

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Newsletter

Sunday 18 December 2016

Fourth 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 18 - 25 December 2016

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 18 December</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)</i> Day of Prayer for Expectant Parents	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>Arthur &amp; Molly Whalley</i>  <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>	<b>(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners &amp; Tommy O'Brien</i> <b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Derrick Roberts</i>
<b>Monday 19 December</b>		<b>No Prayer Group</b> <i>(Resumes 9 January)</i>
<b>Tuesday 20 December</b>	<b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Louis Anderson</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Michael Donlan</i> <b>2.00 pm Christingle Service</b>
<b>Wednesday 21 December</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Andy I Knight (Sick)</i>	<b>7.30 pm</b> <b>Advent Penance Service</b>
<b>Thursday 22 December</b>	<i>Funeral Service at Walton Lea</i>  <b>6.00 - 8.00 pm Advent Chillout</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Ken Haddock</i> <b>No Novena</b>
<b>Friday 23 December</b>	<b>9.15 am Funeral Mass</b> <i>Bertha Dunn</i> <b>(No 12.15 pm Mass)</b> <b>6.45 pm Meditation</b>	
<b>Saturday 24 December</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>11.30 pm</b> <b>Christmas Midnight Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners</i>	<i>No Exposition Today</i> <b>6.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass</b> <i>Edna Harrison</i> <b>8.00 pm Polish Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 25 December</b> <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i> Christmas Day	<b>10.30 am Christmas Day</b> <b>Children's Mass</b> <i>People of Palestine</i>	<b>8.30 am Christmas Dawn Mass</b> <i>Vincent Hennessey</i> <b>2.00 pm Polish Mass</b>

#### 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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### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Today at 4.00 pm at St Mary's Shrine Congregational Carols and Choral music for Christmas.

### 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)

- 8.00 am** Christmas Dawn Mass at St Mary's Shrine  
**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 either 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.

### PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF YEMEN

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has decided to launch an appeal for Yemen where there has been a 20-month long bloody civil war between the Houthi ethnic group and supporters of Yemen's government led by President Abdrabuh Mansour Hadi.

At the request of the Yemeni government, an international coalition led by Saudi Arabia have carried out air strikes across the country against the Houthi. For ordinary Yemenis, the consequences have been devastating. The UN estimates that more than 10,000 people have been killed since the start of the conflict, with 6,000 people killed in 2016 alone.

The Director of CAFOD, Chris Bain, said: "We cannot fail to

be moved by the heart-breaking news coming from Yemen; of families ripped apart by the conflict, without the basics of food, water, and protection from violence. We see immense suffering in the faces of people in Yemen, of the children whose young lives have been stunted by malnutrition, and of those who find themselves homeless, because of the conflict, and in need of the basics of life – food, clean and safe water, and shelter... Please give your support and donations to the DEC's Yemen Emergency Appeal. We hope and pray that the human suffering will end. Let us continue to keep the people of Yemen in our thoughts and prayers."

**Given the dire situation in Yemen, there will be the opportunity to contribute to the DEC's Yemen Emergency Appeal after the Masses on Christmas Day.**

### PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF ALEPPO

At the time of writing, the fighting in the city of Aleppo is confined to about a square mile. A truce to allow the evacuation of innocent civilians has failed. The UN has reported that 82 men, women and children have been taken out of their homes and shot on the spot. Equally disturbing are reports that hundreds, possibly thousands of men are missing in Aleppo. There are echoes of what happened in Srebrenica in 1995. Then, the international community vowed "never again". But it is happening again!



*Come, Lord Jesus, come to the people of Aleppo.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, wake up the world*

*and come to these suffering brothers and sisters of ours.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, come and move world leaders to care for these dear people.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come to the people of Aleppo.*



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

**ADVENT CHILLOUT  
"O COME LET US ADORE HIM"**

**6.00 - 8.00 pm Thursday 22 December  
At St Benedict's**

Why not call in for a short while .... Leave the hustle and bustle behind for a bit... chillout in the presence of our Lord before the feast of Christmas.

- Candlelit Adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament
- Silent prayer punctuated by seasonal music and readings
- Opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Tea, coffee and mince pies available throughout in the Sacristy.

**ST BENEDICT'S FUNDRAISING FOR THE GROTTA**

A huge THANK YOU to all those who helped organise, manage and support the fundraising events last week in aid of the Grotto restoration. A total of £398.50 was raised.

- The raffle of the Christmas Sleigh - £31.00
- Soup Lunch - £83.50
- Christmas Quiz - £214.00
- Donations - £70.00

**THANK YOU - YMCA CHRISTMAS SPONSOR CARDS**

A huge thank you to parishioners for the wonderful response to the YMCA's Christmas card appeal. After the Sunday Masses last weekend, we raised £419.85 for Warrington's YMCA. Thank you.

