

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 28 May 2017

The Ascension of the Lord (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 28 May - 4 June 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 28 May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (A)</i> World Communications Day	10.30 am Mass <i>Norbert Balmer</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Canon Christopher Cunningham</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 29 May		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 30 May	12.15 pm Mass <i>Charles & Catherine Eason</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Victims of the Manchester Bombing</i>
Wednesday 31 May <i>Feast of the Visitation of Mary</i>	7.00 pm Baptism Mass <i>Katy Eyres</i>	
Thursday 1 June <i>St Justin Martyr</i>		9.30 am Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 2 June	12.15 pm Mass <i>Teresa Unsworth</i> 7.00 pm Ecumenical Stations of the Resurrection	
Saturday 3 June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>		10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Vincent Hennessey</i>
Sunday 4 June <i>Pentecost Sunday (A)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Jennie Fry</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</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

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Today, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, is World Communications Day. It reflects Christ's mandate that we should "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news". On this day, we are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of communications.

There will be a **Second Collection** as you leave church to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network. The CCN is the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It seeks to support the Bishops in their role as teachers both of the Catholic community and the wider world. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image, online and offline. In addition to this, the CCN works on carefully selected proactive campaigns to promote the Catholic Faith in public life.

THY KINGDOM COME

Praying the Pentecost Novena

Join Catholics throughout England and Wales who are praying the Pentecost Novena for the faith of their loved ones to be stirred by the Holy Spirit. To download a Pentecost Novena booklet or the podcasts, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/pentecost-novena or scan the QR code with your phone.

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

Orford Churches Together have tended to mark the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the week leading up to the Feast of Pentecost. This year, the churches are invited to come together to ponder the Stations of the Resurrection at St Benedict's this coming Friday, 2 June, at 7.00 pm, and then to share some cheese and wine. All are welcome.

WHITE GARMENTS

Thank you so much to the team of ladies who have been making the new Baptismal Garments for children who are baptised at St Benedict's and St Oswald's – and particularly for the rush order I put in before Easter to make an extra 60 for the children celebrating their First Communion. I can't thank you enough! *Fr Dave*

FAIRTRADE STALL

There will be a Fairtrade Stall at the back of church next weekend. Many thanks to Irene Casey and Mary Hallam for this. Can I repeat my invitation to all parish groups to use Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar for all parish meetings and events (once present stocks are used up). You can obtain supplies either free from the Parish Office at St Benedict's, or purchase them from the Fairtrade Stall at the back of church, the market in town or from local supermarkets. Many thanks. *Fr Dave*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NIGHT OF MERCY

A night of Adoration and Praise and Worship
Wednesday 7th June, 7.00 – 8.00 pm,
at St Bridget's, Cinnamon Brow



CATHEDRAL FLOWER FESTIVAL

2 – 5 June, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee weekend, the iconic interior of the Metropolitan Cathedral will be transformed by a dazzling array of floral displays themed around Cathedral life. Join us for a glorious day out, and enjoy homemade refreshments in the Gibberd Room while viewing over 20 displays designed by award winning florists from across the region. Entrance is free and all are welcome to attend.

PENTECOST JUBILEE MASS

Sunday 4 June at 11.00 am

The Solemn Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving, which takes place on the Feast of Pentecost, will officially mark 50 years of the Metropolitan Cathedral. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, and Crosby-born Cardinal Vincent Nichols. All are most welcome to attend.

Full details of all the events marking the Golden Jubilee of the Cathedral can be found at the Cathedral's website:
www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Are you a boy in Years 2 or 4 or a girl in Year 5? Do you enjoy singing and working hard in a team? If so, you are invited to come and meet the choristers at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and sing in the largest Catholic Church in the country for a day! We are holding 'Be a Chorister for a Day' events for BOYS on Sunday 18 June and GIRLS on Sunday 25 June, 10.30 am – 4.00 pm. Come and find out more about being a chorister and have fun playing, singing, eating and exploring. Application forms and further information are available on the Cathedral website or by contacting the music office: music@metcathedral.org.uk or 0151 708 7283. Places are limited on a first come, first served basis.

