

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 4 December 2016

Second Sunday of Advent (A)



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 4 - 11 December 2016		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 4 December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent (A)</i> Bible Sunday	10.30 am Mass <i>Cyril Snelson</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Basil Corcoran</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Ellen Cox</i>
Monday 5 December <i>St John Almond</i>		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 6 December	12.15 pm Mass <i>Tony Keating (sick)</i> 3.00 - 4.00 pm The Crib Experience	10.00 am Funeral Mass <i>Margaret Rita Boyer</i>
Wednesday 7 December <i>St Ambrose</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Bernard Daly (sick)</i> 3.00 - 4.00 pm The Crib Experience	
Thursday 8 December <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary</i>	3.00 - 4.00 pm The Crib Experience	9.30 am Mass <i>Anne Williams</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 9 December	12 Noon Pastoral Area Mass of Reconciliation <i>(St Alban's)</i>	
	6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 10 December		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Gary Newlove</i>
Sunday 11 December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent (A)</i> Gaudete Sunday	10.30 am Baptism Mass <i>The Parishioners & Dorothy Cox</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass	8.30 am Mass <i>Jo & Barry Thompson</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

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St Mary's: 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)

Holy Mass <i>Sunday</i> 11.00 am & 6.00 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 12.10 pm	Confessions <i>Everyday</i> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 11.45 am	Adoration & Benediction <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 12.00 noon	Holy Rosary <i>Sunday</i> 5.30 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 11.30 am
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THANK YOU

- To everyone who contributed to the Advent Collections during November.
- To Irene Casey and Mary Hallam for providing the Fairtrade Stall last weekend. They sold £152.80 of goods after the Masses.
- To everyone who signed a Christmas Card for our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land.
- To those parishioners who assisted with 'The Crib Experience' at St Benedict's this week.

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - TODAY

Now that the SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) is working across the three parishes, there will be a special Christmas Collection this weekend, at both St Benedict's and St Oswald's, to support the ministry of the SVP to those who are most in need in our communities.

READERS



At each of the Masses this weekend, Readers will be invited to renew their commitment to the ministry of proclaiming the Word of God.

NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR SYRIA

The Syrian crisis, which began on March 15, 2011, has already taken many lives, too many, and the current political situation continues compounding and worsening the situation. The United Nations reports more than 100,000 dead. Before such a reality, words fall short... Cities are destroyed and "development plans are in the cemeteries." They tell us from Syria: "A six-year-old girl was playing hide-and-seek with her brother. A sniper shot the little boy... In the cemetery, the girl cried out before the tomb of her brother: 'Come out from your hiding place! I don't want to play anymore!'"



Let us pray for all the victims of this war, for all of them, and each one of them. They are not numbers, but names, members of a family. They are mothers, fathers, sons and daughters. They are our brothers and sisters, children of God who created them in his image and likeness. We pray that the right to life of every person be respected and defended.
Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for Syria, pray for us.

SAFGUARDING Thank you very much to those who took part in the recent DBS rechecks. While the paperwork can be a pain, it is one essential element in ensuring that our churches are truly safe places for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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.



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.

CHRISTMAS BINGO ST OSWALD'S PARISH CENTRE

Wednesday 14 December
7.00 pm

With Hot Pot Supper & Raffle Prizes

CHRISTMAS QUIZ ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

Wednesday 14 December
7.30 pm
(Earlier than usual)

NEW YEARS EVE - GRAND GALA St Benedict's Parish Centre Saturday 31 December

Refreshments BAR 7pm - 1am
Tickets £8.00 (avail. from Steve 633920)

WARRINGTON BEREAVED PARENTS GROUP

"A Candlelight Service

To remember our children with love"

Monday 5 December at 7.30 pm

At Warrington Parish Church (St Elphin's)

Contact 01925 572232 for more information.

CAROL SERVICES

Nugent Christmas Carol Concert

Saturday 10 December at 7.00 pm

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bishop Eton

Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols

Sunday 11 December at 3.00 pm at the Cathedral

Entrance is free and all are welcome to attend

Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 14 December at 2.00 pm at the Cathedral

All are most welcome



Annual Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 15 December at 7.00 pm

St Gregory's Catholic High School

Followed by tea and mince pies

Dickensian Christmas Concert

Saturday 17 December at 7.00 pm at the Cathedral

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

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 18 December at 4.00 pm at St Mary's Shrine

Congregational Carols and Choral music for Christmas

CHRISTMAS GROTTO & COMMUNITY EVENT

(Hosted by Mid Orford Residents Assoc.)

