

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

## Newsletter

Sunday 10 September 2017

*Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (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 Masses & Services 10 - 17 September 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 10 September</b> <i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i> Education Sunday	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners</i>	<b>(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Victims of the Floods</i> <b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Peter &amp; Mary Pittilla</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 11 September</b>		<b>7.30 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 12 September</b>	<b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Private Intention (DPH)</i>	<b>9.30 am School Welcome Mass</b> <i>Andy Banks</i>
<b>Wednesday 13 September</b> <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Charles Eason</i>	
<b>Thursday 14 September</b> <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	<b>1.00 pm Funeral Service</b> <i>(Winifred Teresa Chadwick)</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Elsie Rafferty</i> <b>7.30 pm Novena</b>
<b>Friday 15 September</b> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Pope Francis</i> <b>6.45 pm Meditation</b>	<b>2.00 pm Mass at Ryfields</b>
<b>Saturday 16 September</b> <i>Saints Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>		<b>10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>1.00 pm Wedding Service</b> <i>(Gemma Thompson &amp; Stephen Corrie)</i> <b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Phil Taylor</i>
<b>Sunday 17 September</b> <i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i> Home Mission Sunday	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>Margaret Perry</i> <b>2.00 pm Blessing of Animals</b>	<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)



## St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NS

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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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

<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Sunday</i> 11.00 am & 6.00 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 12.10 pm	<b>Confessions</b> <i>Everyday</i> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 11.45 am	<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 12.00 noon	<b>Holy Rosary</b> <i>Sunday</i> 5.30 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 11.30 am
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### EDUCATION SUNDAY

Today is 'Education Sunday' when we pray especially for our Catholic Schools. Did you know... the Catholic Church is the second largest provider of education in England? We have 2230 schools educating 852,321 pupils, we employ 50,353 teachers, we have the most ethnically diverse schools in the country, as well as 4 universities educating 17,000 students! There will be a **Second Collection** after Mass today to support the excellent work of our Catholic schools and the diocesan education services which support them.

### HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is 'Home Mission Sunday' when we pray for the spread of the Gospel in our own country. There will be a Second Collection to help fund the Home Mission Office, the Catholic Faith Centre and the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

### SOUP LUNCH

The Soup Lunch takes place this Tuesday, 1 pm in the Sacristy at St Benedict's. Home-made soup and a traditional pudding for only £2.50. Orders for takeaways to 01925 630127 by 11am on Tuesday, please. Proceeds go towards the Bell / Font Fund.

### BLESSING OF ANIMALS

You are invited to bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to a **Service of Blessing and Prayers for Animals** at St Benedict's next Sunday, 17 September, at 2.00 pm. The service will be led by Fr Dave and the Rev Mavis McDonnell (from St Ann's, Orford). If your pet has died, you might like to bring their name on a card or a photo so that we can display them and remember them. The service will be followed by refreshments. PLEASE ensure your pet is safe (i.e. in a carrier or on a lead). All are welcome.



### BEING A CATECHIST

*An Introduction to the Ministry of Catechesis*

This training course is for new catechists and those wanting an opportunity to refresh and/or reflect on their ministry. Mondays 18 & 25 September at LACE **or** Mondays 9 & 16 October at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Wroughton, 7.15 – 9.00 pm. See brochures at the back of church. To book a place, please contact the Parish Office (630127).

### MASS OF ANOINTING

There will be a Mass of Anointing of the Sick for parishioners of St Benedict's, St Mary's and St Oswald's on Sunday 24 September at 2.00 pm in St Benedict's Church, followed by refreshments in St Benedict's Parish Centre. *Please note:* this Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation.

#### What is the Sacrament of the Sick?

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is no longer the Last Rites! Through the apostle James, Jesus commanded us: "Are there any sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them" (cf. James 5: 14-16).

