

# St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's

## Newsletter

Sunday 20 November 2016

Solemnity of Christ the King (C)



Archdiocese of Liverpool



Our Benedictine Heritage

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St Benedict's Church is open Monday - Friday 9.00 am – 4.30 pm for Private Prayer (Exc. Bank Holidays)

St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 20 - 27 November 2016		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 20 November</b> <i>Solemnity of Christ the King (C)</i> National Youth Sunday	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Ellen Hall</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Mike Lawton</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Marian Baxter</i>
<b>Monday 21 November</b> <i>The Presentation of Mary</i>		7.30 pm Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday 22 November</b> <i>St Cecilia</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Albert &amp; Rose Roach</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Joseph McEvoy</i>
<b>Wednesday 23 November</b>	9.30 am Mass (with Year 4 & Year 2) <i>Josephine Clare</i>	
<b>Thursday 24 November</b> <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Comp.</i>		9.30 am Mass <i>John Campbell</i>
<b>Friday 25 November</b>	12.15 pm Funeral Mass <i>Peter Walsh</i> 1.00 pm Funeral Service at Walton Lea <i>Mary Ellen McMurray (Nell)</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
<b>Saturday 26 November</b>		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Vincent Hennessey</i>
<b>Sunday 27 November</b> <i>1st Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Rose Astbury</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass	8.30 am Mass <i>John McGinty</i>

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturdays 10.00 am – 11.45 am St Mary's\*  
5.15 pm – 5.45 pm St Oswald's  
Weekdays 11.40 am – 12.05 pm St Mary's  
Tuesdays 11.30 am – 12.05 pm St Benedict's\*

\*With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEBSITES Parish: [stmarysandstbenedictswarrington.co.uk](http://stmarysandstbenedictswarrington.co.uk)  
St Mary's: [www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk)



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## LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)

<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Sunday</i> 11.00 am & 6.00 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 12.10 pm	<b>Confessions</b> <i>Everyday</i> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 11.45 am	<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 12.00 noon	<b>Holy Rosary</b> <i>Sunday</i> 5.30 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 11.30 am
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### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

On this, the last Sunday of the Church's year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This year, the solemnity marks the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. It's also National Youth Sunday when we pray especially for all the children and young people in our communities. There will be a Second Collection for Animate, which is the Catholic Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese. Website: [www.animateyouth.org](http://www.animateyouth.org)

### PARISH OFFICE

*Please note:* The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday this week. If you need access to St Benedict's Church or Priory on these days, please contact Fr Dave. Thank you.

### CENACOLO

Is addiction ruining your life, or do you know someone in need of help? Cenacolo is a worldwide charity to help people with addictions. This Tuesday, 22 November, at 7.00 pm, there will be an opportunity to hear testimonies from recovered addicts and parents of 'addicts' in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's. Please come and learn how best to help families, neighbours and friends with addictions in the most successful way. You can find out more on <https://cenacolo.org> or contact David & Mary (0151 342 4166).



### FAIRTRADE

Fairtrade changes the way trade works through better prices, decent working conditions and a fairer deal for farmers and workers in developing countries. Buying Fairtrade goods is a great way to show our support for farmers and producers around the world. Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are over 4,500 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop, look for the FAIRTRADE Mark. Next weekend, there will be a Fairtrade Stall at the back of church after each Mass. Many thanks to Irene Casey and Mary Hallam for organising this for us. For further information: <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>



### MASS TO REMEMBER CHILDREN

There will be a special Mass to remember children who died before birth, at birth, or anytime afterwards at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 30 November at St Oswald's. The Mass will be a gentle celebration for all the children we miss so much. During the Mass, there will be an opportunity to light a candle for the baby, child or teenager you may be remembering and for their names to be read out during the eucharist. If you know someone who might appreciate an invitation, please let them know about the Mass. Thank you.



### THE SEASON OF ADVENT

At the back of church, there are two free publications you may find helpful for Advent. "Walk with me" is a little booklet with a reflection for each day of Advent; "Advent Extra" is a larger publication with articles, a daily reflection and activities for children. There is also an activity sheet available for children which includes an idea for each day of Advent. I've ordered copies based on the number that went last year. If we run out, let me know and I'll order some more. *Fr Dave*



### ADVENT COLLECTIONS

Thank you so much for the brilliant response to the Advent Collections so far. It's incredibly humbling to see such generosity. In reply to two questions:

1) The collections will end on 30 November; 2) The 'New Toy' collection will be divided between St Joseph's Family Centre (who will distribute the gifts to local families who simply cannot afford to buy presents for their children) and children in refugee camps in Syria. *Fr Dave*



## NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR SYRIA

"Suffering has gone beyond bounds. The whole of Syria has become a battlefield. Every aspect of democracy, human rights, freedom, secularism and citizenship is lost from view and no-one cares. The crisis has mown down thousands upon thousands of soldiers, opponents, civilians, men, women, children, Muslim sheikhs and Christian priests."  
*Patriarch Gregorios III Laham of Antioch*



Immaculate Heart of Mary: **pray for Syria, pray for us.**

St Joseph, patron and protector of the Universal Church:  
**pray for Syria, pray for us.**

Martyrs of Syria and the Middle East:  
**pray for Syria, pray for us.**

Saints of Syria and the Middle East:  
**pray for Syria, pray for us.**

St Charbel:  
**pray for Syria, pray for us.**

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

*A workshop is being organised for flower arranging for the home at Christmas. It will take place in the Concert Room at St Oswald's Parish Centre on Tuesday 22 November between 1.30 pm and 4.00 pm.* Information sheets are available, detailing the necessary items to bring with you and those that will be provided for your use - oasis blocks and small containers etc. Further details are available from Josie Hughes Tel. 490924 and Briar Melbourne Tel. 825548.

## ST BENEDICT'S QUIZ NIGHT

**Wednesday 23 November at 7.30 pm** at St Benedict's Parish Centre. Roll up, roll up! Blink and you'll miss it! One week earlier than usually scheduled. The monthly fundraising Quiz for the Grotto Restoration. Prizes and a fun night. £4.00

## ST BENEDICT'S LADIES GROUP

**Saturday 26 November**

The Ladies Group will meet up at Trebaron Garden Centre at 10.00 am. Enquiries to Viv Hughes 01925 816020.

## DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAROL SERVICE

Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on **Wednesday 14 December at 2.00 pm.** Featuring the students from St Teresa of Lisieux (Norris Green), English Martyrs (Litherland) and Great Crosby Primary Schools, plus the "Songs We Remember" choir and the Metropolitan Cathedral Junior Choir. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room and everyone is most welcome. For further information, please contact the Pastoral Formation Department 0151 522 1046 or [m.knight@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk)



## BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS THAT DIVIDE US

Last week, in an interview with Italian journalist, Eugenio Scalfari, Pope Francis urged Catholics to become engaged in politics again, not for power, but to tear down walls and inequalities: "The question of refugees and immigrants. Only a small proportion of them are Christians, but this does not change the situation as far as we are concerned, or their suffering and distress. The causes are many and we are doing everything possible to remove them. Unfortunately, often these policies are opposed by populations that are afraid of losing jobs and of lower wages. Money is against the poor as well as against immigrants and refugees, but there are also poor people in rich countries who fear the arrival of their fellows from poor countries. It is a vicious circle and it must be broken. We must break down the walls that divide us: we must try to increase well-being and make it more widespread, but to achieve this we need to break down walls and build bridges that allow us to reduce inequality and increase freedom and rights. More rights and greater freedom".

## REFLECTIONS

Every honest Catholic knows how useless it sometimes feels to go on day after day finding the same sins cropping up in the examination of conscience, week after week confessing the same sins, the same number of times! He feels it is useless, but knows that he does it so that when the supernatural life pierces the hard ground, it will not be choked [...] We must not abandon the struggle that the secret growing demands, or doubt its purpose: the getting up early on dark mornings for Mass when our presence at Mass has become only a losing fight with distractions, the offering of our daily work to form Christ in us when the monotony of our daily work makes it seem incapable of any meaning at all. But neither must we refuse the slumber, the repose of the winter time of growth, the stillness, the silence, the acceptance of the times set by God, God's law of growth ...

*Caryll Houselander in 'From the Mother of Christ (Sheed & Ward 1978)*

Do not anticipate what will happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or he will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

*St Francis de Sales*

## SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR....

- **Prepare the Way** Advent Christmas Celebration with Jo Boyce & Friends
- **The Irenaeus Project** Retreat Centre
- **Pilgrimages**
- **St Benedict's Christmas Fair, at School on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 3.15 - 5.15 pm. All Welcome.** (Ask Sarah Kane for more information or school, Tel. 234699)



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday

Solemnity of Christ the King (C)  
Weekdays – Year 2, Week 34  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

