

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

Newsletter

Sunday 26 February 2017

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



Archdiocese of Liverpool



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 26 February - 5 March 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 26 February <i>8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i> Day of Prayer for the Unemployed	10.30 am Mass <i>Fr Augustine Measures OSB</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners, Michael Donlan</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Holt Family</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 27 February		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 28 February	12.15 pm Mass <i>Rosemary Breslin</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Nadine Davies</i>
Wednesday 1 March <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Day of Fast and Abstinence</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Mary Martin</i> 2.15 pm Service of Ashes at St Benedict's School	9.30 am Service of Ashes (with School) 7.00 pm Mass <i>Margaret Flint</i>
Thursday 2 March		12 Noon Funeral Mass <i>Laura Augusta Foulkes</i> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 3 March	11.45 am Stations of the Cross 12.15 pm Mass <i>Alan Brown</i> No Meditation today	
Saturday 4 March		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Prayers for Healing</i>
Sunday 5 March <i>1st Sunday of Lent (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Cornelius Kane</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Peter, Jo & Barbara Ellington</i> 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
St Mary's: www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk



St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NS

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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

Rector: Fr de Malleray FSSP malleray@fssp.org Assistant: Fr Mawdsley FSSP james.mawdsley@fssp.org

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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This Week

SVP

On Tuesday 28 February the SVP will be meeting in the Lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre at 7.00 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the following Masses and Services:

- 9.30 am Service of Ashes at St Oswald's (with the children from school)
- 12.15 pm Lunchtime Mass at St Benedict's
- 2.15 pm Service of Ashes in St Benedict's School
- 7.00 pm Evening Mass at St Oswald's

LENTEN CALENDARS FOR CHILDREN

Fr Dave has some Lenten Calendars for children. Why not take one home for your child as you leave church today?

LENTEN MEDITATION

AT ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CENTRE

9 Museum Street, Warrington WA1 1JA

The Lenten Meditation Course begins this Monday, 27 February, 7.30 - 8.30 pm, and runs for six consecutive Monday evenings. All are welcome.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

"The responsibility for the ministry of consolation rests with the believing community... The community's principal involvement in the ministry of consolation is expressed in its active participation in the celebration of the funeral rites... The faith of the Christian community in the resurrection of the dead brings support and strength to those who suffer the loss of those whom they love" (Introduction to the *Order of Christian Funerals*, paragraph 9).

Many thanks to those who have offered to help with Funeral Masses when they can – either by singing and joining in the Mass responses, or by helping to get the church ready, etc. We could do with a few more volunteers. Please think about it and, if you think you could help out sometimes, please sign the sheet at the back of church. *Fr Dave*

FAIRTRADE STALL

To mark Fairtrade Fortnight, (27 February – 12 March), there is a Fairtrade Stall in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's and at the back of church at St Oswald's today. Many farmers in developing countries are exploited by unfair trade rules. By purchasing Fairtrade goods, we help to stop this exploitation. For more information: www.fairtrade.org.uk



In addition to the Fairtrade Stall I would like to invite all parish groups to begin using Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar for all parish events and meetings (once present stocks are used up). You can obtain supplies either free from the Parish Office at St Benedict's, or purchase them from the Fairtrade Stall at the back of church (which will become a regular feature), the market or from local supermarkets. Many thanks. *Fr Dave*

RITE OF ELECTION

There's a minibus going to the Cathedral next Sunday, 5 March, for the Rite of Election at 3.00 pm. Leaving St Benedict's at 2.00 pm, there are still a few places available if you want to come. Please contact Celia in the Parish Office.

SINGERS NEEDED

Singers are needed to help with leading the music at the Rite of Election next Sunday, 5 March, at the Cathedral. Rehearsal at 1.30 pm, service begins at 3.00 pm. For more information and details of music etc, please email anne.preston@ntlworld.com or phone 07913 006537. All are welcome.

GROWING IN LOVE WITH THE HEALER OF OUR SOULS

This days retreat is due to take place on Wednesday 8 & 29 March at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Formby L17 1PH, led by Sr Annie Lunney SMG. These days start with Community Mass at 10.00 am. For further information, call 01704 875850.

TEN IDEAS FOR LENT

1) Ecumenical Lent Course

Padgate Methodist Church – Tuesday 7, 14, 21, 28 March & 4 April at 1.30 pm. All are welcome. For more information, see notice board or contact Rev Mark Coles (266537).

2) Scripture Study Group

A series of five meetings to read and explore the Sunday Gospels during Lent, using images and discussion to help our reflections: Wednesday 8, 15, 22, 29 March & 5 April, 7.00 – 8.00 pm (with refreshments from 6.30 pm), at St Benedict's.