#### Who is the Sacrament for?

The sacrament is for those "whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age". In addition, "a sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament" (cf. *Introduction to the Pastoral Care of the Sick*, paragraphs 8-12). I also think the sacrament is appropriate for those suffering with mental health issues (e.g. depression, dementia, etc), those with ongoing medical conditions, those trying to overcome addiction, and those suffering disability or trauma. If you are unsure, please have a word with me.

#### Sign Up!

At the back of each church, there are two sign-up sheets: † Please indicate if you wish to be anointed and/or if you will be staying for refreshments by putting your name or initials on the GREEN sheet.

† If you need transport to the Mass, please complete the PINK sheet.

*Eucharistic Ministers and other Parish Visitors:* PLEASE invite those you visit and sign the appropriate sheet(s) on their behalf. Many thanks. *Fr Dave*

## CREATION TIME (1 September – 4 October)

### Week 2 – ‘See - Judge - Act’

Kapil Shah works for an organisation in Maharashtra, India called Jatan: Mission for Organic Farming. Kapil says that at the start farmers were happy with the introduction of Monsanto’s GM cotton. Good weather conditions and a high global price for cotton made it profitable for farmers to grow. So, many farmers stopped growing vegetables and other crops to just focus on cotton. After almost 8 years of growing GM cotton, farmers started to experience serious problems.



He says pesticide use had increased to the same level, or even more, than before the introduction of Monsanto’s cotton. Pests have become more aggressive than they were before, with some even becoming resistant to pesticides, meaning that farmers are buying even more. Crops are becoming susceptible to diseases that previously were not a problem. Soil quality has deteriorated because GM cotton drains soil of its nutrients. The switch to cotton farming has also meant that less food was grown locally, leading to food shortages.

Kapil says the adoption of Monsanto’s cotton has contributed to farmer suicides as they often find themselves with unmanageable debt and ever-increasing production costs. Many farmers are now moving back to non-GM cotton. “There was a marriage with Monsanto but the honeymoon is over and now farmers are ready to get divorced.”

Kapil is hopeful for the future, predicting that more people will switch to organic agriculture and move away from chemicals. Kapil says there is a global fight against multinationals and their intensive, unsustainable agriculture.

*(From ‘Global Justice Now’)*



*Women who lost their husbands to suicide after they became bankrupt and couldn’t cope with making repayments to money-lenders. They had taken out loans to pay for seeds and chemical fertilisers.*

### From Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’*

#67 Although it is true that we Christians have at times incorrectly interpreted the Scriptures, nowadays we must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God’s image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures.

#139 When we speak of the “environment”, what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it.

#142 If everything is related, then the health of a society’s institutions has consequences for the environment and the quality of human life.

### Prayer of the Struggling Farmer

Lord,  
show me the pain of those who are most troubled  
so that I can learn about the suffering of my people.  
Grant me the courage to serve others  
because in surrender there is eternal life.  
Illuminate us with song and celebration  
and raise the Spirit amongst us.  
May the Spirit flower and grow  
and give us strength to continue our struggle.  
May we remember those who have died from injustice  
because for us they have given their lives.  
Amen.

*(Prayer written by Salvadoran farmers)*

### ‘COME AND DRINK FROM THE WATERS’

A morning of reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 30 September, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm, at LACE. Tea and coffee available from 9.00 am. Keynote address on the Sacraments of Healing. Workshops on the Scriptures for the sick and the dying, Prayer in busy lives, and Visiting the sick and vulnerable. To book a place, please contact Maureen Knight on 0151 522 1046 or email [m.knight@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk)

### ‘A SEED OF LOVE’

A celebration of Mass for and with people living with a disability on Sunday 1 October at 3.00 pm in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP. Music by Mike Anderson & Tongues of Fire. Tea and coffee will be served after Mass in the Gibberd Room. For more information, please see the noticeboard or contact Mary Beatham on 07341 864180 or email [mary.beatham@nugentcare.org](mailto:mary.beatham@nugentcare.org)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes are available at the entrance of both churches for Mass requests. Please place them in the Offertory Collection on Sundays, hand into the Sacristy, or post through St Benedict’s priory door.

