

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 5 March 2017

First Sunday of Lent (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 5 - 12 March 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 5 March <i>1st Sunday of Lent (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners Cornelius Kane</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Prayers for Healing</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Peter, Jo & Barbara Ellington</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 6 March		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 7 March	12.15 pm Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>(With Years 2 & 3)</i> Maureen Cotter
Wednesday 8 March	9.30 am Mass <i>Mary Martin</i>	
Thursday 9 March		9.30 am Mass <i>Joseph Swift</i> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 10 March <i>CAFOD'S Lent Fast Day</i>	12 Noon Pastoral Area Mass at St Alban's	
	No Stations of the Cross 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 11 March		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> Kathleen Postlethwaite
Sunday 12 March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Sr Carmel CP</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Ian Whelan</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

Telephone: 01925 635664 Website: www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk

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

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.

RITE OF ELECTION

There's a minibus going to the Cathedral today (Sunday) 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 speak to Fr Dave after Mass if you want to come.

FIRST COMMUNION

Second Meeting for Children this week:

St Benedict's

Tuesday 7 March, 3.15 – 4.15 pm, in church.

St Oswald's

Thursday 9 March, 3.45 – 4.45 pm in church.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

A series of five meetings, to read and explore the Sunday Gospels during Lent, begins this Wednesday, 8 March, 7.00 – 8.00 pm, in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's. Refreshments available from 6.30 pm. All welcome.

CAFOD'S LENT FAST DAY

CAFOD's Lent Fast Day is this coming Friday, 10 March. It is one of two fast days in the year that help to fund CAFOD – the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. CAFOD works in our name to help our sisters and brothers living in extreme poverty, regardless of religion or culture. Please take an envelope home with you today and bring it back next weekend. Thank you. For more information: www.cafod.org.uk

ALTAR SERVERS

Training session for St Benedict's Altar Servers next Sunday, 12 March, 11.45 am – 12.30 pm, followed by lunch for ALL Altar Servers, 12.30 – 1.30 pm.

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group are meeting this week on Thursday 9 March at 8.15 pm in the Lounge of St Oswald's Parish Centre.

HALE LIGHT ORCHESTRA WITH KING'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WARRINGTON CHAMBER CHOIR

Enjoy an afternoon of Light Orchestral Music on Sunday 12 March at Padgate Methodist Church, Padgate Lane WA1 3DU at 2.30 pm. Tickets £5 adults, £2 children. Includes refreshments.

REFUGEES

A Poem by Brian Bilston

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way

(now read from bottom to top)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

LENTEN MEDITATION

AT ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CENTRE

9 Museum Street, Warrington WA1 1JA

The Lenten Meditation Course takes place each Monday evening during Lent, 7.30 - 8.30 pm. All are welcome.

COME AND SEE 2017

Come & See 2017 will be taking place at Christ the King School, Southport PR8 4EX, on 14 & 15 October. The keynote speaker will be Timothy Radcliffe OP with workshop leaders Steve Atherton, Fiona Castle, Dermott Donnelly, Pat Kennedy, David and Mary Matthews. There will be a guest speaker, Margaret Duncan on the Saturday evening with Archbishop Malcolm being main celebrant at the Sunday Mass. Music will be led by Jo Boyce and Friends with mime by Steve Murray. Booking forms available by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD. Further information: www.irenaeus.co.uk

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE CATHEDRAL

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. A wide range of special events and services are planned to mark the occasion, including:

Bluecoat presents Pierre Henry: The Liverpool Mass Saturday 13 May, 7.30 – 9.30 pm.

Pierre Henry was commissioned to compose the music for the Cathedral's inaugural Mass in 1967, however it was

not completed. Now, in a unique collaboration between the French composer and Bluecoat, the piece will be staged in full. For full details, including ticket info, please contact the Bluecoat on 0151 702 5324 or info@thebluecoat.org.uk

Voices of the Metropolitan Cathedral Listening Trail Saturday 13 May All Day

A fascinating audio trail that will take you into 5 secret locations where you'll discover 5 fascinating audio tracks that recount a range of memorable anecdotes and memories from the Cathedral's rich history.

Cathedral Flower Festival 2 – 5 June, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

A free event which will see the Cathedral transformed by an array of dazzling floral displays themed around Cathedral life.

We want to hear your memories

Do you remember the Cathedral being built? Did you attend the opening ceremony or were you one of thousands who have attended special events throughout the Cathedral's history? Or do you have other memories or photographs of the Cathedral that you would like to share with us? If so, please email jubilee@metcathedral.org.uk and include in the subject line "Cathedral memories".

PRAYER THOUGHT FOR LENT (2)

The Psalms in the Old Testament are prayers and songs which reflect the various moments of life – from joy and praise, to sorrow and lament. There were no books or Mass sheets in the time of Jesus, so people would have learnt the Psalms off by heart as they grew up. This week, why not learn part of the Lenten Psalm (Psalm 50) off by heart – perhaps learning a stanza each day, so that by the end of the week you can pray the whole Psalm by heart.



**Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned:
what is evil in your sight I have done.**

**A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.**

**Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Sunday of Lent A

Weekdays – 1st Week of Lent
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

Monday	Lev 19: 1-2, 11-18 Mt 25: 31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11 Mt 6: 7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10 Lk 11: 29-32
Thursday	Esther 4: 17 Mt 7: 7-12
Friday	Ezek 18: 21-28 Mt 5: 20-26
Saturday	Deut 26: 16-19 Mt 5: 43-48
Sunday	Gen 12: 1-4a 2 Tim 1: 8b - 10 Mt 17: 1-9

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Rite of Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Zack Cartledge, Joseph Taylor, Darcey Brady, Ashton Kavanagh, Jacob Holden, Jack McWilliams, Freddie Maskall, Kevin and Ciara Hargreaves who will be baptised this month.

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

<i>St Benedict's</i>	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
<i>St Mary's</i>	Geoff Barlow, Peppina Vella, Mary Wright, Luciano Bartolo, Harrison Cruikshank (aged 9)
<i>St Oswald's</i>	Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne, Sarah Boardman, James Keenan, Michael Donlan, Fr Charles Canning
<i>Other Parishes</i>	Ged O'Connor, Daniel Davies, John Heywood (aged 9), Jo Busby, Fr Bernard Higham, Sr Carmel CP

Those who have died recently, especially:

<i>St Benedict's</i>	Janet Gwilliam	<i>Archdiocese</i>	Fr James Fanning MHM
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This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For the members of our SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) and those they serve.
- † For those who are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter and will be gathering at the Cathedral this weekend for the Rite of Election.
- † For the Church: that the Holy Spirit will inspire and challenge us to live out our call to be a 'poor Church for the poor'.
- † For persecuted Christians: that they may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church (*Pope Francis*).
- † For the people of South Sudan who are suffering a brutal civil war, resulting in widespread violence, economic breakdown and famine.

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

**"Prayer is the key
that opens
God's merciful heart".**

Feb 28

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

26 Feb. Winner:

No. 171 Mark Atkinson

*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
Wednesday	8.00 pm	Bingo
Thursday	8.15 pm	Ladies Group - Lounge

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		No Drama this week
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

Second Collection Next week: CAFOD

Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 26 February

ST BENEDICT'S	£381.92 (£181.15 Gift Aid)
ST MARY'S	£939.66 (£322.00 Gift Aid + £226.37 Weekday)
ST OSWALD'S	£476.90 (£293.50 Gift Aid), £18.40 Catholic Education Services