

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

## Newsletter

Sunday 17 September 2017

Twenty-Fourth 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 17 - 24 September 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 17 September</b> <i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i> Home Mission Sunday	10.30 am Mass <i>Margaret Perry</i>  2.00 pm Blessing of Animals	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Phil Taylor</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
<b>Monday 18 September</b>		7.30 pm Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday 19 September</b>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Refugees from Myanmar</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Nadine Davies</i>
<b>Wednesday 20 September</b> <i>Ss Andrew Kim Taegon &amp; Companions</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Beryl Campbell</i>	9.30 am Funeral Mass <i>(Ena Kenny)</i>
<b>Thursday 21 September</b> <i>Feast of St Matthew, Apostle</i>		9.30 am Mass <i>Tommy O'Brien</i> 7.30 pm Novena
<b>Friday 22 September</b>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Ann Wilson</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
<b>Saturday 23 September</b> <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	2.00 pm Wedding Service <i>(Katarzyna Burtonwood &amp; Grzegorz Zbielski)</i>	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Hollyann Prince</i>
<b>Sunday 24 September</b> <i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i> Thanksgiving for the Harvest	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 2.00 pm Mass of Anointing	8.30 am Mass <i>Sarah Boardman</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](http://stmarysandstbenedictswarrington.co.uk)  
St Mary's: [www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk)

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

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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

### HOME MISSION SUNDAY

#### "Wish You Were Here!"

In that first moment, when you settle into your seat, waiting for Mass to begin, who is it that you think of? Who is it that you wish were sitting beside you?

After my mother died, it was difficult to come to church without welling up in tears as I wished she were there. Then, one day, I asked God to show me that she was with him, and I experienced a sense of peace.

Now my heart aches for those I care about who have stopped coming to church. Perhaps they have drifted away or something has turned them away. Whatever the situation, I miss them and wish they were here.

In today's readings, we are taken straight to the heart of the matter as we are asked to forgive those who have hurt us and to show mercy if we hope to receive it. This sentiment is as powerful as it is challenging. Whether thinking of an individual or a group of people who have offended us in some way, if we are able to show loving mercy rather than judgement, we open the door for them to turn towards Jesus. How? It all begins with a smile, a welcome, and a prayer that we be released from the pain within. Then in going beyond ourselves, we step into Christ and do what may have seemed impossible – we forgive and are forgiven.

*(Teresa Carvalho, Home Mission Development Officer)*

#### 'Come Home' Prayer

Loving Father, we pray for those who have been baptised but who no longer, or rarely, attend church: that they will understand and experience in their hearts that Christ is the source of unconditional love and reconciliation. We pray for everyone who worships in our parish community: that we may find the right words and means to invite our absent brothers and sisters to return to the practice of their faith. Amen.

#### Second Collection

Often when we hear the word 'Mission' it is associated with the valuable work of helping people in other countries. While this is important, we also need to share our faith with those we love, know and meet – right here on home turf. By donating to today's Second Collection, you will enable the Home Mission Office to produce resources, help parishes and equip people to share their faith with others.

### 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 today (Sunday) 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 photo or name on a card 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.



### LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club takes place this Tuesday, 19 September, from 12 – 2.30 pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre for parishioners 50+ and friends - with lunch, music, a game of bingo and great company. Price £3. Tickets for October's Lunch will be available to purchase this Tuesday from Mary Monks.

### 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*

### '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)

### LIVING FULLY...

Enabling every child and adult with a disability to encounter Jesus in the life of the Church today. A day of study, worship and workshops exploring how all life is a gift from God and how every person has a valuable and dignified place within the Body of Christ. Saturday 23 September, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, at LACE. Cost £10 including lunch. RSVP to 0151 522 1040 or [formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@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)



### SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, member of the SVP or Bereavement Team, or undertake some other form of ministry involving older people, then you are invited to a Safeguarding Awareness meeting on **Wednesday 11 October, 7.00 – 9.00 pm**, in **St Benedict's Parish Centre**. The meeting will be led by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team and will involve information on elder abuse as well as how to keep yourself safe when carrying out your ministry. This is an important meeting and I would ask you to make it a priority. If you are able to attend the meeting, please sign the sheet at the back of church. Many thanks. *Fr Dave*

### CALLED BEYOND

Thomas Merton was a Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani, Kentucky, and an American Catholic writer, theologian and mystic. He wrote this beautiful prayer:

