East Warrington Family of Parishes

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Newsletter

Solemnity of Christ the King (A)

Youth Sunday – 22 November 2026

My dear sisters and brothers,

Youth Sunday

Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the Church's year. It's also Youth Sunday when we celebrate the presence of young people in the life of the Church. Archbishop John has written a Pastoral Letter especially to our young parishioners which we will hear during the Masses this weekend.

There will be a **Second Collection** as you leave church – the last one of the year – to support the work of 'Animate' (the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry).

New Welcome Centre at the Cathedral

You are invited to a public consultation at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on the plans for a new Welcome Centre. The event will take place in the Cathedral's Gibberd Room on **Wednesday 2 December**, 4.00 to 7.00 pm and repeated on **Sunday 6 December**, 12.00 to 3.00 pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to view and comment on the proposals for a new Welcome Centre which would include a café, retail space, conference facilities and other amenities. The development aims to enhance the experience of the thousands of people who visit the cathedral each year. More details can be found here:
https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/cathedral-welcomes-public-consultation-new-welcome-centre-plans

Deanery Synodal Council

Yesterday (Saturday), the Deanery Synodal Council met to approve the second stage of the Parish Development Strategy. This will involve a wide-ranging consultation on proposals that will help each of us to reflect on the mission of the Church and, in the light of that, to be ready to hand on a vibrant, flourishing Church that will enable the people of our Deanery to love, know and worship God.

Deanery Mass

Our monthly Deanery Mass will take place at 12.00 noon this coming Friday, 27 November, at St Stephen's, Orford. Do come along if you can. If you're driving, perhaps offer a lift to someone. Many thanks.

Refugees at Christmas

Christmas can be a lonely time if you're an asylum seeker or refugee. We're hoping to at least give a little gift to those living in Warrington this Christmas. Volunteers are making small fabric bags which we hope to fill with small items, such as chocolate bars, gloves, hat, socks, pen, notebook, shampoo, packs of playing cards, etc. If you could help by donating any of these or similar items, please leave them in the box at the back of church. Thank you so much.

Advent Collections

For the people of Gaza – please place any offerings in an envelope marked 'Gaza' and put them in the Sunday collection or hand them into the Parish Office.

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, especially over Christmas. *Please note:* rawhide in treats is bad for dogs.

Fairtrade Stall

Finally, there is a Fairtrade Stall at the back of church this weekend. Many thanks to Mary Hallam (St Peter's) and Clare Lancaster (St Oswald's) for providing this for us.

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 22 November Solemnity of Christ the King (A) *Youth Sunday*	**10.30 am Mass** Harry Howl	**(Sat) 4.30 pm Vigil Mass** Danny Woodward Jr **8.30 am Mass** The Parishioners
Monday 23 November		
Tuesday 24 November St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	**11.00 am Mass** Annette Aldrich	*Mass at St Benedict's because of building works*
Wednesday 25 November	**10.15 am Exposition** **11.00 am Mass** Malcolm Hackwell	
Thursday 26 November	**11.00 am Mass** Souls in Purgatory	*Mass at St Benedict's* **7.00 pm Novena & Benediction**
Friday 27 November	**12.00 noon Deanery Mass** at St Stephen's, Orford	
Saturday 28 November Presentation of Mary		**4.30 pm Vigil Mass** John Bernard McGinty
Sunday 29 November 1st Sunday of Advent (B)	**10.30 am Mass** Gladys & Tom Daley	**8.30 am Mass** The Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

15.11.26	£655.11	*(£225.60 Gift Aid)*
Standing Orders	£161.25	*(£127.50 Gift Aid)*
Total	**£816.36**	

Thank you so much for your generosity.

DIGITAL GIVING

The absence of the 'Tap & Go' machines during the last two weeks means the weekly collection has been down approximately £250 each week. It goes to show that 'Tap & Go' is becoming the way to go. Thankfully, the new machines are now installed and working. *Please note:* those who Gift Aid their offering will need to fill in their details once again because the machine is operating with a new account. However, you will only need to do this once.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AT ST OSWALD'S

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AT ST BENEDICT'S

St Benedict's will be hosting a Children's Party in the Parish Centre after the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 13 December. If you can donate a prize for the raffle or an item for a Christmas hamper, they would be very gratefully received.

FROM GLASGOW TO BETHLEHEM

Next Sunday, 28 November, Christians in Glasgow will join Christians in Bethlehem online at 2.30 pm to pray for peace. Wherever you are, you can join in the service live here: www.youtube.com/live/SwwrspPezVo

PARISH SAFER RECRUITMENT & DBS REPS

Clara Chan, Doreane Child and Clare Lancaster

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0151 522 1043 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

Today	**Solemnity of Christ the King (A)**
Readings	Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
	1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28
	Matthew 25: 31-46
Weekdays	Ordinary Time – Year 2, Week 34

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, Anne Hill, Mary Hinchliffe, Ged Hughes, Gail Hyamson, Jim Hyland, Vin Jackson, 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, Ann Weaver, Wilf Whelan.

Other Parishes

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

Those who have died recently, especially:

Fr Tom Gagie, Charles Malone.

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