

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

Newsletter

Sunday 16 April 2017

Easter Sunday (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 16 - 23 April 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 16 April <i>Easter Sunday (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>	(Sat) 8.00 pm Easter Vigil <i>Ian Whelan & James Robinson</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Samuel Taylor</i> 2.00 pm Polish Mass
Monday 17 April <i>Easter Octave</i>		2.00 pm Polish Mass No Prayer Group <i>(Resumes Monday 24 April at 7.30 pm)</i>
Tuesday 18 April <i>Easter Octave</i>	<i>No Confessions or Mass today</i>	
Wednesday 19 April <i>Easter Octave</i>	<i>No Mass today</i>	
Thursday 20 April <i>Blessed James Bell</i>		7.30 pm Novena
Friday 21 April <i>Easter Octave</i>	<i>No Mass today</i>	
	6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 22 April <i>Easter Octave</i>		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>John Lyons & Cornelius Guiney</i>
Sunday 23 April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter (A)</i> <i>Day of Divine Mercy</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Private Intention</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Sr Carmel</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Weekdays	11.40 am - 12.05 pm	St Mary's Shrine
Tuesday	11.30 am - 12.05 pm	St Benedict's*
Saturday	10.00 am - 11.45 am	St Mary's Shrine*
	5.15 - 5.45 pm	St Oswald's

*With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEBSITES Parish: stmarysandstbenedictswarrington.co.uk
St Mary's: www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk



'He is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.'

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	Confessions	Adoration & Benediction	Holy Rosary
<i>Sunday</i> 11.00 am & 6.00 pm	<i>Everyday</i> 30 minutes before Mass	<i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 12.00 noon	<i>Sunday</i> 5.30 pm
<i>Monday to Saturday</i> 12.10 pm	<i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 11.45 am		<i>Monday to Saturday</i> 11.30 am

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate the Holy Week liturgies on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday night. A special thanks to those who took part in the Washing of the Feet, provided green plants for the Altar of Repose (which can be collected from the Lady Chapel), cleaned the brasses and the churches, and decorated the buildings with the most beautiful Easter Flowers; to the Deacons, the Musicians, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers; to the young people who helped with the Good Friday liturgy, the children who helped on Holy Thursday, and to everyone who helped to make the liturgies so beautiful and prayerful. May the peace of the risen Lord Jesus be with you.

Fr Dave

THIS WEEK

PARISH OFFICE

Please note: The Parish Office and St Benedict's Church will be closed this week while Fr Dave takes a few days off.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNION

Final Meeting for Parents

St Benedict's

Tuesday 25 April, either 3.15 – 4.15 pm in school or 6.00 – 7.00 pm in church.

St Oswald's

Thursday 27 April, either 3.45 – 4.45 pm or 6.00 – 7.00 pm in school.

Please come to the meeting which is most convenient for you.

SPONSORED SLEEP OUT

"Thank you for the help that you gave to the YMCA at Christmas. It really helped to boost both the coffers and morale, as we raised over £50,000 for the year. St Benedict's and St Oswald's played an important role in this. We are having a Sponsored Sleep Out in aid of the Night Shelter on Saturday 29 April. The event will take place overnight in the garden of the Friend's Meeting House and we are aiming to raise £5000 to continue the brilliant work that happens at the shelter. If you are interested in joining us and/or wish to make a donation, please join the Facebook group (Save Warrington YMCA) and register for the event. Many thanks."

PRAYER GUIDANCE

I have invited the team from the Cenacle to lead a workshop on prayer as a possible prelude to Weeks of Guided Prayer later in the year. The workshop will offer an experience of two methods of prayer, with time for questions afterwards. **The workshop will take place on Wednesday 17 May, 1.00 – 3.00 pm, and again on Thursday 18 May, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's.** If any parishioners would prefer an evening workshop, please let me know. Fr Dave

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

All parishioners from the three parishes who have a DBS, and others who are interested, are invited to a Safeguarding Awareness evening in St Benedict's Parish Centre on Wednesday 17 May, 7.00 – 9.00 pm. It has been some years since parishioners have had some input on safeguarding, and I would ask you to make this meeting a priority as part of our commitment to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. The meeting will be led by members of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Department. Fr Dave

FUNERALS

As many of you will have heard, Fr Canning died last weekend. While we are still waiting for confirmation, his Funeral Mass will probably be on Friday 28 April at 11.00 am at St George's, Maghull, where he lived in retirement. There will be a coach going to the Funeral Mass from St Oswald's. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you would like a place on the coach.



Three well known parishioners have also died this week: Marion Naughton, Michael Donlan and Geoff Barlow.

Geoff's Funeral Mass will be at St Mary's Shrine this Friday, 21 April, at 12.10 pm and will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form.

Michael's Funeral Mass will be at St Oswald's on Thursday 27 April at 9.30 am.

Marion's Funeral Mass will be held at St Benedict's on Friday 28 April at 10.00 am.

May they rest in peace and live in Christ.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

We live in a time of uncertainty, events in Syria and the wider Middle East offer only confusion and fear for the future. Political change over the last year, forthcoming elections in Europe and Brexit make us lose direction, and often hope too. We live in a rapidly changing world with events fuelled by rumour and fake news, it can be difficult to establish the truth and to know what is happening. Our lives are turned upside down with the drama of events.

In Holy Week, we remember the events of almost two thousand years ago in Jerusalem. A time of uncertainty, fear of the unknown, confusion and drama. Every bit of human emotion can be found in those days: rumour, betrayal, death, love: and it is love that ultimately triumphs bringing peace, joy and unity.