*"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.*

*I do not see the road ahead of me.*

*I cannot know for certain where it will end.*

*Nor do I really know myself...*

*But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.*

*And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.*

*I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.*

*And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore, will I trust you always...*

*I will not fear, for you are ever with me."*

On Tuesday 3 October, I invite parishioners to come to St Oswald's to explore this prayer for themselves. The evening will begin in church at 7.30 pm where there will be the opportunity to explore five prayer stations which describe the journeys of five individuals – ordinary people who are trying to follow Christ in their daily lives. At about 8.00 pm, there will be the opportunity to meet these five people in St Oswald's Parish Centre over some refreshments – to hear their stories, struggles and to ask questions. The evening will finish at 9.00 pm. *Fr Dave*

### REFLECTION FOR CREATION TIME

**(1 September – 4 October)**

#### Week 3 – Right Relationships

#123 The culture of relativism is the same disorder which drives one person to take advantage of another, to treat others as mere objects, imposing forced labour on them or enslaving them to pay their debts. The same kind of thinking leads to the sexual exploitation of children and abandonment of the elderly who no longer serve our interests. It is also the mindset of those who say: Let us allow the invisible forces of the market to regulate the economy, and consider their impact on society and nature as collateral damage. In the absence of objective truths or sound principles other than the satisfaction of our own desires and immediate needs, what limits can be placed on human trafficking, organized crime, the drug trade, commerce in blood diamonds and the fur of endangered species?

*(Pope Francis in his encyclical letter, Laudato Si')*

### VISIT OF RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA & FRANCISCO

Under the auspices of the World Apostolate of Fatima (England & Wales), there will be a visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to the Metropolitan Cathedral on Friday 6 October and Saturday 7 October 2017. Details of the various services and devotions can be found on the poster at the back of church. Further information can be obtained from Claire Hanlon at the Cathedral (0151 709 9222) or from the World Apostolate of Fatima (07786 487557).

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)  
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 24  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Tim 2: 1-8</b> <b>Lk 7: 1-10</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Tim 3: 1-13</b> <b>Lk 7: 11-17</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 Tim 3: 14-16</b> <b>Lk 7: 31-35</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13</b> <b>Mt 9: 9-13</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Tim 6: 2c-12</b> <b>Lk 8: 1-3</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 Tim 6: 13-16</b> <b>Lk 8: 4-15</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 55: 6-9</b> <b>Phil 1: 20-24, 27a</b> <b>Mt 20: 1-16a</b>



## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

### Those who will be baptised this weekend:

*St Oswald's* Anna Boughy

### Those who will be married next weekend:

*St Benedict's* Katarzyna Burtonwood & Grzegorz Zbielski

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

### Those who have died recently, especially:

*St Benedict's* Ann Wilson, Teresa Higginson

*St Oswald's* Ena Kenny

### This Week's Prayer Intentions

† For those who will go to sleep tonight unfed and unwelcome, strangers in foreign lands, people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes.

† For the 1,200 people who have died and the 40 million who have been affected by the severe flooding in South Asia.

† For those who no longer come to church: may the Holy Spirit show us how we might lovingly reach out to them, especially to those who are closest to us.

† That we may care for all the animals, great and small, that God has entrusted to us.

† For the grace to forgive those who have wronged us.

*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

10 September Winner:  
no. 208 L & J Horrigan

*Subscriptions are now due please.*

*No subscription = No entry*

## POPE FRANCIS

"God always forgives,  
we forgive sometimes,  
but nature never forgives.  
If you give her a slap, she will give  
you one. I believe that we have  
exploited nature too much."  
Press Conference, Sri Lanka 2015

## 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

<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 on 812266 or 07939 574790 for bookings

## ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

Rhodes Street, Warrington, WA2 7QE

### The Week Ahead

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.30 pm</b>	Cabaret Night
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Rainbows
	<b>7.45 pm</b>	Bingo
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12 - 2.30 pm</b>	Lunch Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Drama Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

## Second Collection Today: Home Missions

### Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 10 September

<b>ST BENEDICT'S</b>	£401.85 (£229.86 Gift Aid), £79.23 Catholic Education, £15.05 Poor Box from Coffees, £75.50 Bell/Font fund from Soup Lunch
<b>ST MARY'S</b>	£1047.31 (£371.00 Gift Aid + incl. £298.78 from week day offertories)
<b>ST OSWALD'S</b>	£509.59 (£234.60 Gift Aid), £190.91 Catholic Education