

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Newsletter

Sunday 11 December 2016

*Third 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 11 - 18 December 2016

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 11 December</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)</i> Gaudete Sunday	10.30 am Baptism Mass <i>The Parishioners &amp; Dorothy Cox</i>  3.30 pm Polish Mass	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Gary Newlove</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Jo &amp; Barry Thompson</i> 1.00 pm Wedding Service <i>Julie Smith &amp; Peter Kirwan</i>
<b>Monday 12 December</b>		<b>No Prayer Group</b> <i>(Resumes 9 January)</i>
<b>Tuesday 13 December</b> <i>St Lucy</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Cyril Snelson</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i>
<b>Wednesday 14 December</b> <i>St John of the Cross</i>	9.30 am Mass Fr Brian Crane	
<b>Thursday 15 December</b>	2.00 pm Mass at Ryfields	9.30 am Mass <i>Peter Dewane</i> 7.30 pm Novena
<b>Friday 16 December</b>	9.15 am End of Term Mass at St Benedict's School 12.15 pm Mass <i>Sr M Helena</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
<b>Saturday 17 December</b>		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners, Tommy O'Brien</i>
<b>Sunday 18 December</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)</i> Day of Prayer for Expectant Parents	10.30 am Mass <i>Arthur &amp; Molly Whalley</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass	8.30 am Mass <i>Derrick Roberts</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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### THE CRIB EXPERIENCE

Many thanks to everyone who helped with 'The Crib Experience' during the last two weeks at St Benedict's. Over 200 children, together with many of their parents, visited the church, explored some of the characters of Advent, visited the new Crib and made birthday cards for Jesus. There are a few photo's on the parish website. Libby (Reception) said, "We went on a journey and I enjoyed it", Evie-Ann (Y2) said "It made me feel lovely when I heard the Angel speak", while Danny (Y2) said, "I liked making a birthday card for Jesus". *Fr Dave*



### ST OSWALD'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Today (Sunday), 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 come along if you can.



### NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR SYRIA

According to the UNHCR, the UN refugee agency, there are 4.8 million Syrian refugees, mainly in Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan. And there are many refugees who are not registered because they are afraid, or who are displaced within Syria itself.



"Every second of the day, I have only one desire: to return to my homeland. My heart is wounded. The only thing that keeps me here is my children. Even if it meant going back to die, if it were just me, I would go back", laments a mother of two children who have taken refuge in Turkey.

It is impossible to imagine the future for this country, this peaceful land that once was the home of many refugees from the Middle East: "We fled Iraq during the war and went to Syria. We had managed to rebuild our lives, but almost two years ago, we had to flee again to Iraq. There my son was hit with a bullet in the head as he was playing soccer. He survived, but with paralysis, and the bullet is embedded. Surgery is dangerous. We arrived in Turkey two months ago. A family took us in. Maybe here they can help us."

In Lebanon, there are more than 700,000 refugees. Archbishop John Darwish writes: "We've been helping for 10 months. We began with 19 families. But their number has increased drastically. Now we are helping 580 families. If the conflict gets more complicated and the violence extends to the whole country, this number will grow even more."

Let us pray for all those who are hungry and do not have a roof over their heads; for those who live in refugee camps; for all the countries receiving the displaced and those countries offering aid, assistance and care to the emigrants and refugees.

### 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 - from as little as £1.00 to £10.00 will help. Cards are available to purchase after Mass today. *Please be generous.*



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



## ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are now live on twitter which is a fantastic way of communicating with our school community. Please follow us for latest news about the wonderful things our children do at school! @Stbenedictswcps

## SVP COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Many thanks for the kind generosity of parishioners last weekend - a total of £335.00 was raised for those in need.

## CAFOD FUN RUN

Join the annual CAFOD Fun Run on Tuesday 27 December for a fun post-Christmas day out for a great cause. Run, walk or toddle the 3k or 7k routes. For event details, please visit: [cafod.org.uk/Events/Liverpool-Fun-Run2](http://cafod.org.uk/Events/Liverpool-Fun-Run2)

## 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*

### CAROL SERVICES

#### 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

## REFLECTION

"Good works, Christian hearts, true justice, charity - these are what God looks for in religion. A religion of Sunday Mass but unjust on weekdays does not please the Lord. A religion of much praying but with hypocrisy in the heart is not Christian. A church that seeks to assure her own welfare with money and comfort but fails to protest against injustice would not be the true church of our Divine Redeemer. That is why the church must suffer and be persecuted, because many people set in their comfortable ways do not understand. Even priests can be an obstacle to the authentic kingdom of the Lord. Dear Christians, this is the word that the church repeats once again as Christmas draws near."

*Blessed Oscar Romero*

## 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 (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.



## CHRISTMAS QUIZ ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

Wednesday 14 December  
7.30 pm  
(Earlier than usual)

## CHRISTMAS BINGO ST OSWALD'S PARISH CENTRE

Wednesday 14 December  
7.00 pm  
With Hot Pot Supper & Raffle Prizes

## NEW YEARS EVE - GRAND GALA ST BENEDICTS PARISH CENTRE

Saturday 31 December  
Refreshments BAR 7pm - 1am  
Tickets £8.00  
*(avail. from Steve 633920)*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)  
 Weekdays – 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent  
 Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

**Monday** Num 24: 2-7, 15-17  
 Mt 21: 23-27

**Tuesday** Zeph 3: 1-2, 9-13  
 Mt 21: 28-32

**Wednesday** Is 45: 6-8, 18, 21-25  
 Lk 7: 19-23

**Thursday** Is 54: 1-10  
 Lk 7: 24-30

**Friday** Is 56: 1-3, 6-8  
 Jn 5: 33-36

**Saturday** Gen 49: 2, 8-10  
 Mt 1: 1-17

**Sunday** Is 7: 10-14  
 Rom 1: 1-7  
 Mt 1: 18-24

### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

#### Those who will be baptised this weekend:

*St Benedict's* Oliver John Trevor Jones

#### Those who will be received into the Church this weekend:

*St Benedict's* Georgia Grace Stubbins

#### Those who will be married this 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)



#### A Prayer before sending Christmas Cards

Blest are you, Lord, our God and Father.

You have graced our lives with friends and relatives near and far.

May these Christmas cards arrive at their destinations  
as signs of affection, as tokens of peace.

Send your Son to reign in glory among us.

He will lead your people to glad reunion in your holy city,  
where we will sing your praise for ever and ever.

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

“Today we remember Blessed Charles de Foucauld who said, faith calls us to see Jesus in every human being.”  
**1 December 2016**

### ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

#### Winners:

27 Nov - 101 Mike Pope  
 4 Dec - 178 Betty Lunt

### ST OSWALD'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

18 December

In aid of Lourdes Youth

On sale before & after each Mass  
 until 18 December. Tickets £1 each

### SOUP LUNCH

At St Benedict's  
 This Tuesday 12 Dec  
 1 pm in the Sacristy  
 Soup & Pudding  
 £2.50

### NEXT SUNDAY

Mince pies, Christmas  
 Cake etc. and Tombola  
 after the 10.30 am Mass.  
 All Welcome.

### 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

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	Christmas Quiz - for the Grotto
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

### Please support the YMCA - Christmas Sponsor Cards on sale this week

### Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 4 December

ST BENEDICT'S £364.35 (£178.15 Gift Aid) £4,212.00 Grotto Restoration Fund so far

ST MARY'S £918.62 (£417.00 Gift Aid + £212.81 Week day), £120.76 Church Music

ST OSWALD'S To be confirmed next week