Saturday 10th December

10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Fun for all the family with Santa's Grotto (from 12 noon), elves, craft stalls, stalls, tombolas, community cafe.

NEXT WEEK - HELP WARRINGTON'S HOMELESS

Make a gift of a hot meal, a bed for the night or help provide a change of clothing. Literally? Well, yes, by purchasing a Christmas Sponsor Card you will be enabling the YMCA to continue their work - as little as £1.00 to £10.00 will help. Cards will be available to purchase after Mass next week.

ADVENT AT ST MARY'S SHRINE

Sung Vespers each Sunday of Advent at 5.00 pm. Please join them for this ancient public prayer of the Church.

Rorate Mass at 7.00 am on the first three Mondays of Advent (5 & 12 Dec). Candlelit Holy Mass in pre-dawn darkness and stillness as we await the Nativity of the Lord, the Light of the world, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady.

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

8.00 pm Polish Mass at St Oswald's

11.30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass at St Benedict's

Midnight Solemn High Mass at St Mary's Shrine
(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

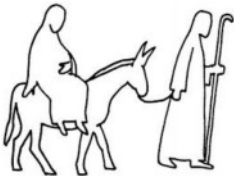
11.00 am Solemn High Mass at St Mary's Shrine

2.00 pm Polish Mass at St Oswald'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.



POLISH MASS

Over the years, the numbers attending the Polish Mass at St Benedict's have increased. At the same time, parking has become more difficult on Sunday afternoons because of functions at the Parish Centre and relatives visiting families on Rhodes Street. In an effort to resolve the problem, I have offered the Polish community the use of St Oswald's church in addition to St Benedict's. This offer has been received with much gratitude. Therefore, from Christmas Eve, the Polish Mass will move to St Oswald's for an experimental period.

Fr Dave

ST OSWALD'S PRAYER GROUP

Monday 5 December at 7.30 pm will be the final meeting of the prayer group before Christmas. Meetings will resume on Monday 9 January 2017 at 7.30 pm.

ST MARY'S JUNIOR CHOIR CAROL SINGING

St Mary's Junior choir will be carol singing at Applecourt Nursing Home, 76 Church Street, Warrington from 6.00 pm on Thursday 22 December. All welcome to join in. They will be meeting outside the entrance of the home.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday- 2 nd Sunday of Advent (A)	
Weekdays – 2 nd Week of Advent	
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2	
Monday	Is 35: 1-10
	Lk 5: 17-26
Tuesday	Is 40: 1-11
	Mt 18: 12-14
Wednesday	Is 40: 25-31
	Mt 11: 28-30
Thursday	Gen 3:9-15, 20
	Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12
	Lk 1: 26-38
Friday	Is 48: 17-19
	Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11
	Mt 17: 10-13
Sunday	Is 35: 1-6, 10
	James 5: 7-10
	Mt 11: 2-11

POPE FRANCIS' TWEET

“May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!”

20 November

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

Winner:

27 November - TBC

Subscriptions are due now

See Sue after Mass

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

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Rite of Welcome

Today we welcome Oliver Jones, Ted Buchanan and Joseph Murray who will be baptised this month.



Those who will be married next weekend:

St Oswald's Julie Elizabeth Smith & Peter James Kirwan

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

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

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 Oswald's Margaret (Rita) Boyer

Advent Litany

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Into our troubles and weaknesses, into the barren places of our souls. **R.**

Into the war torn and the refugee, into those who live in conflict. **R.**

Into the homeless and the unemployed, into those who feel abandoned. **R.**

Into the sick and the disabled, into those with AIDS and with cancer. **R.**

Into the poor and the starving, into those who are oppressed or abused. **R.**

Into the lives of loved ones, into those from whom we are estranged. **R.**

Into our joys and celebrations, into our work and our achievements. **R.**

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole. **R.**

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 or give him a note of their name and phone number. Many thanks.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Many thanks for the many positive comments and suggestions about the new parish website. It is very much a work in progress and there's still a lot of material to upload. For now, why not check out the daily thoughts for Advent on the home page.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For items to be included in the parish Newsletter, please ensure the office receives them by

Wednesday

Tel. 6302127

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 Today: St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 27 November

ST BENEDICT'S	£395.00 (£184.15 Gift Aid), £122.00 Priest Training Fund (from Pious lists), £30.24 Grotto Restoration (Donations Box), £403.07 November Poor Box (Inc. £300 donation)
ST MARY'S	£780.62 (£298.00 Gift Aid + £197.17 Week day)
ST OSWALD'S	£489.56 (£262.27 Gift Aid), £22.50 Animate Youth