3) Lenten Cafe for Parents

"You, your children and their Catholic Faith" – three enjoyable and engaging DVD talks by David Wells with plenty of stories and humour: Wednesday 15, 22 & 29 March, 7.00 – 8.00 pm, at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

4) 50p Collection for Refugees

Following the success of last year's collection, you are invited to bring 50p every time you come to church during Lent. Last year, this money provided hot drinks and food to those living in the refugee camps in Greece. Sadly, the camps are still there and the need is as great as it was last year.

5) Thought for the Day

There will be a thought, prayer or reflection posted on the parish website each day during Lent.

6) Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be led by different individuals and groups at 7.30 pm on Thursdays at

St Oswald's and at 11.45 am on Fridays at St Benedict's. If you would like to take a turn in leading this devotion, please let Fr Dave know.

7) Spiritual Reading

There are two free publications at the back of church which you may find helpful – "Lent Extra" and "Walk With Me".

8) Fasting & Abstinence

Fasting means reducing the amount of food we usually eat and giving what is saved in this way to those in need (e.g. CAFOD). Fasting binds those who are aged 18 to 59. *Abstinence* means giving up a particular kind of food or drink, or some form of amusement. Abstinence binds those who are 14 and over. *Days of Fasting & Abstinence:* Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are also encouraged to fast on the Fridays of Lent.

9) Prayer List

Perhaps the best gift we can give to another person is to pray for them. There's a prayer list on the back page of the newsletter each week. Why not cut it out and stick it on your bathroom mirror? Then, every time you look in the mirror, pick a name and simply ask our Lord to bless that person.

10) Daily Prayer

If daily prayer has slipped out of your life, why not use Lent to get back into the habit of spending a few minutes in prayer each day? In an effort to help you, there will be a thought about prayer each week in the newsletter beginning this week.

DID YOU ATTEND ST ALBAN'S JUNIOR AND SENIOR SCHOOL, KING STREET, WARRINGTON?

A King Street School Re-union is being planned for later in the year and if you would like more details, or if you are not on Facebook but have photographs which you would like to share, please contact Frank Hawley on 07714 108933 or Angela Horrigan on 07974 679799.

JOB VACANCIES

St Benedict's Parish Centre (Tel. 633920)

Part time Bar Person required. Contact Steve on the number above after 7.00 pm.

St Oswald's Parish Centre (Tel. 07939 574790)

Two part time Cleaners required. Contact Lynne on the number above.

HELP AT HOME

If you need a little help at home with cleaning, windows, skirtings, shopping etc. Please call Zeta Higgins on 07943 948512.

PRAYER THOUGHT FOR LENT (1)

Get up 5 minutes earlier than usual, sit in a comfortable chair or stand at the back door (if your house is noisy), and slowly pray 'The Grail Prayer':

Lord Jesus Christ,

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my eyes that I may see as you do.

I give you my ears that I may listen to your word.

I give you my lips that I may speak your word.

I give you my hands to do your work.

I give you my feet to go your way.

I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all people.

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

I give you my whole being that you may live and move and grow in me.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
8th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Weekdays – Year 1, Week 8
(From Wednesday - season of Lent)
Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

Monday	Sir 17: 24-29
	Mk 10: 17-27
Tuesday	Sir 35: 1-15
	Mk 10: 28-31
Wednesday	Joel 2: 12-18
	2 Cor 5: 20–6: 2
	Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deut 30: 15-20
	Lk 9: 22-25
Friday	Is 58: 1-9a
	Mt 9: 14-15
Saturday	Is 58: 9b-14
	Lk 5: 27-32
Sunday	Gen 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7
	Rom 5: 12-19 (or 12, 17-19)
	Mt 4: 1-11

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those to be baptised this weekend:

St Oswald's Theo Thomas McAlinden

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, Bill Hampson, Marney Hampson, Peter Milner, James Malone, Sally O'Connor, Dorothy McCarthy

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), Jo Busby, Fr Bernard Higham

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Mary's Laura Augusta Foulkes

This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For the patients in St Rocco's Hospice and the staff and volunteers who care for them.
- † For the pupils and staff of Cardinal Newman Catholic High School.
- † For those who are lonely, especially family members and neighbours.
- † For the many asylum seekers and refugees crying out to us for help.
- † For those who suffer prejudice and discrimination because of their sexual orientation.

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

"How often in the Bible the Lord asks us to welcome migrants and foreigners, reminding us that we too are foreigners!"

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ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

19 Feb. Winner:

No. 153 Chris Ashton

Please keep subscriptions up to date to ensure entry weekly.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Tel. 630127 or email stbenedicts.warrington@rcaolp.co.uk

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
Tuesday	7.00 pm	SVP Meeting - Lounge
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
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 19 February

ST BENEDICT'S	£455.45 (£173.25 Gift Aid)
ST MARY'S	£916.89 (£157.00 Gift Aid + £263.42 Weekday)
ST OSWALD'S	£786.85 (£549.72 Gift Aid), £174.76 Catholic Education Services