

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Newsletter

Sunday 8 January 2017

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

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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 8 - 15 January 2017

|   | ST BENEDICT'S<br>Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE   | ST OSWALD'S<br>Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB   |
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| <b>Sunday 8 January</b><br><i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>                                    | 10.30 am Mass<br><i>The Parishioners<br/>&amp; Nellie Pidgeon</i>                          | (Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass<br><i>Harry &amp; Winnie Roe</i><br>8.30 am Mass<br><i>Special Intention (Dr Francis)</i><br>3.30 pm Polish Mass |
| <b>Monday 9 January</b><br><i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>                            |  | 7.00 pm Prayer Group  |
| <b>Tuesday 10 January</b>   | No Confessions or Mass today<br>1.40 pm Funeral Service at Walton Lea<br><i>Amy Dutton</i> | 9.30 am Mass<br><i>Kitty McCarthy</i>   |
| <b>Wednesday 11 January</b>   | 10.45 am Funeral Service<br><i>Gillian Hankey</i>  | 12 noon Funeral Mass<br><i>Nadine Davies</i>  |
| <b>Thursday 12 January</b>  | 10.45 am Funeral Service<br><i>Joseph O'Connor</i>   | 9.30 am Mass<br><i>Eileen O' Donoghue</i><br>7.30 pm Novena   |
| <b>Friday 13 January</b>  | St Alban's: 12 noon Pastoral Area Mass   |   |
|   | St Mary's: 2.00 pm Funeral Service <i>Maureen McAuley</i>                                  |   |
|   | 6.45 pm Meditation   |   |
| <b>Saturday 14 January</b><br><i>St Kentigern</i>   |  | 10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition<br>6.00 pm Vigil Mass<br><i>The Parishioners<br/>Gary Townsend</i>  |
| <b>Sunday 15 January</b><br><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i><br>Peace Sunday | 10.30 am Mass<br><i>Betty Doyle</i>  | 8.30 am Mass<br><i>Rita Boyer</i><br>3.30 pm Polish Mass  |

#### 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)



May the wise still seek Him.

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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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

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| <b>Holy Mass</b><br><i>Sunday</i><br>11.00 am & 6.00 pm<br><i>Monday to Saturday</i><br>12.10 pm | <b>Confessions</b><br><i>Everyday</i><br>30 minutes before Mass<br><i>Saturday</i><br>10.00 – 11.45 am | <b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b><br><i>Saturday</i><br>10.00 – 12.00 noon | <b>Holy Rosary</b><br><i>Sunday</i><br>5.30 pm<br><i>Monday to Saturday</i><br>11.30 am |
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### PARISH OFFICE

*Please note:* The Parish Office will be closed this week while Fr Dave catches up on some annual leave.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are invited to renew their commitment at Mass this weekend. New servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen. After the 10.30 am Mass at St Benedict's, all servers are invited to stay for lunch together.

### ST BENEDICT'S SOUP LUNCH - *Apologies*

Unfortunately there will be no Soup Lunch this month. It will resume as usual from February.

### BELIEVE – REFLECTIONS ON THE CREED

A six-part series exploring the treasures of our faith as expressed in the Creed we say at Sunday Mass. The sessions will include DVD interviews with prominent men and women of faith, testimonies from a variety of people, Scripture and Catechism quotations, questions for discussion and times of prayerful reflection.  
*Full details next week.*

### JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION

Annual Memorial Lecture: "From Reformation to Revolution - Dalit Lutheran Theology in the Public Sphere" by Raj Bharath Patta, a Lutheran minister from India currently pursuing PhD studies at the University of Manchester. Sunday 15 January, 2.00 – 4.00 pm (doors open 1.30 pm) at LACE, Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA. For more information, please contact [s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk) or 0151 522 1080/81.

