

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Newsletter

Sunday 27 November 2016

First Sunday of Advent (A)

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Our Benedictine Heritage

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 27 November - 4 December 2016		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 27 November</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Rose Astbury</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners &amp; Vincent Hennessey</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>John McGinty</i>
<b>Monday 28 November</b>		7.30 pm Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday 29 November</b>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Louis Anderson</i> 3.00 - 4.00 pm The Crib Experience	9.30 am Mass <i>Nadine Davies</i>
<b>Wednesday 30 November</b> <i>Feast of St Andrew, Apostle</i>	9.30 am Mass (with Years 3 & 4) <i>Olive Williams</i> 3.00 - 4.00 pm The Crib Experience	7.00 pm Mass to Remember Children
<b>Thursday 1 December</b>	3.00 - 4.00 pm The Crib Experience	9.30 am Mass <i>Private Intention (St Martin de Porres)</i> 7.00 pm Novena
<b>Friday 2 December</b>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Jeremy Daly (Sick)</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
<b>Saturday 3 December</b> <i>St Francis Xavier</i> Day of Prayer for Migrants	12 noon Wedding Service <i>Peitrzykowski &amp; Buszczak</i>	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Basil Corcoran</i>
<b>Sunday 4 December</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)</i> Bible Sunday	10.30 am Mass <i>Cyril Snelson</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass	8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Eileen Cox</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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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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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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### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this first Sunday of preparation for the great feast of Christmas, there are three opportunities to respond to today's scriptures, which invite us to 'wake up' and allow the Lord to 'teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths'.

### Fairtrade

There's a Fairtrade Stall at the back of church this weekend. Buying Fairtrade goods helps to move people out of poverty by changing the way trade works through better prices, decent working conditions and a fairer deal for farmers and workers in developing countries. Many thanks to Irene Casey and Mary Hallam for organising the stall for us.



### Christmas Cards for the Holy Land

Please sign one of the Christmas Cards available at the back of church. These cards will be sent to parishes in the Holy Land. The cards are a simple yet beautiful way of telling our fellow Christians, who have suffered so much, that we're thinking of them, praying for them and remembering them.

### Green Energy

The burning of fossil fuels contributes to global warming. CAFOD is promoting the uptake of sustainable energy sources generated mainly by solar and wind power. Our parishes are now buying electricity from "green" suppliers of renewable sources. This is something you can do at home too. Please take an information leaflet home with you.

### SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Now that the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is working across the three parishes, there will be a special Christmas Collection next weekend at both St Benedict's and St Oswald's. All monies collected by the SVP go to help those who are most in need in our communities.



### READERS

Next Sunday is 'Bible Sunday'. It's a good opportunity to invite Readers to renew their commitment to proclaiming the Word of God at Mass. So, at each of the Sunday Masses next weekend, Readers will be invited to come forward after the Homily to renew their commitment through a simple Q & A. This little ceremony also gives parishioners an opportunity to pray for you and thank you for the important ministry you share with us.

### MASS TO REMEMBER CHILDREN

This Wednesday at 7.00 pm at St Oswald's, there will be a special Mass to remember children who died before birth, at birth, or anytime afterwards. 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.



### PARISH OFFICE

*Please note:* The Parish Office and St Benedict's Church will be closed on Monday this week.

### CHRISTMAS FAIRS

#### St Benedict's Christmas Fair

A new venture this year! The Christmas Fair will take place at St Benedict's Catholic Primary School on Monday 5 December, 3.15 – 5.15 pm. All are welcome. If parishioners would like to help or run a stall as they have done in previous years, please contact school as soon as possible: 234699.



#### St Oswald's Christmas Fair

Sunday 11 December, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, in school. The Christmas Fair is always a lovely occasion for our school community to come together and get in the festive spirit while raising much needed funds for the school, so please put the date in your diary and come along! If you can help - we are looking for donations of tombola prizes for the Fair.

## NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR SYRIA

Syria is a battleground.  
The workplace, destroyed.  
Children's innocence, destroyed.  
Families and homes, destroyed.  
Schools, places of worship, hospitals, destroyed.



A cruel tragedy stretching out beneath the silent on-looking of so many. A small nation that carries the harsh and heavy image of Jesus with the Cross.

Let us pray that after such suffering and so many horrors, the people of Syria will not lose their hope in a peaceful and just solution. Pray that many "Simons of Cyrene" might appear, ready to carry the cross and lighten the load of this suffering people.

*Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for Syria, pray for us.*

## CAROL SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

### Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols

Sunday 11 December at 3.00 pm

Entrance is free and all are welcome to attend

### Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 14 December at 2.00 pm

All are most welcome

### Dickensian Christmas Concert

Saturday 17 December at 7.00 pm

Tickets priced at £5 or £10 for a family ticket

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a time to prepare for the solemnity of Christmas when the Son of God's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, the season of Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. Advent begins with Evening Prayer I of the Sunday falling on or closest to 30 November and ends before Evening Prayer I of Christmas. The weekdays from 17 December to 24 December inclusive serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth.

