welcome.

Fairtrade Stall

There will be a Fairtrade Stall available after the weekend Masses on Sunday 22 November. Many thanks to Mary Hallam (St Peter's) and Clare Lancaster for organising this for us. Buying Fairtrade helps farmers and workers in developing countries to get better trading conditions, fairer pay as well as supporting sustainable farming.

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 8 November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) *Remembrance Sunday*	**10.30 am Mass** All victims of war	**(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass** Kathleen Postlethwaite **8.30 am Mass** The Parishioners
Monday 9 November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		
Tuesday 10 November St Leo the Great	**11.00 am Mass** Janet Gibson	*Mass at St Benedict's because of building works*
Wednesday 11 November St Martin of Tours	**10.15 am Exposition** **11.00 am Mass** Slawek's Intentions	
Thursday 12 November St Josaphat	**11.00 am Mass** John & Peggy McGinty **1.00 pm Funeral Service** Beryl Ann Cartledge	*Mass at St Benedict's* *(Remembrance Mass at St Gregory's)* **7.00 pm Novena & Benediction**
Friday 13 November	**11.00 am Mass** Private Intention (LISC)	
Saturday 14 November	**9.00 am Men's Group** **25th Anniversary Mass**	**4.30 pm Vigil Mass** Brian Plumb
Sunday 15 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) *World Day of the Poor*	**10.30 am Mass** Men's Group – Past & Present	**8.30 am Mass** The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

18.10.26	£622.55	*(£217.50 Gift Aid)*
Standing Orders	£161.25	*(£127.50 Gift Aid)*
Digital Giving	£281.00	*(£131.00 Gift Aid)*
Total	**£1064.80**	
2nd Collection	£441.57	*(World Missions)*
25.10.26	£421.90	*(£173.50 Gift Aid)*
Standing Orders	£161.25	*(£127.50 Gift Aid)*
Digital Giving	£141.50	*(£85.00 Gift Aid)*
Total	**£724.65**	
01.11.26	£1029.57	*(£327.10 Gift Aid)*
Standing Orders	£161.25	*(£127.50 Gift Aid)*
Digital Giving	£278.30	*(£164.80 Gift Aid)*
Total	**£1469.12**	
Fundraising	£200.00	*(St Benedict's 200 Club)*

Thank you so much for your generosity.

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

October Winners: £50 Sandra Brinksman, £25 Alberta Wong, £15 Victoria Henniker, £10 Viv & Ged Hughes. Many thanks everyone.

NEWSLETTER EXTRA

Please pick up a copy of this month's Newsletter Extra or download it from the Parish website. In this month's edition: **Christmas Cupcake Decorating Class**, **Christmas Fayre** at the Church of the Ascension in Woolston, **Youth Fest 2026**, **Advent Retreat for Young Adults** in Widnes, **Christmas Wreath Making Workshops**, News from Nugent, Fatima Pilgrimage 2027, 'Be Still and Know that I am God' Retreat at Stonyhurst, 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 4)

Today	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**
Readings	Wisdom 6: 12-16; 1 Thess 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 32

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 Moulsdale, 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:

Fr Brian Newns, Fr Frank Fearns, Fr Tom Gagie.