### THE ART OF LISTENING

A two session course open to all involved in any kind of 'listening' ministry. Thursday 19 January and Thursday 16 February from 7.30 until 9.00 pm at St Mary's Lowe House, 99 Crab Street, St Helens WA10 2BE. You will explore a number of different skills involved in good listening and have a variety of opportunities to practice and develop these skills. To book a place, please contact 0151 522 1040 or email [formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk) There is no charge to attend.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

An afternoon preparing to celebrate Lent and Easter on Sunday 5 February, 2.00 – 5.00 pm, at LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA, led by Jo Boyce of CJM Music. For further information, please contact Maureen Knight: 0151 522 1046 or [m.knight@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk) Cost £10 per person (Refreshments at 3.30 pm).

### LADIES GROUP AT ST OSWALD'S

The Ladies Group will be meeting up on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 8.15 pm in the Parish Centre lounge at St Oswald's for a 'Hello & Catch up' after the Christmas break. New members and visitors are welcome.

### A NEW MAGI STORY!

In this story, the three wise men - Caspar, Balthassar and Melchior - were three different ages. Caspar was a young man, Balthassar a middle-aged man and Melchior an elderly man. They found a cave where the Holy One was and entered to do him homage one at a time.

- **Melchior the old man entered first.** He found an old man like himself in the cave. They shared stories and spoke of memory and gratitude.

- **Middle-aged Balthassar entered next.** He found a man his own age there. They spoke passionately about leadership and responsibility.

- **Young Caspar was the last to enter.** He found a young prophet waiting for him. They spoke about reform and promise.

Afterwards, when the three kings spoke to each other about their encounter with the Christ, they were shocked at each other's stories. So they got their gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh together and all three went into the cave. They found a baby there, the infant Jesus only twelve days old.



There is a deep message here. Jesus reveals himself to all people, at all stages of their lives, whether they are Jew or Gentile.

*Fr. Pellegrino*

## GLUTEN ALLERGIES

The Church allows the use of low-gluten hosts for those who have an allergy to gluten. If you have a gluten-allergy and would prefer to receive a low-gluten host, simply let Fr Dave know. However, before doing so, it is important that you seek medical advice as to whether your level of allergy would permit the use of low-gluten hosts.

## GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

— If you are going into hospital and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let your parish priest know and he will celebrate the sacrament with you.

— If you are admitted to hospital and would like to see one of the hospital chaplains, you (or a relative) need to inform the hospital staff who will contact the hospital chaplaincy team. The priests serving the hospital are unlikely to know that you have been admitted or wish to see a priest unless you do this.



## FULL OF COLD, GOT THE FLU?

Please think before coming to church if you're full of cold or flu. If you come to church when you're ill, it's highly likely that others will catch your cold or bug. This can be very serious for those parishioners, for example, whose immune systems are low due to treatment for cancer. So, if you're not well, perhaps stay at home and keep the Lord's Day by joining in Mass on the internet ([www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)) or pray quietly in your own way. It's not a sin to miss Mass if you're sick! *Fr Dave*

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

### "WHY GO TO CHURCH?"

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, and the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead too!"

## PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELLA

*8 Places Remaining*

2 - 7 May 2017. The cost half board (sharing) plus excursions £675.00. More information is available from Chris Sykes on 01925 245160 or by email [chris.sykes@cursillouk.org](mailto:chris.sykes@cursillouk.org)

## COME TO ME

Come over to me, all you who are restless,  
and I will teach you how to be quiet,  
how to leave yourself alone.

Come over to me, all you who are anxious,  
even if I don't take your anxiety away,  
I will change it into fresh currency,  
as you turn your cares into greater belief  
in my caring.

Come over to me, all you who are lonely,  
I was lonely too,  
and could find no place to lay my head.

Come over to me, all you who worry  
what others really think about you.  
It doesn't matter.  
They misunderstood me, no matter what I did.

Come over to me, all you who are always  
talking and pleading and explaining yourselves  
to others.  
I know you inside out. I know the worst.  
So you can come to me without any explanations.

Come over to me, all you whose great plans for  
yourself have failed.  
You don't know how lucky you are. And others too.

Come over to me, all you who can't stand yourselves.  
I touched lepers,  
and once I called a man out of a tomb  
who had been stinking there for four days.  
So come over to me - I can stand just about anything.

Come over to me, all you who can't stand other  
people.  
I know what is behind their misery.  
I know the worst in them as I know it in you.  
And I embrace you both.