The disciples, the followers of Jesus, were committed to his message, they listened to him and learned from him, he was the One they had been waiting for, the Messiah, the Saviour: everything was going to be fine, nothing could go wrong...and then. Fickle jeering crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem, then turned against him. Authorities who didn't accept him, tortured him and

made him die the death of a criminal. It was the end of the road for his followers who scattered and fled in their fear.

Things were very dark on that first Good Friday, and yet they were soon to change. Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples found an empty tomb and life was transformed in a way unthinkable just a few days earlier. It is the hope that the resurrection brings which can transform our lives today in a world of uncertainty.



The Easter message gives us something to unify around: hope triumphing from the jaws of despair and defeat. It is the powerful testimony at the heart of our Christian witness, the fulfilment of the promise that God has sent his Son to save the world. This is what lies at the heart of the difference we can make as Christians.

It is a basic truth and hope that the world is crying out for. It is the hope we can offer. This hope that Easter brings is too precious to keep to ourselves, we need to share it, shout it, broadcast it to the world. That Jesus is alive, that He saves us, that He wants to know us and for us to know him.

+Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool

JOB VACANCIES

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

An exciting opportunity is available to join St Gregory's Catholic High School as School Chaplain. St. Gregory's has a strong Catholic ethos and is a community dedicated to working in partnership to create a living and vibrant community in which each member is valued. We believe that there is no better inspiration than the example and teaching of Jesus and we set high aspirations in order to foster the fullest spiritual, academic and personal development of all our pupils. If you are interested in this wonderful vocation, and are a baptised practising Catholic, please visit our website at www.stgregoryshigh.com or call the school on 01925 574888 for more information.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS NEEDED

Want to be part of a friendly team helping couples create healthy marriages? The Archdiocese, in partnership with Marriage Care, are looking for volunteers to train as facilitators and provide engaging, interactive courses, helping couples live out the sacrament of marriage with the practical and spiritual tools they need. For more information, please contact the Co-ordinator for Marriage and Family Life, Maureen O'Brien on 0151 522 1044, or email m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk or take a look at the Marriage Care website www.marriagecare.org.uk

Please also visit the Archdiocesan website

(www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs)

for the following:

- Diocesan Schools Officer (Primary) required from 1 September 2017
- Assistant Building Surveyor (x2)

ST BENEDICT'S EASTER HAMPER

Thank you to all those who supported the Walking Day Fund by purchasing tickets for the raffle of the Easter Hampers. A total of £200.50 was raised. The lucky winners are;

1st Prize: Justine Ledden

2nd Prize: Pat Curley

OLD WARRINGTON' FILM SHOWING (Fundraiser)

A viewing of a film about Old Warrington is to be shown at St Benedict's Parish Centre on Thursday 27 April at 1.00 pm to help raise funds for the restoration of the old Baptism Font at



St Benedict's. Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be available. Tickets are £3.00 each and are available from Brenda

Grindley or Mary Monks after Mass at St Benedict's.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Easter Sunday (A)
Weekdays – Easter Octave
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

Monday	Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Mt 28: 8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2; 36-41 Jn 20: 11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3: 1-10 Lk 24: 13-35
Thursday	Acts 3: 11-26 Lk 24: 35-48
Friday	Acts 4: 1-12 Jn 21: 1-14
Saturday	Acts 4: 13-21 Mk 16: 9-15
Sunday	Acts 2: 42-47 Pt 1: 3-9 Jn 20: 19-31

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



A warm welcome to Carly Stubbins, Jacquie Wharton and Callum Kay who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil last night.

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, Vera Brindle, George Smith, Lol McGann
<i>St Mary's</i>	Peppina Vella, Mary Wright, Harrison Cruikshank (aged 9), Luciano Bartolo,
<i>St Oswald's</i>	Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne, Sarah Boardman, James Keenan
<i>Other Parishes</i>	Ged O'Connor, Daniel Davies, John Heywood (aged 9), Jo Busby, Fr Bernard Higham, Deacon Terence Alcock

Those who have died recently

<i>St Benedict's</i>	Marion Naughton
<i>St Mary's</i>	Geoff Barlow
<i>St Oswald's</i>	Michael Donlan, Fr Charles Canning
<i>Archdiocese</i>	Canon Dick Firth

Prayer for Easter Day

**Father, we have heard the good news: Jesus your Son is risen!
We, who have been buried with him in the waters of Baptism,
have been raised with him to new life and have eaten at his table.
By the power of your Spirit, keep us faithful to our baptismal promises;
make us into a new people and raise us up on the last day
to be with Jesus, your Risen Son,
who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

9 April Winner:

74 Peter Ward

(Subs due now)

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

**“O Cross of Christ,
inspire in us
a desire for God,
for goodness
and for light.”**

9 April

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

ST BENEDICT'S LUNCH CLUB

St Benedict's Parish Centre
Tuesday 18 April 2017
12 noon - 2.30 pm
£3.00

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
Wednesday		No 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 9 April

ST BENEDICT'S	£404.82 (£213.98 Gift Aid), Refugees (50p collection) Total £551.58, CAFOD (East Africa) £131.79
ST MARY'S	£1098.54 (£337.00 Gift Aid + £400.06 Weekday)
ST OSWALD'S	£571.09 (£287.40 Gift Aid), Refugees £66.61, CAFOD £299.82, Lenten Alms £8.00