

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 19 March 2017

Third 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 19 - 26 March 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 19 March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Harry Collins</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Jimmy Delaney & Ely May O'Donovan</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners & Gelasio Ferrari</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 20 March <i>Solemnity of Joseph, husband of Mary</i>		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 21 March	12.15 pm Mass <i>Margaret (Betty) Lucy</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>A Speedy Recovery</i>
Wednesday 22 March	9.30 am Mass <i>Kitty Dolley</i>	
Thursday 23 March		9.30 am Mass <i>John O'Donovan & Doney Whelton</i> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 24 March	11.45 am Stations of the Cross 12.15 pm Mass <i>Elizabeth Ann Ryan</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	<i>(2.30 pm Class Mass in School with Year 6)</i>
Saturday 25 March <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm First Communion Preparation Mass <i>Anne-Marie Donlan & Tony Johnson</i>
Sunday 26 March <i>4th Sunday of Lent (A)</i> Laetare Sunday	10.30 am First Communion Preparation Mass <i>The Parishioners Rita & Dermott Lappin</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Christopher, Beryl & Max Wordsworth</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

REFUGEE CRISIS

a) 50p Collection

You are invited to bring 50p every time you come to church during Lent. At the end of Lent, this money will be sent to help the many refugees from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan who are living in makeshift camps in Greece.



b) Knitted or Crocheted Squares

The Prayer Group at St Oswald's are appealing for knitted or crocheted squares (c.9") which they will stitch together to make shawls and blankets for those in the refugee camps. If you are able to make a square or two, it would really help. There's a box at the back of church.



C) "Many thanks for the very kind and generous donations of furniture, rugs, lamps and kitchen equipment which have been passed to our three refugee families. The families are all settling in well and your donations have helped to turn their houses into homes." *Diane White, Warrington Borough Council Neighbourhoods Team.*

Why we care...

13.5 million people in Syria need humanitarian assistance due to a violent civil war that began in 2011 - 5 million Syrians are refugees, and 6.3 million are displaced within Syria; half of those affected are children. Most Syrian refugees remain in the Middle East - in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt; contrary to what you might read or hear in the media, **only about 10 percent of the refugees have fled to Europe.**

ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE

The Ecumenical Lent Course continues this Tuesday, 21 March, at 1.30 pm at Padgate Methodist Church. All welcome.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

The series of meetings exploring the Lenten Sunday Gospels continues this Wednesday, 22 March, 7.00 – 8.00 pm, in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's. Refreshments available from 6.30 pm. All welcome.

SVP MEETING

Wednesday 22 March, 7.00 pm, in St Oswald's Parish Centre Lounge.

LENTEN CAFE FOR PARENTS

The second in a three part series entitled, "You, your children and their Catholic Faith", takes place this Wednesday, 22 March, 7.00 – 8.00 pm, in St Oswald's Parish Centre.

FIRST COMMUNION

Fourth Meeting for Children this week:

St Benedict's

Tuesday 21 March, 3.15 – 4.15 pm, in church.

St Oswald's

Thursday 23 March, 3.45 – 4.45 pm in church.

Preparation Masses next weekend:

St Oswald's

Saturday 25 March at 6.00 pm in church.

St Benedict's

Sunday 26 March at 10.30 am in church.



LUNCH CLUB AT ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

Tuesday 21 March 12 noon - 2.30 pm

The Monthly get together for the older members of the community. A light lunch, (tickets are £3.00, next month's tickets available at each event), a little social time, entertainment and bingo with cash prizes.

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group next meet at St Oswald's Parish Centre in the lounge on Thursday 23 March at 8.15 pm for a Lenten Evening. Please bring the remaining balance of £13.00 for the Shirley Valentine Show in June.

LOURDES YOUTH COFFEE MORNING & RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are on sale for the Easter Hampers before and after each Mass up to and including Palm Sunday. The Draw will take place at the Easter Coffee Morning in St Oswald's Parish Centre after the 8.30 am Mass on Palm Sunday.

THANKYOU

The Fairtrade Stall in the market wishes to thank parishioners of St Benedict's and St Oswald's for their recent purchases after Mass a few weeks ago. They managed to sell £120.00 of Fairtrade produce that weekend.



HOLY WEEK 2017

WALK OF WITNESS

This year, during Holy Week, there will be a short Walk of Witness in Warrington town centre on Wednesday 12 April. The idea of the walk is to reflect on the cost of placing our security in armaments by stopping at three places in the town centre with links to past acts of war and violence. So we will meet at 12.00 noon at the Bridefoot War Memorial, walk to the Fountain of Life in Bridge Street, and then to Palmyra Square - named after a city in Syria. Then we could go for a cuppa together! *Fr Dave*

CHRISM MASS

This year's Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday 12 April at 7.30 pm. If you would like a place on the coach going to the celebration, please sign the appropriate sheet at the back of church. Many thanks.