**Monday**            **Zech 2: 14-17**  
                          **Mt 12: 46-50**

**Tuesday**           **Apoc 14: 14-19**  
                          **Lk 21: 5-11**

**Wednesday**      **Apoc 15: 1-4**  
                          **Lk 21: 12-19**

**Thursday**        **Apoc 18:1-2, 21-23;**  
                          **19:1-3, 9**  
                          **Lk 21: 20-28**

**Friday**            **Apoc 20: 1-4,**  
                          **11-21:2**  
                          **Lk 121: 29-33**

**Saturday**         **Apoc 22: 1-7**  
                          **Lk 21: 34-36**

**Sunday**            **Is 2: 1-5**  
                          **Rom 13:11-14**  
                          **Mt 24: 37-44**

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

### Those who will be baptised this weekend:

*St Oswald's*      Cameron William Jack Buchanan, Niamh Rose Murphy  
                          & Isabella Rose Jackson-Perez

### Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

*St Benedict's*    Paul Vernon, Brenda Snelson, Jean Molphy, Beryl Campbell,  
                          Anne Hill, Susan Keating, Alan Brown, Eileen Potter, Ann Wilson,  
                          Miriam Lawton, Bill Hampson, Marney Hampson, Patrick Cullen

*St Mary's*        Geoff Barlow, Peppina Vella, Mary Wright, Luciano Bartolo,  
                          Harrison Cruikshank (aged 9)

*St Oswald's*      Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne,  
                          Sarah Boardman, James Keenan, Michael Donlan, Rita Boyer

*Other Parishes*   Ged O'Connor, Daniel Davies, Nadine Davies, John Heywood (aged 9)

### Those who have died recently:

*St Benedict's*    Ronald Hyamson, Peter Walsh, Oksana McDowall and  
                          Mary McMurray (Nell)



### Prayer for Children in Need by Carol Penner

We pray today for children in our communities who live without either of their parents: children whose parents have died, children who have been abandoned, children taken away from their parents because of abuse or neglect, and children who have run away from home.

You care for these little ones God, and not one of them is lost from your sight. Guide, guard and protect these children as they move in with relatives, as they live with foster parents, as they are adopted into new families, or as they struggle on the street.

Comfort each one who feels unloved, unwanted and afraid. Give wisdom to people who make decisions about children's lives. Empower those who care for them to be loving and compassionate. Instil in our government leaders a passion for protecting the most vulnerable. Help us to reach out as individuals and as a congregation to those who live without the protection and love of parents. We also pray for parents and children who have been wrongly separated, that you will end their agony and help them to be reunited. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who loves the little ones. Amen.

*If you would like to add a parishioner to the prayer list, please check with them first and then email Fr Dave on [frdave@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:frdave@rcaolp.co.uk) or give him a note of their name and phone number. Many thanks.*

### POPE FRANCIS' TWEET

“We don't have to go far or come up with grand projects to be charitable. Often the people closest to us could use our help.”

**16 November**

### ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

Winner:

**13 Nov - To Be Confirmed**

### CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOLY LAND

Next weekend, there will be opportunity to send a Christmas Card to our sisters & brothers who are suffering in the Holy Land. Cards will be provided including a message, all you need to do is sign the card. Donations to costs appreciated.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For items to be included in the parish Newsletter, please ensure the office receives them by **Wednesday**  
Tel. 6302127

### ST BENEDICT'S CRAFT CLUB

Every Wednesday 10.00 am  
In the Sacristy

### ST OSWALD'S PARISH CENTRE

#### The Week Ahead

**Sunday**            9.00 pm    Quiz – Concert Room  
**Monday**           2.00 pm    Sequence Dancing  
                          7.30 pm    Line Dancing  
**Wednesday**      8.00 pm    Bingo

Contact Lynne Tel. 812266 for bookings

### ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

#### The Week Ahead

**Sunday**            8.30 pm    Cabaret Night  
**Monday**            6.00 pm    Rainbows Group  
                          7.45 pm    Bingo  
**Wednesday**      7.00 pm    Drama Group - Rainbow Room  
                          7.30 pm    **Fundraising Quiz - Grotto**  
**Thursday**          7.30 pm    Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

## Second Collection today: Animate Youth Ministries

### Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 13 November

**ST BENEDICT'S**    £414.26 (£237.65 Gift Aid), £220.00 Grotto Donations from Olive Williams Family & friends, £17.62 Poor Box donations

**ST MARY'S**        £741.60 (£222.29 Gift Aid + £195.42 Week day)

**ST OSWALD'S**    £584.22 (£339.75 Gift Aid), £34.35 LAMP, £140.00 Priest Training Fund, £5.00 CAFOD