

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 14 May 2017

Fifth 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)

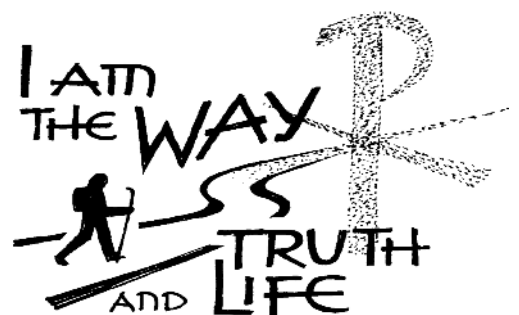
St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 14 - 21 May 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 14 May <i>5th Sunday of Easter (A)</i>	10.30 am First Communion Mass (Group 2) <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Master Isaac Webster</i>	6.00 pm First Communion Mass (Group A) <i>Walter Johnson</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Nadine Davies</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 15 May		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 16 May	12.15 pm Mass <i>George & Whittle Gelling</i> <i>(2.15 pm May Procession at School)</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Michael Donlan</i>
Wednesday 17 May	9.30 am Funeral Mass <i>Anthony Forrest</i>	
Thursday 18 May		9.30 am Mass <i>Sr Carmel</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 19 May	12.15 pm Mass <i>Ron Monks</i> No Meditation (Resumes - 26 May)	
Saturday 20 May		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm First Communion Mass (Group B) <i>The Parishioners</i>
Sunday 21 May <i>6th Sunday of Easter (A)</i>	10.30 am First Communion Mass (Group 3) <i>Marion & Patrick Naughton</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>The Holt Family</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 <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

FIRST COMMUNION

A very warm welcome to the children who will celebrate their First Communion with us this weekend:

St Oswald's – Hannah Beesley, Emily Bradshaw, Joseph Burton, Poppy Cullen, William Cullen, Eliza Dohoney, Callum Grady, Charles Groarke, Eva O'Brien, Neve Oakes, Jasmine Pilling, Milly Potter, Amelia Shotton, Imogen Wharton, Nia Wharton and Jacob Saunders.

St Benedict's – Hannah Bond, Maciej Fligiel, Francesca Hindle, Jayden Illidge, Weronika Klimkiewicz, Robert Machnio, Dominic Rush, Natalia Rush, Szymon Olewinski and Faye Morris.

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.**

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.

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: **this 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 Safeguarding Awareness evening in St Benedict's Parish Centre **this**

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.

**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 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 you will see more about us. You will find a booking form on the website or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phone 0151 949 1199.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

LUNCH CLUB AT ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

This Tuesday from 12 noon to 2.30 pm, a get together for our older parishioners and friends. The Lunch Club provides an opportunity for you to get out of the house and see a friendly face or two over a light lunch, tea & coffee. Bingo and entertainment are provided too. Tickets for next month's Lunch Club will be available at this event at £3.00 per ticket.

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group will be meeting on Thursday 18 May at 8.15 pm in the Parish Centre lounge at St Oswald's. There will be a film showing of Old Warrington with Graham Brinksmann as narrator.

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*

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

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

MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday 20 May in Birmingham. Coach departing from St Mary's Shrine for joyous march through the heart of Birmingham. For further information contact Peter Boyle on p.boyle400@btinternet.com or 07941 169870. See www.marchforlife.co.uk

GOVERNORS REQUIRED AT CARMEL COLLEGE

Carmel College is a Catholic 6th Form College which welcomes students of all faith backgrounds. The role of Foundation Governors is to assist the Bishop, by sustaining and developing the Catholic ethos and nature of the College. The Governing Body will consider all applications.

