

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

## Newsletter

Sunday 7 May 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter (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)

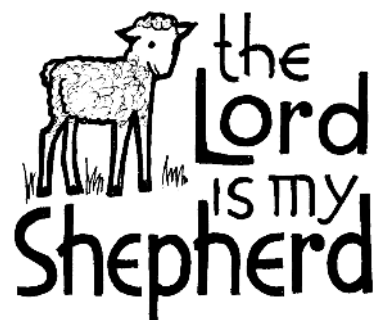
| St Benedict's & St Oswald's<br>Masses & Services 7 - 14 May 2017  |  |  |
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|   | ST BENEDICT'S<br>Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE   | ST OSWALD'S<br>Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB  |
| <b>Sunday 7 May</b><br><i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A)</i><br>World Day of Prayer for<br>Vocations | <b>10.30 am First Communion Mass<br/>(Group 1)</b><br><i>Doris Whittle<br/>Gerard Whittle</i>  | <b>(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b><br><i>Michael Donlan</i><br><b>8.30 am Mass</b><br><i>The Parishioners &amp; Gilbert Cox</i><br><b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b> |
| <b>Monday 8 May</b>   |  | <b>7.30 pm Prayer Group</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 9 May</b>  | <b>12.15 pm Mass</b><br><i>Deceased of the Cooke Family</i><br><b>1.40 pm Funeral Service at Walton Lea</b><br><i>Doreen Webster</i> | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br><i>Vincent Hennessey</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday 10 May</b>   | <b>9.30 am Mass</b><br><i>Edna Matthews</i>  |  |
| <b>Thursday 11 May</b>  |  | <b>9.30 am Funeral Mass</b><br><i>John Anthony Little</i><br><b>7.30 pm Novena</b>   |
| <b>Friday 12 May</b><br><i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>  | <b>12 noon Pastoral Area Mass at St Alban's</b>  |  |
|   | <b>No Meditation today</b>   |  |
| <b>Saturday 13 May</b>  |  | <b>10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition</b><br><b>6.00 pm First Communion Mass<br/>(Group A)</b><br><i>Walter Johnson</i>   |
| <b>Sunday 14 May</b><br><i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A)</i>  | <b>10.30 am First Communion Mass<br/>(Group 2)</b><br><i>The Parishioners &amp; Master Isaac Webster</i>                             | <b>8.30 am Mass</b><br><i>Nadine Davies</i><br><b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>  |

### 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](http://stmarysandstbenedictswarrington.co.uk)  
St Mary's: [www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk)



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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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### LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)

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

### THIS WEEK

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There is a Second Collection at the end of Mass for the Priests Training Fund. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church.

#### FIRST COMMUNION

A very warm welcome to the children who will celebrate their First Communion with us at St Benedict's this weekend: Leo Blackledge, Zac Cavanagh, Ryan Diamond, Jack Fallon, Benjamin Grindley, Thomas Kane, Madeline Kelly, Meghan McCartney, Kamila Majocha, Jack Murphy, Isla Ng, Eve Powell and Olivia Whitlow.

#### ST OSWALD'S PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of St Oswald's Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10 May at 7.00 pm in St Oswald's Parish Centre.

#### FURNITURE FOR REFUGEES

If you can help supply any of the following items, please call the Parish Office. *Items needed immediately:* freezer, bedside cabinets, wardrobes, sideboard. *Other items:* dining room furniture, microwaves, TV, vacuum cleaners. Many thanks.

#### APOLOGIES - NO SOUP LUNCH THIS WEEK

It's been too long since the last Soup Lunch and we know you miss it. So Angela has agreed to hold a Soup Lunch on Tuesday 30 May at St Benedict's to keep you happy. Proceeds will go towards the Font Fund.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### PRAYER GUIDANCE

From time to time, most of us feel the need for a little help with prayer. If you're feeling like that just now, you might appreciate one of the following workshops which will be led by Prayer Guides from The Cenacle: **Wednesday 17 May (1.00 – 3.00 pm)** or **Wednesday 24 May (7.00 – 9.00 pm)**. Both workshops will take place in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's. Refreshments will be served 30 minutes beforehand.

#### SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

All parishioners from the three parishes who have a DBS, and others who are interested, are invited to a Safeguard-

ing 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*

Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility

#### PRAYING WITH PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

A workshop to encourage those caring for or visiting people living with dementia: Tuesday 16 May at 7.30 pm with Fr Chris Thomas at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport PR9 9TJ. For further information or to book a place, please contact: [m.knight@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk) or phone 0151 522 1040/526 8033.

#### "I WILL NOT DESERT YOU"

Fr Chris Thomas will be exploring the Book of Joshua and its relevance to us today: Friday 19 - Sunday 21 May. If you live outside the Liverpool area, we have residential places or you can just come daily if living close by. If you have never been to the Irenaeus Project, we are in a great location, right near the coast. If you look at our website [www.irenaeus.co.uk](http://www.irenaeus.co.uk) you will see more about us. You will find a booking form on the website or email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or phone 0151 949 1199.

#### FACING DEPRESSION TOGETHER

An opportunity to learn about depression from a clinical, personal and pastoral perspective, and how the Church can be a good neighbour to those living with depression and their families. Saturday 20 May at The Centre, Birchwood Park, Warrington WA3 6YN, 10.00 am - 1.30 pm. Lunch provided. This free event is open to anyone who would like to attend. See noticeboard for further details.

#### MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR CANNING

A good number of parishioners weren't able to get to Fr Canning's Funeral Mass last Tuesday, so we will have a Memorial Mass for Fr Canning at St Oswald's on Thursday 25 May at 7.00 pm.

## VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA

All proceeds for the Lourdes Youth Fund 2017

On Saturday 13 May at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre Lounge at St Oswald's, there is to be a



Vintage Afternoon Tea. Tickets are £7.50 pp (with Prosecco), £5.00 pp (without Prosecco) and £3.00 for children. There will be a selection of sandwiches and cakes, scones with jam and cream, etc. Tickets are available before and after the weekend Masses. Reserved tables on request. **Ticket entry only due to restricted seats. For further information, contact Jayne Woodward on 01925 815561.**

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who supported the film showing of 'Old Warrington' at St Benedict's Parish Centre last week. There was a lot of interest and it proved to be a successful event to raise funds for the restoration of the old Font at St Benedict's. A total of £250.00 was raised. Fantastic! Also thank you to Deacon Mike Birchall for arranging the monthly quizzes which, over the years, have provided thousands of pounds for the parish. The Quiz evening raised an additional £77.00. Thank to you all who regularly support the quiz evening.

## PETITIONS FOR LOURDES

Some parishioners will be making a pilgrimage to Lourdes during May. If you would like them to take any petitions to place in the Grotto, please write down your intentions on a piece of paper and place them in an envelope labelled 'Lourdes Petitions'. You can then either give your envelope to Fr Dave or leave it on the table at the back of St Oswald's by 15 May. **Please do not put any money in with your petitions.**

## DIGGING DEEPLY – READING WISELY

Strategies for exploring John's Gospel led by Dr Ian Boxall (Associate Professor of the New Testament at The Catholic University of America) on Saturday 10 June at LACE. Arrivals and registration at 9.30 am. The day will begin at 10.00 am and end at 4.00 pm. Cost £15 per person or £60 per parish group of 5. Lunch and refreshments provided. To reserve a place, please contact: 0151 522 1040 or [formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk)

## ORGAN RECITALS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Bank Holiday **Monday 29 May at 3.00 pm** - James Luxton (Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral). **Friday 16 June at 7.30 pm** - Johann Vexo (Notre-Dame de Paris). **Friday 7 July at 7.30 pm** - Ian Tracey (Liverpool City Organist) *Tickets £5*

## I WISH I KNEW HOW IT WOULD FEEL TO BE FREE

"A healing encounter with the Risen Lord". Thursdays 8, 15 & 22 June at 7.30 pm with Fr Chris Thomas at Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD. For further information or to book a place, please contact: 0151 522 1046/526 8033 or [m.knight@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk)

## THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks from Terry, Mary and Julie and all the family for the very many beautiful cards, Mass cards, expressions of sympathy and generous donations following the sad loss of our cherished Marion. The donations totalled in excess of £1,000 and will be sent to Combat Stress (The Veterans' Mental Health Charity) and St Joseph's Family Centre, Warrington.