### PIETY SHOP

Cards, Calendars, Diaries, Rosaries, Books & Gifts etc. available from the Piety Shop before and after Mass.

### JIMMY CRICKET LAUGHTER SHOW

Thursday 12 October, 7.30 pm

At Blessed John Henry Newman  
Church, Knutsford Road

An evening of Laughter and entertainment. Tickets are £10.00 and include light refreshments and are available from Mary Monks (tel. 572864).

PROCEEDS TO ST FRANCIS HOUSE HOSPICE,  
MANCHESTER & ST JOSEPH’S FAMILY CENTRE,  
WARRINGTON.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)  
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 23  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

Monday	Col 1: 24–2: 3 Lk 6: 6-11
Tuesday	Col 2: 6-15 Lk 6: 12-19
Wednesday	Col 3: 1-11 Lk 6: 20-26
Thursday	Num 21: 4b-9 Jn 3: 13-17
Friday	Heb 5: 7-9 Jn 19: 25-27
Saturday	1 Tim 1: 15-17 Lk 6: 43-49
Sunday	Sir 27: 33–28: 9 Rom 14: 7-9 Mt 18: 21-35



## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

### Those who will be baptised this weekend:

*St Benedict's* Elsie Moriarty & Darcey Joyce

### Those who will be married next weekend:

*St Oswald's* Gemma Louise Thompson & Stephen Graham Corrie

### 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 Brown, Bill Hampson, Marney Hampson, Peter Milner, James Malone, Vera Brindle, Thomas Ireland, Michael Mullin, Matilde Valentine

*St Mary's* Luciano Bartolo, Dorothy Parry

*St Oswald's* Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne, Sarah Boardman, Sophie Jones, Sam Johnstone, John Gorman

*Other Parishes* Ged O'Connor, Daniel Davies, John Heywood (aged 10), Jo Busby  
Grace Fernandapolle

### Those who have died recently:

*St Benedict's* Ann Wilson, Winifred Chadwick

### This Week's Prayer Intentions

† Pope Francis: "Dear Friends, please pray for me and all of Colombia, where I will be travelling for a journey dedicated to reconciliation and peace."

† For our schools - that they may be welcoming, open places where the children of our community can gather in the name of Christ.

† For those who work in our schools - that they may be blessed with the gifts of the Spirit.

† For the world God has entrusted to us - that we may protect creation rather than preying on it, sowing beauty instead of pollution and destruction, always thinking about what we are handing on to future generations.

† For God's protection on those living in the path of Hurricane Irma.

*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

3 September Winner:  
no. 15 Chris McGann

*Subscriptions are now due please.*

*No subscription = No entry*

## POPE FRANCIS' TWEET

"Lord, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of creation and reawaken our gratitude and sense of responsibility."

1 September

## SOUL AT ST BEN'S

St Benedict's Parish Centre  
Presents

Dance **Northern Soul** Late Bar  
& **Tamla Motown Nights (£5 OTD)**

Saturday 7 October 7.30 pm - 12.30 am

Guest DJs: **Derek Gorman & Paul McDougall**  
(Irlam Soul Club)

## 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 Padgate Lane, Warrington, WA1 3LB

### 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 or 07939 574790 for bookings

## ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE Rhodes Street, Warrington, WA2 7QE

### The Week Ahead

Sunday	8.30 pm	Cabaret Night
Monday	6.00 pm	Rainbows
	7.45 pm	Bingo
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Drama Group
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

[Second Collection Today: Catholic Education Service](#)

[Next Week: Home Missions](#)

Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 3 September

ST BENEDICT'S £402.99 (£225.76 Gift Aid), £16.79 Poor Box from Coffees

ST MARY'S To be Confirmed

ST OSWALD'S £487.71 (£206.25 Gift Aid)