Come over to me, all you who fret about the past.  
I was there, I was part of your past,  
and I have forgotten all about it.  
So be like me and forget it too.

Come over to me, all you who can't live peacefully  
in the present.  
Come to me now, without reserve.  
That is the way to live peacefully in the present.

Come over to me, all you who fear the future.  
Do not fear. I am your future.

*Fr Thomas Dominic Rover, O.P.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

The Epiphany of the Lord  
Weekdays – Year 1, Week 1  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Is 42: 1-4, 6-7</b><br><b>Acts 10: 34-38</b><br><b>Mt 3: 13-17</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Heb 2: 5-12</b><br><b>Mk 1: 21-28</b>                              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Heb 2: 14-18</b><br><b>Mk 1: 29-39</b>                             |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Heb 3: 7-14</b><br><b>Mk 1: 40-45</b>                              |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Heb 4: 1-5, 11</b><br><b>Mk 2: 1-12</b>                            |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Heb 4: 12-16</b><br><b>Mk 2: 13-17</b>                             |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Is 49: 3, 5-6</b><br><b>1 Cor 1: 1-3</b><br><b>Jn 1: 29-34</b>     |

**LET US HOLD IN PRAYER****Rite of Welcome**

Today we welcome Scarlet Ann Hancock, Sonny Corbett and Frank Zielinska who will be baptised this month.

**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, Kitty Dolley, Peter Milner, James Malone

*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, Fr Charles Canning

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

**Those who have died recently, especially:**

*St Benedict's* Amy Dutton, Gillian Hankey, Joseph O'Connor, Patrick Cullen

*St Mary's* Maureen McAuley

*St Oswald's* Nadine Davies, Noreen Wright

*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.*

**POPE FRANCIS TWEET**

“God changes the world by transforming our hearts. When God finds an open and trusting heart, he can work wonders there.”

**2 October 2016**

**THE BLESSING OF HOMES**

The Blessing of Homes is a time-honoured custom on the Feast of the Epiphany. It reminds us that Christ is with us in the love and care we show one another in our ordinary, everyday lives together. Why not have a little celebration at home today? One custom is to trace the Cross, the initials “CMB”, and the numerals of the year on the doorway of your house (either using chalk, holy water or simply with your finger), and then share your usual Sunday meal together. “CMB” stands for “Christus mansionem benedicat” – “May Christ bless this house!”

**20 + C + M + B + 17**

**ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB**

**25 Dec. £100 Winner:**

**Gabrielle Atkinson**

**1 Jan 2017 Winner:**

**No. 100 Greg Caswell**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

For items to be included in the parish Newsletter, please ensure the office receives them by **Wednesday**. Tel. 6302127 or email [stbenedicts.warrington@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:stbenedicts.warrington@rcaolp.co.uk)

**ST OSWALD'S PARISH CENTRE****The Week Ahead**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>9.00 pm</b> | Quiz – Concert Room |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>2.00 pm</b> | Sequence Dancing    |
|                  | <b>7.30 pm</b> | Line Dancing        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>8.00 pm</b> | Bingo               |

Contact Lynne Tel. 812266 for bookings

**ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE****The Week Ahead**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>8.30 pm</b> | Cabaret Night  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>6.00 pm</b> | Rainbows Group |
|                  | <b>7.45 pm</b> | Bingo          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>7.00 pm</b> | Drama Group    |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>7.00 pm</b> | Line Dancing   |

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

**Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 1 January**

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| <b>ST BENEDICT'S</b> | <b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec - £658.09</b> Christmas Offerings, <b>£368.05</b> Yemen Appeal, <b>£200.77</b> St Joseph's Family Centre from Sunday Coffees (Oct-Dec '16)<br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Jan - £331.77</b> (£166.65 GA), <b>£40.94</b> Crib Offerings |
| <b>ST MARY'S</b>     | <b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec - £1,674.28</b> (£656 GA & weekday £355.17),<br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Jan - £904.45</b> (£251.30 GA & weekday £274.54)   |
| <b>ST OSWALD'S</b>   | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Jan -£561.15</b> (£279.41 GA), <b>£310.44</b> Yemen (additional)  |