The overwhelming love and support shown to us and the extraordinary attendance on Friday held us up on the most difficult of days and helped make Marion's funeral a truly memorable celebration of her long life. Thank you once again.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OFSTED REPORT

A few weeks ago, Ofsted visited St Benedict's Catholic Primary School. This week, we received a letter reporting the findings of the inspection, copies of which are available at the back of church. The report is extremely encouraging.

### A few quotes:

- "St Benedict's Catholic Primary School is a happy school, which is at the heart of the community, striving to enrich the lives of all."
- "Most parents who took part in Ofsted's online questionnaire, Parent View, were positive about the school and all would recommend the school to others."
- "The teaching of mathematics has been a particular strength and often pupils' standards in mathematics are higher than the national average."
- "The areas for improvement mentioned in the last inspection report have been addressed well."
- "The recent improvements made to the outdoor learning area are beginning to have a positive effect on learning, especially for the boys."
- As well as praising the Governors and Staff of the school for their energy, skill and devotion to pupils, the report particularly commends our new Headteacher, Mr Anderson: "You have established a clear vision for the school, building on previous success and strengthening the school further. Your energy, passion and determination to continue to improve the school are tangible. You have instilled clarity of purpose, a renewed energy among staff and high expectations for pupils."

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A)

Weekdays – 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Acts 11: 1-18</b><br><b>Jn 10: 1-10</b>                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Acts 11: 19-26</b><br><b>Jn 10: 22-30</b>                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Acts 12: 24–13: 5a</b><br><b>Jn 12: 44-50</b>               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Acts 13: 13-25</b><br><b>Jn 13: 16-20</b>                   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Acts 13: 26-33</b><br><b>Jn 14: 1-6</b>                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>1 Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17</b><br><b>Jn 2: 13-22</b>              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Acts 6: 1-7</b><br><b>1 Pt 2: 4-9</b><br><b>Jn 14: 1-12</b> |

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



### Rite of Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Joshua Giblin, Isla Theresa Rowe, Liana Jade Jackson and Lucy Jones who will be baptised in the coming weeks.

### Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

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| <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, Thomas Ireland |
| <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, especially:

|                      |                     |                 |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <i>St Benedict's</i> | Doreen Webster      | Anthony Forrest |
| <i>St Oswald's</i>   | John Anthony Little |                 |



### This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For the children who will be celebrating their First Communion with us this weekend, and for their parents and families.
- † For all the children who will be taking their SATs this week.
- † For vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.
- † That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace (*Pope Francis*).
- † That all who work may earn a just wage and be treated with dignity.

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](mailto:frdave@rcaolp.co.uk) or give him a note of their name and phone number. Many thanks.

## ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

Winner

30 April

No 45 Vera Brindle

## POPE FRANCIS' TWEET

The presence of Jesus  
can be communicated  
through our lives and the  
language of gratuitous and  
concrete love.

29 April

## ANNUAL MASS FOR HEALING

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Friday 26 May 2017

Starting at 7.00 pm.

Celebrant: Bishop Tom Williams

All Welcome

## 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](mailto:stbenedicts.warrington@rcaolp.co.uk)

## ST OSWALD'S PARISH CENTRE

### The Week Ahead

|                  |                |                     |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>9.00 pm</b> | Quiz – Concert Room |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>2.00 pm</b> | Sequence Dancing    |
|                  | <b>7.30 pm</b> | Line Dancing        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>8.00 pm</b> | Bingo               |

Contact Lynne Tel. 812266 for bookings

## ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

### The Week Ahead

|                  |                |                |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>8.30 pm</b> | Cabaret Night  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>6.00 pm</b> | Rainbows Group |
|                  | <b>7.45 pm</b> | Bingo          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>7.00 pm</b> | Drama Group    |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>7.30 pm</b> | Line Dancing   |

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

## Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 30 April

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|----------------------|---|
| <b>ST BENEDICT'S</b> | £429.79 (£204.27 Gift Aid), CAFOD £10.00<br>Font Restoration £327.00 (Inc. Film show £250.00 & Quiz £77.00) |
| <b>ST MARY'S</b>     | To be confirmed next week   |
| <b>ST OSWALD'S</b>   | £503.29 (£270.50 Gift Aid), Holy Places £379.16   |

**SECOND COLLECTION  
TODAY  
PRIEST TRAINING FUND  
Gift Aid Envelopes available**