*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar 39, 40, 42*

## BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ; he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples; he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; he is the Saviour of every nation.  
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light  
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

There will be a Service of Reconciliation for the three parishes at St Oswald's on Wednesday 21 December at 7.30 pm.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Christmas Eve (Saturday 24 December)

**6.00 pm** Christmas Vigil Mass at St Oswald's

**11.30 pm** Christmas Midnight Mass at St Benedict's

**Midnight** Midnight Mass at St Mary's (preceded by carols from 11.30 pm)

### Christmas Day (Sunday 25 December)

8.30 am Christmas Dawn Mass at St Oswald's

10.30 am Christmas Children's Mass at St Benedict's

11.00 am Solemn High Mass at St Mary's

### Please Note

- 1) The Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St Benedict's will begin at 11.30 pm not Midnight.
- 2) Children are invited to bring a home-made birthday card for Jesus to the 6.00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St Oswald's or the 10.30 am Mass on Christmas Day at St Benedict's.
- 3) Details of Polish Masses to follow.

## ADVENT AT ST MARY'S SHRINE

**Sung Vespers** each Sunday of Advent at 5.00 pm.

**Rorate Mass** 7.00 am on the first three Mondays of Advent (28 Nov; 5 & 12 Dec).

**Carols by Candlelight** on Sunday 18 December at 4.00 pm. Congregational Carols and Choral music for Christmas with the choirs of St Mary's Shrine.

## ADVENT COLLECTIONS

The Advent Collections will close this weekend. Thank you so much for your amazing generosity. I assure you that you will have helped to bring a smile to lots of children and young people on Christmas Day who probably wouldn't get a gift if it wasn't for you! And you will have helped to feed lots of cats and dogs who sadly will be abandoned over the Christmas period. Thank you so much for your kindness. *Fr Dave*

## OXSANA McDOWALL

Oksana's Funeral Mass will take place this Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, at 12.30 pm, at St Joseph's, Penketh.

James is hoping that many of their friends from St Benedict's will be able to attend.

## ST OSWALD'S LADIES GROUP

St Oswald's Ladies Group are due to meet Thursday, 1 December at 8.15 pm in the Parish Centre Lounge for an Advent Evening.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)  
 Weekdays – 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent  
 Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

**Monday** Is 2: 1-5  
Mt 8: 5-11

**Tuesday** Is 11: 1-10  
Lk 10: 21-24

**Wednesday** Rom 10: 9-18  
Mt 4: 18-22

**Thursday** Is 26: 1-6  
Mt 7: 21, 24-27

**Friday** Is 29: 17-24  
Mt 9: 27-31

**Saturday** Is 30: 19-21, 23-26  
Mt 9 : 35 – 10: 1, 6-8

**Sunday** Is 11: 1-10  
Rom 15: 4-9  
Mt 3: 1-12

### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

#### 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

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

#### Those who have died recently:

*St Benedict's* Ronald Hyamson, Oksana McDowall  
*St Oswald's* Rita Boyer

#### Thursday is World AIDS Day

Lord, I'm glad I can talk to you. You're always there - even when my head is somewhere else. Sometimes I feel overwhelmed, ashamed, afraid to face the future. It's hard living with a stigma. It's not what people say. It's what they don't say. It's the knowing smiles, and the sheepish looks. They all add up to a feeling of accusation.

Lord, I'm glad I can talk to you. Nothing surprises you. You've been where I've been. You've felt the discrimination, experienced the betrayal, the hurt, the name calling, the whispering in corners, the religious prejudice.

Lord, you make me feel whole again. You include me in. You make me feel understood. Your extravagant generosity leaves me speechless. Words fail me as I try to say thank you. You draw me. You give me a place in the picture. You tell me I belong even when I can't believe. Lord, you're unbelievable!

*Rt Reverend Albert Bogle, Moderator to the Church of Scotland*

#### Saturday is a Day of Prayer for Migrants

Lord, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees and exiles, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left or run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

*The Roman Missal*

*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 have to break out of ourselves to encounter others. If we don't, even we Christians can suffer from division."

**25 November**

### ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

Winner:

13 Nov - 224 David Ward  
 20 Nov - 46 Sandra Brinksman

### ST BENEDICT'S CRAFT CLUB

Every Wednesday 10.00 am  
 In the Sacristy

### SCHOOL WEBSITES

Checkout our school websites. There's always lots of fascinating news about what the children are doing in school.

St Benedict's: [www.stbenedicts.warrington.dbprimary.com](http://www.stbenedicts.warrington.dbprimary.com)  
 St Oswald's: [www.stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk](http://www.stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk)

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

### 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  
**Thursday** 8.15 pm Ladies Group - Lounge

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  
**Thursday** 7.30 pm Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

### Second Collection next week: St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

#### Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 20 November

**ST BENEDICT'S** £393.02 (£216.00 Gift Aid), £87.79 Animate Youth, £117.00 Grotto Restoration (£20.00 Donations and £97.00 from the Quiz)

**ST MARY'S** £643.48 (£198.00 Gift Aid + £192.35 Week day)

**ST OSWALD'S** £464.50 (£239.20 Gift Aid), £185.79 Animate Youth