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



St Joseph's Family Centre, Warrington, is seeking to appoint a full-time Centre Manager. The Centre offers a counselling service for children and adults, is an accredited child contact centre and provides a welfare service. Applicants should ideally have experience in mental health services or social care fields allied to proven operational management experience. Salary in the range of £34,000 to £39,000 per annum. For an application pack, please call 01925 635448, email contact@sjfc.org.uk or visit www.saintjosephsfamilycentre.org.uk **The closing date for applications is 8 June 2017.**

RESPONDING TO NEWS ABOUT THE CHURCH

How we respond to the media: increased confidence explaining and defending the faith in the public arena. Tuesday 20 June, 6.30 – 9.00 pm, at St Matthew's, Queens Drive, Clubmoor, Liverpool L13 9DL. Led by Fr Conor Stainton-Polland. Cost: £10. Open to all.



Pope Francis sent a telegram expressing condolences to the victims of Monday night's bombing of Manchester Arena:

"His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and tragic loss of life caused by the barbaric attack in Manchester, and he expresses his heartfelt solidarity with all those affected by this senseless act of violence. He commends the generous efforts of the emergency and security personnel, and offers the assurance of his prayers for the injured, and for all who have died. Mindful in a particular way of those children and young people who have lost their lives, and of their grieving families, Pope Francis invokes God's blessings of peace, healing and strength upon the nation."

Bishop John Arnold, the Bishop of Salford, issued the following statement:

"The citizens of Manchester and the members of the Catholic community are united in condemning the attack on the crowds at the Manchester Arena. Such an attack can have no justification. I thank the emergency services for their prompt and speedy response which saved lives. We join in prayer for all those who have died and for the injured and their families and all affected by this tragedy. We must all commit ourselves to working together, in every way, to help the victims and their families and to build and strengthen our community solidarity."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the five other presidents of Churches Together in England issued this statement:

"Our thoughts and prayers are with all those bereaved and injured by the cruel, senseless terrorist attack in Manchester. May God grant them strength and courage. Our faith teaches us that even the worst of evils can never defeat love, so we pray that the people of Manchester, of all faiths and none, will discover a renewed unity as they respond to this atrocity with compassion, dignity and hope."

**God of compassion,
you hear the cries of all who are in distress.
Hear our prayers for those whose lives
have been affected by the bombing in Manchester.
We pray especially for those suddenly facing a future
without a child, parent or loved one,
young ones who are in deep distress,
and those who are injured and traumatized.
Strengthen them in their hour of need,
grant them perseverance
and courage to face the future,
and be to them a firm foundation
on which to build their lives.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

(Adapted from the Church of England)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Ascension of the Lord (A)
Weekdays – 7th Week of Easter
Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

Monday	Acts 19: 1-8 Jn 16: 29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20: 17-27 Jn 17: 1-11
Wednesday	Zeph 3: 14-18 Lk 1: 39-56
Thursday	Acts 22:30, 23: 6-11 Jn 17: 20-26
Friday	Acts 25: 13b-21 Jn 21: 15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Jn 21: 20-25
Sunday	Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor 12: 3-13 Jn 20: 19-23

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be baptised this weekend:

St Benedict's Liana Jade Jackson
St Oswald's Joshua Giblin

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, Vera Brindle, George Smith, Thomas Ireland, Michael Mullen
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

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Benedict's Jennie Fry & Dorothy McCarthy

Prayer for World Communications Day

O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

Winner:

21 May

No. 133 Pat Curley

Novena Prayer for Pentecost

Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service: that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord. 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.

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 on 812266 for bookings

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

The Week Ahead

Sunday	8.30 pm	Cabaret Night
Monday	7.45 pm	Bingo
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Fundraising Quiz Night
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

Contact Steve on 633920 after 7.00 pm for bookings

Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 21 May

ST BENEDICT'S

ST MARY'S

ST OSWALD'S

*Details of last week's collections
will be printed in next week's
Newsletter*

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

World Communications Day