**ST BENEDICT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR**

St Benedict's School would like to say a very BIG thank you to all who attended their Christmas Fair on Monday 5 December. They managed to raise £1,185.91! The money will benefit all their children in school in the months to come.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH**

St Oswald's will be decorating the church after the 9.30 am Mass on Thursday, 22 December. Offers of help would be very welcome, please? There will be mince pies, tea and coffee afterwards. *Many thanks.*



**A WINTER WALK & LUNCH**

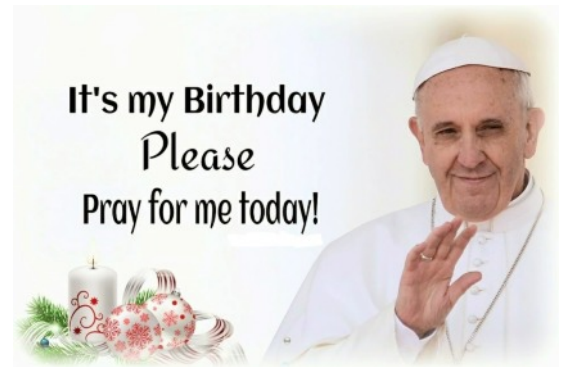
St Benedict's Ladies Group will be meeting on the 7 January 2017 at the Walton Hall Cafe for a Winter Walk at 10.00 am, followed by lunch at the Walton Arms pub (*optional*).

**Fresh air, birds, relaxing stroll...**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY POPE FRANCIS!**

Pope Francis marked his 80th birthday yesterday (Saturday). Happy Birthday, Holy Father!



Lord God, Father in heaven,  
please bless our Holy Father, Francis,  
whom you have chosen as a shepherd  
for your people on earth.  
Be his guiding light, his wellspring of hope,  
his strength and protection,  
and his everlasting peace and joy.  
Amen.

**PRAYER FOR THE LIGHTING  
OF A CHRISTMAS TREE**

*This is a short prayer of blessing to be prayed just before the lights are lit for the first time on the Christmas tree:*

Lord our God,  
we praise you for the light of creation:  
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.  
We praise you for the light of Israel:  
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:  
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,  
who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we illumine this tree.  
May the light and cheer it gives  
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.  
May all who delight in this tree  
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*(From the Book of Blessings)*

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB  
ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE  
Tuesday 20 December  
12 noon - 2.30 pm**

**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)

**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- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)  
 Weekdays – 17 to 23 December  
 Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

**Monday** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25  
 Lk 1: 5-25

**Tuesday** Is 7: 10-14  
 Lk 1: 26-38

**Wednesday** Cant 2: 8-14  
 Lk 1: 39-45

**Thursday** 1 Sam 1: 24-28  
 Lk 1: 46-56

**Friday** Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24  
 Lk 1: 57-66

**Saturday** 2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16  
 Lk 1: 67-79

**Vigil Mass** Is 9: 1-6  
 Tit 2: 11-14  
 Lk 2: 1-14

**Sunday** Is 52: 7-10  
 Heb 1: 1-6  
 Jn 1: 1-18 (or 1-5,9-14)

### LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



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

*St Oswald's* Ted Buchanan & Joseph Murray

#### 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, especially:

*St Benedict's* Bertha Dunn

#### This Week's Prayer Intentions

##### **R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the generosity of Christian people may bring good news to the poor. **R.**

That all the peoples of the earth may learn to live in peace. **R.**

That those whose hearts have been broken may find joy and healing in the Lord and his love. **R.**

That the Word of God may touch our hearts this Christmas and renew our hope and trust in the Lord. **R.**

That those who have died may rejoice for ever in God's presence. **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](mailto:frdave@rcaolp.co.uk) or give him a note of their name and phone number. Many thanks.*

#### ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

11 Dec. Winner:

**94 Malcolm Hackwell**

*For a chance to win the £100 draw next Sunday, please ensure your subscriptions are up to date by the end of today!*

#### ST OSWALD'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

18 December

In aid of Lourdes Youth

On sale before & after Mass

Tickets £1 each

#### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

At St Benedict's Parish Centre

This Tuesday 20 Dec  
12 noon.

#### TODAY

Mince pies, Christmas Cake etc. and Tombola after Mass at St Benedict's. 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		No Rainbows Group
	7.45 pm	Bingo
Tuesday	12 noon - 2.30 pm	Christmas Lunch Club
Wednesday		No Drama Group
Thursday		No Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Week (St Benedict's & St Oswald's): DEC's Yemen Emergency Appeal

#### Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 11 December

ST BENEDICT'S	£491.96 (£262.55 Gift Aid)
ST MARY'S	£1,089.21 (£445.00 Gift Aid + £365.11 Weekday)
ST OSWALD'S	<u>4 Dec</u> £493.69 (£249.70 Gift Aid), £141.00 Priest Training Fund (from Pious Lists)
	<u>11 Dec</u> £435.02 £277.00 Gift Aid)