

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Newsletter

Sunday 23 July 2017

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (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 July 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 23 July</b> <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time(A)</i>	<b>10.30 am Baptism Mass</b> <i>Alma Finn</i>	<b>(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Anne Williams</i> <b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 24 July</b>		<b>7.30 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 July</b> <i>Feast of St James, Apostle</i>	<b>No Confessions Today</b> <b>12.45 pm Funeral Mass</b> <i>Joan Yates</i>	<b>No Mass Today</b>
<b>Wednesday 26 July</b> <i>Saints Joachim &amp; Anne</i>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
<b>Thursday 27 July</b>		<b>No Mass Today</b> <b>7.30 pm Novena</b>
<b>Friday 28 July</b>	<b>No Mass or Meditation Today</b>	
<b>Saturday 29 July</b> <i>St Martha</i>		<b>10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Gary Townsend</i>
<b>Sunday 30 July</b> <i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time(A)</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>Fola</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners</i> <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> 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

#### ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This weekend, we will join the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in prayer with special Masses in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Lord,  
**help us to be united in prayer  
with our pilgrims  
who have travelled to Lourdes  
in answer to Mary's call to Bernadette.**

**We pray that during these special days  
all of us may be drawn closer to you,  
through the prayers of your Blessed Mother.  
Bless us dear Lady with blessings from heaven;  
and to our petition let answer be given.**

*Our Lady of Lourdes: pray for us.*

*St. Bernadette: pray for us.*

If you would like to join the pilgrims in prayer each day during the pilgrimage, there are copies of a Novena at the back of church.

#### PARISH OFFICE

*Please note:* This week, the Parish Office will only be open on Wednesday and Thursday, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

#### ST BENEDICT'S QUIZ NIGHT

**Wednesday 26 July, 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Rhodes Street.** Come enjoy an evening of family fun, light hearted quiz and a game of bingo. All funds go to the Bell & Font Restoration Fund. Entry to the Quiz £4.00 each.

#### ST OSWALD'S CAR PARK

*Please note:* On Thursday 27 July, Padgate Methodist Church will be using St Oswald's Car Park, 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm, to accommodate cars attending a large funeral at their church.

#### SUPPORTING THOSE WITH DEPRESSION

Interested in mental well being and a good listener? PeerTalk is looking for volunteers to help run a peer support group for people living with depression in Warrington. There is a Training Day next Saturday, 29 July, at the Intact Centre, 49 Whitby Avenue, Preston PR2 3YP, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. More details at: [www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer](http://www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer) or contact [rosa@peertalk.org.uk](mailto:rosa@peertalk.org.uk)

### TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS

I am very grateful to the ladies who provide tea and coffee after the 10.30 am Mass at St Benedict's each Sunday. It's great that we can spend a little time socially together over a cuppa after Mass. However, having done this for many years, the ladies are feeling the need for some help. Could we perhaps get a rota together – say two people each week? If we have enough volunteers, it would only mean helping once a month. If you could help, please let Joan Mason or Cath Bradshaw know after Mass. Many thanks. *Fr Dave*

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### STRAWBERRY FAIR AT ST BENEDICT'S Sunday 6 August in the Priory garden.



The entrance fee is £2.50 (includes strawberries and cream/ gateau or scone and tea/coffee). There will be a raffle, fresh fruit & veg stall with produce from local farms, stalls for the kids too and more. The event is pay on the door only.



#### AFTERNOON TEA

An Afternoon Tea will be held in aid of the 'The Children of Kenya' at St Benedict's Parish Centre on Tuesday 15 August, 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Tickets £3.00 & £1.00 children.

Parents & Grandparents: There'll be a children's bring & buy stall and tombola, as well as cakes and other refreshments, so do bring the children along. Tickets will be available soon from Brenda Grindley or Mary Monks.



#### BUILDINGS UPDATE

In April, I met with the Archdiocesan Building Surveyor to look at works that need to be undertaken to the church buildings.

#### St Benedict's

a) Following an electrical condition report in November 2016, it was revealed that a considerable amount of work was required to the electrical installation in both the church and the priory, totalling just over £7K. While this is a huge sum of money (the equivalent of about 17 Sunday collections!), the work is necessary and so we will budget accordingly. Having sought tenders and approval from the Archdiocese to undertake the work, the electricians arrived this week to begin the work which will take much of the summer.

b) Having raised just over £5K to restore the Grotto, an architect has now been appointed to illustrate how the restoration might look. I hope to present some sketches to parishioners in September.

c) The boiler in the priory came to the end of its life in February and has now been replaced by a new boiler, which is much more efficient and should see a significant reduction in heating costs. The heating in the church is old and no longer as efficient as perhaps it once was. I think this will need attention in the near future.

d) Remedial works identified included some re-pointing to the brick work, a drainage survey (which has just been completed), and water ingress in the sacristy and the Holy Family chapel.

### **St Oswald's**

a) Following an electrical condition report in November 2016, it was revealed that some work was required to the electrical installation in both the church and the presbytery, totalling just over £1.5K. This work has now been completed.

b) I have been concerned at the lack of hand rails at both the entrance of the church and at the side entrance which has disabled access. Tenders are currently being sought to rectify this situation.

c) A number of potholes are developing in the car park. It is hoped that these will be filled in during late summer/early Autumn.

d) The big problem at St Oswald's is the water ingress in the church. Previous attempts to rectify this problem have not been successful. During the autumn, the roof and the walls of the church will be examined by specialists. A trial repair on part of the roof will then be undertaken. If this is successful, we will know whether or not we've solved the problem. If the trial repair is successful, it is hoped to repair the rest of the roof and the walls of the church.