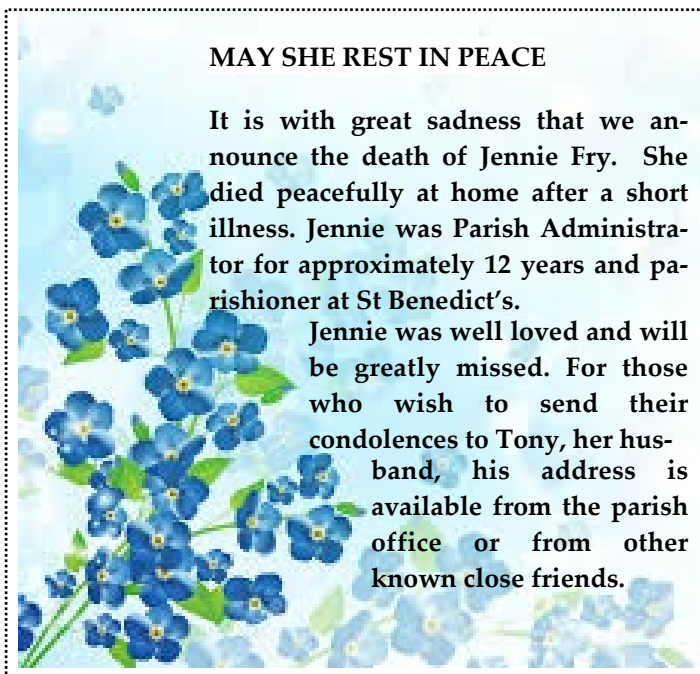
For further information please contact Catherine Shaw, Clerk to the Governors on tel. 01744 452200 or by email at catherines@carmel.ac.uk or by writing to: Carmel College, Prescott Road, St Helens, Merseyside. WA10 3AG (All positions are subject to Enhanced Disclosure Clearance through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Jennie Fry. She died peacefully at home after a short illness. Jennie was Parish Administrator for approximately 12 years and parishioner at St Benedict's.

Jennie was well loved and will be greatly missed. For those who wish to send their condolences to Tony, her husband, his address is available from the parish office or from other known close friends.



CONGRATULATIONS TO CANON CHRISTOPHER CUNNINGHAM who celebrates his Golden Jubilee as a priest this week



HIDDEN TREASURE

The prayer of silence and stillness is widely promoted as a cure for modern life's frenzy. And it may be that this is what first draws us to it. But as we grow to love this form of prayer, it is not for its side effects that we persevere. After a time we come to this prayer with only one desire – to come into the presence of the living God. We seek our still centre not to find inner peace for its own sake, but to find God.

We let go of ideas about what we are supposed to achieve. We rest in the Lord, stay quiet, so that we can be in his presence without seeking anything. We lay down our burdens, our problems. We let go, and let God carry us. At first this does not seem anything like prayer. Yet we are prepared to go along with it. We find after a time that we no longer seek God's gifts, his graces, no longer ask for anything, or expect anything. We leave self behind.

Our relationship with God changes, from wanting things from him to simply being with him, with no other motive.

Benignus O'Rourke in 'Finding Your Hidden Treasure' (Darton, Longman & Todd, 2010)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

5th Sunday of Easter (A)

Weekdays – 5th Week of Easter
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

Monday	Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 14: 27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8
Thursday	Acts 15: 7-21 Jn 15: 9-11
Friday	Acts 15: 22-31 Jn 15: 12-17
Saturday	Acts 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21
Sunday	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3: 15-18 Jn 14: 15-21

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

Winner

7 May

No 117 D Higham

POPE FRANCIS' TWEET

Everyone has something to give to society; no one is excluded from contributing to the good of all.

9 May

ANNUAL MASS FOR HEALING

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Friday 26 May 2017

Starting at 7.00 pm.

Celebrant: Bishop Tom Williams

All Welcome

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
Tuesday	12 - 2.30 pm	Lunch Club
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Safeguarding Refresher Training
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



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, Thomas Ireland, Peppina Vella, Mary Wright, Harrison Cruikshank (aged 9), Luciano Bartolo
<i>St Mary's</i>	
<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>	Anthony Forrest, Jennie Fry
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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 Canon Christopher Cunningham who will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee as a priest this week.

† For those who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by Archbishop Malcolm at St Mary's Shrine next Saturday afternoon.

† May the Lord give us priests enamored of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love (*Pope Francis*).

† For those suffering in our communities because of abuse, neglect or mental health issues.

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.

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

Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 7 May

ST BENEDICT'S £568.36 (£231.66 Gift Aid), CAFOD £20.00, Priest Training Fund £121.89
Poor Box from Sunday Coffees since Jan 2017 £268.00

ST MARY'S 30 April £926.29 (£400 GA + £254.10 Weekdays), 7 May £1,184.42 (£449.40 GA + £309.12 Weekdays)

ST OSWALD'S £520.37 (£283.80 Gift Aid), Priest Training Fund £260.12