

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 23 April 2017

Second Sunday of Easter (A)



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 23 - 30 April 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
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>	(Sat) 8.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Sr Carmel</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>John Lyons & Cornelius Guiney</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 24 April <i>Solemnity of St George, Patron of England</i>		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 25 April <i>Feast of St Mark, Evangelist</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Daly Farrington & John Berry</i>	No 9.30 am Mass <i>Funeral of Fr Charles Canning at St George's, Maghull</i>
Wednesday 26 April	9.30 am Mass <i>Rosemary Breslin</i>	
Thursday 27 April		9.30 am Funeral Mass <i>Michael John Donlan</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 28 April	10.00 am Funeral Mass <i>Marion Naughton</i> 12.15 pm Mass <i>Joan Preston</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 29 April <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe</i>		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners & Mona Donnelly</i>
Sunday 30 April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Special Intention (FO)</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>John Henry & Elizabeth Kinney</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



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

THIS WEEK

FR CANNING'S FUNERAL MASS

Fr Canning's Funeral Mass will take place this Tuesday, 25 April, at 11.00 am in St George's Catholic Church, Maghull, where he lived in retirement. The coach will leave St Oswald's promptly at 9.50 am and will depart from Maghull at 12.30/1.00 pm. **Please ensure you have put your name on the list at the back of church if you want a place on the coach.**

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 whichever meeting is most convenient for you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP will be meeting on Tuesday 25 April at 7.00 pm in St Oswald's Parish Centre.

ST BENEDICT'S QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 26 April at 7.30 pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre. Entry £4.50. Test your general knowledge in an evening of family fun with prizes to be won. *Proceeds towards the Restoration of the Baptismal Font*



'OLD WARRINGTON' FILM SHOWING

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 Baptismal 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.

SPONSORED SLEEP OUT

The YMCA 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. 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."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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. **To gauge interest and to see if parishioners would also like an evening workshop, PLEASE sign the list at the back of church TODAY.** Many thanks. *Fr Dave*

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

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*

CHURCHES TOGETHER EXHIBITION

Exhibition of Church Activities in North East Warrington at the Church of the Resurrection and St Bridget, Cinnamon Brow, on Saturday 6 May, 2.00 – 4.00 pm. Come and see what we are all about.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS – MEGA YOUTH POLL

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call.

If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us, we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link.

MUSLIM YOUTH PROTECT CATHOLIC CHURCHES

After the attacks on two churches in Egypt last week, Muslim Jordanian youth launched an initiative to protect churches all over the Kingdom on Easter Sunday, in an act of solidarity, they said. Daesh claimed responsibility for the attacks on two Coptic churches in Egypt's Tanta and Alexandria on Palm Sunday, which killed around 44 and injured more than 100 worshippers, many of whom were children.

Kazem Kharabsheh wrote: "On Sunday, our Christian brothers and sisters will be in churches [performing] religious [rituals], [and] extremists [are] threatening our national security... My Muslim friends and I will be in Balqa Governorate, protecting its churches and people."



Muslims holding hands to protect a Christian Church in Egypt last week.

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Vacancy for School Chaplain

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.

EASTER JOY FOR EVERYDAY LIFE



More than just a day, the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate. Yet sometimes our everyday lives feel so heavy that celebration is not a part of them. Critical illness in the family, loss of a job, disappointment in a relationship and the burdens of everyday life can make it a challenge to feel particularly joyful – even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It's true that Jesus says "Come to me and bring me your burdens" but we usually can't believe it. Maybe we don't want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm's length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life?

We know our own faults and failings so well. Too well. We begin to believe that Jesus loves the way we love – with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, stop drinking, stop nagging, love a little more... when we are perfect, then Jesus will love us.

If we can overcome our fears, the real power of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly, we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus.

Jesus loves us - right now. At this moment, Jesus holds each one of us in his warm and loving gaze and loves us so freely at a depth that our human minds can't take in. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us.

As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder, and see beyond to those in need who now wait for us. That's when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by "being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast."

We are being missioned as Easter People. We find peace in Jesus' love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love. That is where the real joy of Easter waits for us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2nd Sunday of Easter (A)

Weekdays – 2nd Week of Easter

Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Monday	Apoc 12: 10-12 Jn 15: 18-21
Tuesday	1 Pt 5: 5b-14 Mk 16: 15-20
Wednesday	Acts 5: 17-26 Jn 3: 16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3: 31-36
Friday	Acts 5: 34-42 Jn 6: 1-15
Saturday	1 Jn 1: 5–2:2 Mt 11: 25-30
Sunday	Acts 2: 14, 22-33 1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

16 April Winner:

TBC next week

(Subs due now)

POPE FRANCIS' TWEET

During this week of Easter it would do us good every day to read a passage from the Gospel which speaks of the Resurrection of Christ.

18 April

**“What is it you want to change?
Your hair, your face, your body?
Why? For God is in love with all
those things and he might weep
when they are gone.”**

*St Catherine of Siena
(Feast Day 29 April)*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please ensure the Parish Office receives items for the Newsletter by Wednesday at the latest.

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

Contact Lynne Tel. 812266 for bookings

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

The Week Ahead

Sunday	8.30 pm	Cabaret Night
Monday	6.00 pm	No Rainbows Group
	7.45 pm	Bingo
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Drama Group
	7.30 pm	Quiz Night
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 16 April

ST BENEDICT'S

ST MARY'S

ST OSWALD'S

All Collections will be confirmed next week

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who are to be baptised this weekend:

St Oswald's Matthew Edward O'Garra & Sophie Elizabeth O'Garra

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, Thomas Ireland

St Mary's Peppina Vella, Mary Wright, Harrison Cruikshank (aged 9), Luciano Bartolo,

St Oswald's Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne, Sarah Boardman, James Keenan

Other Parishes Ged O'Connor, Daniel Davies, John Heywood (aged 9), Jo Busby, Fr Bernard Higham, Deacon Terence Alcock

Those who have died recently

St Benedict's Marion Naughton

St Oswald's Michael Donlan, Fr Charles Canning

This Week's Prayer Intentions

† For the children preparing to celebrate their First Communion, and for their parents and families.

† For the Polish Community who gather at St Oswald's every Sunday and their priest, Fr Mariusz Gutowski.

† For the children and staff of our schools who will starting their summer term this week.

† For those keeping vigil at the bedside of a loved one who is very poorly.

† For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one who has died.

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.