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



1st Sunday of Advent (B)
29 November 2026

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song
O Jesus Christ remember (**982**)

Greeting & Introduction

Blessing & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Penitential Act
Music: Advent Wreath Service (**65**)

Collect
Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
R. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *(Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8)*
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, O LORD, are our Father,
our Redeemer from of old is your name.
O LORD, why do you make us wander from your ways
and harden our heart, so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.

O that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.
You came down,
the mountains quaked at your presence.
From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time,
and shall we be saved?
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds
are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1 O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

2 Once again, O Lord of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Second Reading *(1 Corinthians 1: 3-9)*
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel *(Mark 13: 33-37)*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
R. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in

the morning — lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**
(All bow at the following words)
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Bidding Prayers
After each intention:
Come, Lord Jesus! ***R.*** **Maranatha!**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts
Song: Abba, Abba, Father (**932**)

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,
gathered from among your gifts to us, and may
what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer
*Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (**559**)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he
who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Our Father
Notre père… Tėve Mūsų… Vater unser… Ojcze nasz…
Padre nostro… 我們的天父

Sign of Peace
Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion
St O: Cantata BWV 140 Wachet auf – J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion
Lord, may the celebration of these mysteries
profit us, we pray,
since through them you teach us,
on our journey through this passing world,
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. **Amen.**

Concluding Rite

Final Song
Like a sea without a shore (**84**)

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2026



Christmas Eve
4.30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
11.30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass at St Benedict's

Christmas Day
8.30 am Christmas Dawn Mass at St Oswald's
10.30 am Christmas Day Mass at St Benedict's