

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

Newsletter

Sunday 24 September 2017

Twenty-Fifth 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 24 September - 1 October 2017

| | ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE | ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB |
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| Sunday 24 September <i>25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i> Thanksgiving for the Harvest | 10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 2.00 pm Mass of Anointing | (Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Hollyann Prince</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Sarah Boardman</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass |
| Monday 25 September | | 7.30 pm Prayer Group |
| Tuesday 26 September | 12.15 pm Mass <i>Thomas Ireland</i> | 9.30 am Mass <i>Damian Hutchinson</i> |
| Wednesday 27 September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i> | 9.30 am Mass <i>Irene Casey</i> | |
| Thursday 28 September | | 9.30 am Mass <i>Norah & Sam Whimpenny</i> 7.30 pm Novena |
| Friday 29 September <i>Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i> | 12.15 pm Mass <i>Ada Leybourne</i> 6.45 pm Meditation | 12.30 pm Funeral Service <i>(Margaret Jean Cripps)</i> |
| Saturday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i> | | 10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Vincent Hennessey</i> |
| Sunday 1 October <i>26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</i> Rosary Sunday | 10.30 am Mass <i>Private Intention</i> <i>(LISC)</i> | 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

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| 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 |
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| <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 |

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 today (Sunday) 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.



HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory, Lord God of hosts.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest (x2)

Blessed, blessed is he who comes,

blessed, blessed is he who comes;

blessed is he, blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest (x2)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP will be meeting on Tuesday 26 September at 7.00 pm in the lounge of St Oswald's Parish Centre.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Churches Together in East Warrington will be meeting this Wednesday, 27 September, at 7.30 pm in St Oswald's Parish Centre lounge.

ST BENEDICT'S QUIZ NIGHT

The monthly Quiz takes place on Wednesday 27 September at 7.30 pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre, Rhodes Street. Enjoy an evening of family fun, a light hearted quiz and a game of bingo. All funds go to the Bell & Font Restoration Fund. Entry to the Quiz is £4.00 each.

LADIES GROUP MEETING

The Ladies Group will be meeting on Thursday 28 September at 8.15 pm in the Parish Centre lounge at St Oswald's. Sue from Delamere Dairies will be guest speaker.

'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

'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 notice board or contact Mary Beatham on 07341 864180 or email mary.beatham@nugentcare.org

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*



**MACMILLAN
COFFEE MORNING**

**St Benedict's Primary School
9.30 am - 11.30 am, Friday 29 Sept.**

Everybody knows somebody who has been affected by Cancer and the work that Macmillan Cancer Support do to help them. If you are able to make it, you are all welcome to come along to support this very worthwhile cause.



REFLECTION FOR CREATION TIME

(1 September – 4 October)

Week 4 – A Fairer World

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

(From Pope Francis' encyclical, 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).

'ROMERO – HEARTBEAT OF EL SALVADOR'

A new play by RISE Theatre looking at the life and legacy of Archbishop Oscar Romero who chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. Tuesday 10 October at 7.30 pm in St Wilfrid's Pastoral Centre, Mayfield Avenue, Widnes WA8 8PR. Tickets: £7.50 or £5 (Year 11

students and under) available from Animate Youth Ministries (01744 740460) or admin@animateyouth.co.uk

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*

AN INTRODUCTION TO LAUDATO SI'

Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home, is the title of Pope Francis encyclical on the environment, which was released in June 2015. At the core of Pope Francis' message is the idea of 'integral ecology' – that how we relate to one another, especially the poor, and how we relate to the environment, are intimately connected.

The encyclical highlights several basic teachings. First, the destruction of God's creation, especially climate change, is a moral issue. Second, there is an integral connection between our destruction of 'Mother Earth' and the suffering of the poor, especially those in developing countries. Finally, immediate actions are required, by individuals, who must change their lives, and by the community of nations.

Pope Francis preaches 'the Gospel of Creation', drawing on the words of the Hebrew prophets, saints like Francis of Assisi and Therese of Lisieux, the popes who preceded him, and of Jesus himself. He proclaims that the poor are those most harmed by environmental destruction and climate change, and that developed countries – like our own – owe the poor and "environmental debt". He urges us to do what we can to support global agreements on sustainable development, protecting ecosystems globally, limiting greenhouse gases to a greater extent in developed countries than in poor countries, and not supporting the "ploy" of trading carbon credits since it does not reduce total global emissions. Rather, we are encouraged to reduce our own consumption.

Pope Francis tells us that human beings, even Christians like us, are turning our common home into a "pile of filth". We can help to atone for this destruction by doing little things such as always taking reusable bags with us when we shop, not buying water in plastic bottles, never again throwing litter onto the ground, and thinking of new ways to reduce, reuse and recycle.

DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP

See the leaflets at the back of church for full details.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

25th Sunday of the Year (A)
Weekdays - Year 1, Week 25
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

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| Monday | Esd 1: 1-6 Lk 8: 16-18 |
| Tuesday | Esd 6: 7-8, 12b Lk 8: 19-21 |
| Wednesday | Esd 9: 5-9 Lk 9: 1-6 |
| Thursday | Hag 1: 1-8 Lk 9: 7-9 |
| Friday | Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14 Jn 47-51 |
| Saturday | Zech 2: 5-9, 14-15a Lk 9: 43b-45 |
| Sunday | Ezek 18: 25-28 Philip 2:1-11 Mt 21: 28-32 |

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB

17 September Winner:
no. 3 Stephen Hines

*Subscriptions are now due please.
No subscription = No entry*

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

"I appeal for peace and disarmament: in this world wounded by violence, we need fraternity among peoples."

21 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

ST OSWALD'S PARISH CENTRE Padgate Lane, Warrington, WA1 3LB

The Week Ahead

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| Sunday | 9.00 pm | Quiz – Concert Room |
| Monday | 2.00 pm | Sequence Dancing |
| | 7.30 pm | Line Dancing |
| Tuesday | 7.00 pm | SVP Meeting - Lounge |
| Wednesday | 8.00 pm | Bingo |
| Thursday | 8.15 pm | Ladies Group - Lounge |

Contact Lynne on 812266 or 07939 574790 for bookings

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

The Week Ahead

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| Sunday | 8.30 pm | Cabaret Night |
| Monday | 6.00 pm | Rainbows |
| | 7.45 pm | Bingo |
| Wednesday | 7.30 pm | Quiz Night - Fundraiser |
| 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 Oswald's Charlotte Dickinson & Evie Tyler

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), Grace Fernandapolle

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Benedict's Ann Wilson, Teresa Higginson

St Mary's William Alban Bate

St Oswald's Margaret Jean Cripps

Archdiocese Fr Ron McGivern

This Week's Prayer Intentions

† For all those who are sick or suffering in mind, body or spirit, especially those who will be anointed this weekend.

† For the many people killed in the earthquake in Mexico this week, and the thousands who have been left homeless.

† For all those who have been impacted by Hurricane Maria and those involved in the rescue effort.

† For the 410,000 people now estimated to have fled to Bangladesh, escaping violence in Rakhine State in neighbouring Myanmar.

† For fairer trade rules so that all may receive a just wage for the work of their hands.

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.

Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 17 September

ST BENEDICT'S £358.08 (£190.27 Gift Aid), £91.24 Home Missions, £13.45 Poor Box from Coffees

ST MARY'S £884.10 (£352.00 Gift Aid + incl. £219.85 week day)

ST OSWALD'S To be confirmed next week