GREEN PLANTS

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening will be followed by 'Watching' at the Altar of Repose, just like the disciples watched with Jesus as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Altar of Repose will be in the Lady Chapel at St Benedict's. We could do with some green plants to decorate the altar. If you could lend a green plant, please sign the appropriate sheet at the back of church and bring your plant to St Benedict's on Palm Sunday (with any instructions for watering, etc). Plants can then be collected on Easter Sunday. Many thanks.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE CATHEDRAL

You will find a brochure at the back of church listing all the events and services which are planned to mark the Golden Jubilee of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral this year.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION

Warrington Choral Society and Orchestra present Bach's St John Passion at 7.30 pm on Saturday 1 April at St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street, Warrington. Conducted by Michael Wynne and first performed on Good Friday 1724, Bach's St John Passion is a testimony to the power of music to transcend time and place. This music still moves us, draws us together through its passion and drama, and provides us with a powerful experience for the start of Passiontide. Tickets: £10, over 65's £7, students and unwaged £5, under 16 free. Available from: www.eventbrite.co.uk

THE JOY OF LOVE

Fr Chris Thomas will offer an introduction to *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on marriage and the family, as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice through the lens of the home, parish, school partnership: Wednesday 20 April at LACE, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm including lunch. There is no charge for the day, but booking is essential: please contact Maureen O'Brien 0151 522 1044 or m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk

PRAYER THOUGHT FOR LENT (4)

Take a moment or two to be quiet in yourself. As you become quiet, gently notice your breathing... As you quieten down, your breathing will slow a little. As it slows, try gently breathing in to the count of 4, holding your breath for a moment, and then gently breathing out to the count of 4. Try this three or four times until you feel calm and relaxed in yourself. Then, very slowly, read the following poem by Edwina Gatreley, a line at a time:

Be silent.

Be still.

Wait before your God.

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be still.

Let your God look upon you.

That is all.

God knows.

God understands.

God loves you with an enormous love.

God only wants to look upon you with love.

Quiet.

Still.

Be.

Let your God love you.

(From 'In God's Womb' by Edwina Gatreley)

CONGRATULATIONS to St Oswald's Catholic Primary School which achieved the top grade 'Outstanding' in its recent Religious Education Section 48 Inspection. Some quotes from the report:

- 'Pupils are outstanding in the way in which they contribute to and benefit from the Catholic life at St Oswald's.'
- 'Pupils have an excellent sense of belonging to the school. Its values and ethos are visibly reflected in the exemplary attitudes and relationships.'
- 'Pupils embrace opportunities to meet their potential in all aspects of school life. They say that they are very proud of their school and are reflective and enquiring.'

VACANCIES

The Archdiocese is seeking to recruit:

- Six Parish Centre Managers at a number of locations across Liverpool and Widnes.
- An Archivist to be based at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool.

See the noticeboard for full details.

WARNING TO CAR OWNERS

Reports have been received from Cheshire Police in Warrington that there has been a sharp increase in the thefts of car keys through letter boxes. Please keep your keys hidden from view if left within your entrance hall. Cars are being stolen this way.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

3rd Sunday of Lent A

Weekdays – 3rd Week of Lent
Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

Monday	2 Sam 7: 4-5a, 12-14 a Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22 Lk 2: 41-51a
Tuesday	Dan 3: 25, 34-43 Mt 18: 21-35
Wednesday	Deut 4: 1, 5-9 Mt 5: 17-19
Thursday	Jer 7: 23-28 Lk 11: 14-23
Friday	Hos 14: 2-10 Mk 12: 28b-34
Saturday	Is 7: 10-14, 8:10 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38
Sunday	1 Sam 16: 1b, 6-7,10-13a Eph 5: 8-14 Jn 9: 1-41 (or 1, 6-9, 13-14, 34-38)

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be baptised this weekend:

St Benedict's Freddie Jung Lung Maskall
St Oswald's Darcey Jane Brady, Zack Walter Cartledge & Joseph Taylor

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, Vera Brindle, George Smith
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

This Week's Prayer Intention

- † For Carly, Jacqueline and all those who will be received into the Church at Easter.
- † For the children preparing for First Communion, and for their parents and families.
- † For the Knights of St Columba and those they serve.
- † For children in care who so often feel unloved, lost or deeply unhappy.
- † That governments and legislators may protect and establish the dignity and equality of women in society.

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.

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

5 March Winner:

No. 117 D Higham

12 March Winner:

No. 54 J McQuillan

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

"Let us pray for one another
so that we may open our
doors to the weak and poor."

14 March

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Parish Newsletter items - please ensure
the office receives them by **Wednesday**
Tel. 630127 or email
stbenedicts.warrington@rcaolp.co.uk

HELP AT HOME

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

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	7.00 pm	SVP Meeting - Lounge
	8.00 pm	Bingo
Thursday	8.18 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
Tuesday	12 noon - 2.30 pm	Lunch Club
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Drama Group
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 12 March

ST BENEDICT'S	£411.81 (£259.75 Gift Aid), CAFOD £327.18, General Donations £84.27, Refugees £188.30 (of which £84.20 raised from the Soup Lunch & £72.20 donated by the Irish Club on Orford Lane)
ST MARY'S	£1259.39 (£527.50 Gift Aid + £303.14 Weekday)
ST OSWALD'S	£568.03 (£282.89 Gift Aid), CAFOD £504.05, Refugees £175.63, Lenten Alms £37.50