*Fr Dave*

### **ANNUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

The eighty-seventh annual Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes began on Friday. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP is leading the pilgrimage of over 1,300 pilgrims, accompanied by Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly. The theme of this year's pilgrimage is 'The Almighty has done great things for me'.

475 young people are taking part in the pilgrimage from Knowsley, Leyland, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton, Warrington, Widnes and Wigan. While in Lourdes, the young pilgrims get up as early as 4.30 am to work in the hospital, while others follow them down in order to push the pilgrims in wheelchairs to the different places of devotion and to Mass.

A highlight of the pilgrimage at 8.30 am today (Sunday) when Mass will be celebrated in the Grotto, the holiest place in Lourdes, where it is believed that Mary appeared to St Bernadette on eighteen occasions in 1858.

Sunday afternoon and evening will see a Eucharistic Procession and a Service of Reconciliation.



On Monday 24 July, Mass will be celebrated in the Rosary Basilica and pilgrims will join in the traditional Torchlight Procession at 9.00 pm. On Tuesday 25 July, pilgrims will take part in the Stations of the Cross during the morning before Mass in St Bernadette's church in the afternoon. On Wednesday 26 July, the pilgrims will join the International Celebration of Mass in the St Pius X Basilica. In the afternoon, Mass will be celebrated at Bartres and, in the evening, there will

be a Holy Hour in St Bernadette's church. On Thursday 27 July, they return to the St Pius X Basilica for the Mass of Anointing of the Sick and in the afternoon the Esplandade Altar will be the setting for a Farewell Service. The pilgrims will return to Liverpool on Friday 28 July.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP**

The precarious political situation in our country and perhaps even in the world has been ascribed to the lack of leadership at this time. It is hard for us to see who are the strong leaders in the world. Without leaders we are like "sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9: 36). Of course, others would say that strong leadership is not always the answer and the way forward lies in policies and ideas. That is an old debate about how our society develops.

However, in these uncertain times, Christians should not be afraid to bring their brand of leadership to the fore. Jesus was emphatic when he taught his disciples: the kings of the gentiles lord it over their subjects, but not so you (Matthew 20: 25-28). Leadership must always be based on service to each other and not on power and the accumulation of wealth. A Christian leader is one who reaches out to others and offers the hand of friendship, who seeks to help and support, and in so doing builds and discovers a true sense of community based on our common humanity.

These two principles – subsidiarity and solidarity – are at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching. Now is not the time for Christians to step back from leadership in public life but rather it is the moment for us to share our wisdom with those who do not know the Lord or his teaching.

The victims of terrorism in Manchester and London, and those who died in or survived the horror of the Grenfell Tower fire, are uppermost in my mind. My prayer is that we will discover a sense of community out of these tragedies that will promise a better future based not on blame but on loving service of our neighbours.

**+Malcolm McMahon, OP**  
**Archbishop of Liverpool**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)  
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 16  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

Monday	Ex 14: 5-18 Mt 12: 38-42
Tuesday	2 Cor 4: 7-15 Mt 20: 20-28
Wednesday	Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15 Mt 13: 1-9
Thursday	Ex 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13: 10-17
Friday	Ex 20: 1-17 Mt 13: 18-23
Saturday	1 Jn 4: L 7-16 Jn 11: 19-27 (or Lk 10: 38-42)
Sunday	Kgs 3: 5, 7-12 Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13: 44-52 (or 44-46)

**ST BENEDICT'S  
200 CLUB  
16 July Winner:  
To be confirmed**

## POPE FRANCIS' TWEET

**“We must overcome all forms  
of racism,  
of intolerance  
and of the instrumentalization  
of the human person.”  
18 July**

## 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	Rainbows Group
	7.45 pm	Bingo
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Drama Group - Rainbow Room
	7.30 pm	Fundraising Quiz Night
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

### Those who will be baptised this weekend:

*St Benedict's* Harriet Aschcroft-Burgess & Luca Alexander Rigby  
*St Oswald's* Sienna Jones

### 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, Thomas Ireland, Michael Mullin, Matilde Valentine, Harrison Cruikshank (aged 9), Luciano Bartolo, Dorothy Parry  
*St Mary's* Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne, Sarah Boardman, Sophie Jones, Sam Johnstone  
*St Oswald's* Ged O'Connor, Daniel Davies, John Heywood (aged 9), Jo Busby, Fr Tom Kennedy, Fr Ron McGivern, Fr Michael Gaine, Grace Fernandapolle (aged 15)

### Those who have died recently:

*St Benedict's* Joan Yates *St Mary's* Mary Wright  
*St Oswald's* Henry Harrison *Archdiocese* Fr Pat Harnett

### This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For the millions of people suffering famine in East Africa and for those trying to help them.
- † For our Christian sisters and brothers in Nigeria who've had their churches desecrated, their loved ones slaughtered, and their children kidnapped or forced into suicide missions.
- † For Archbishop Malcolm, Archbishop Patrick, Deacon Tony, the young people from St Oswald's and all those from the Archdiocese who are in Lourdes this week.
- † For the elderly and the sick who, in the summer months, are often more alone and can be in difficulty (*Pope Francis*).
- † For those going away on holiday – may they have a safe journey and a good rest.

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.



## 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)

## Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 16 July

**ST BENEDICT'S** £351.49 (£180.26 Gift Aid), £16.51 Poor Box from Coffees

**ST MARY'S** To be confirmed

**ST OSWALD'S** £621.73 (£326.26 Gift Aid), £36 Apostleship of the Sea (late entries)