

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

Newsletter

Sunday 26 November 2017

Solemnity of Christ the King (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 26 November - 3 December 2017 | | |
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| | ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE | ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB |
| Sunday 26 November <i>Solemnity of Christ the King (A)</i> Youth Sunday | 10.30 am Mass <i>Rita Leigh</i> | (Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Ann Brown</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners & Connie Adams</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass |
| Monday 27 November | | 7.30 pm Prayer Group |
| Tuesday 28 November | 12.15 pm Mass <i>Vera Manfredi</i> 7.00 pm Mass to Remember Children | 9.30 am Mass <i>Ann Mooney</i> |
| Wednesday 29 November | 9.30 am Mass <i>Knights of St Columba</i> | (2.30 pm Year 4 Class Mass in School) |
| Thursday 30 November <i>Feast of St Andrew</i> | | 9.30 am Mass <i>The Holt Family</i> 7.30 pm Novena |
| Friday 1 December <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions</i> | 12.15 pm Mass <i>Cyril Snelson</i> 6.45 pm Meditation | |
| Saturday 2 December | 4.00 pm Slovak Mass | 10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Basil Corcoran</i> |
| Sunday 3 December <i>First Sunday of Advent (B)</i> Day of Prayer for Migrants | 10.30 am Mass <i>Mary Hines</i> | 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners, Ellen Cox</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

"I shall be a true shepherd to them. I shall seek the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong."
Ezek 34:16



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 Konrad Loewenstein FSSP

LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)

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| Holy Mass <i>Sunday</i> 11.00 am & 6.00 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 12.10 pm | Confessions <i>Everyday</i> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 11.45 am | Adoration & Benediction <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 12.00 noon | Holy Rosary <i>Sunday</i> 5.30 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 11.30 am |
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THIS WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

On this, the last Sunday of the Church's year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It's also National Youth Sunday when we pray especially for all the children and young people in our communities. There will be a Second Collection for Animate Youth Ministries, which is the Catholic Youth Service for the Archdiocese. Website: www.animateyouth.org

Something to Say?

The theme for this year's National Youth Sunday is 'Something to Say'. In the lead up to the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment, Pope Francis said, "Every young person has something to say... something to say to priests, sisters, bishops and even the Pope." He is encouraging young people to turn to the Church and share their thoughts, cares and concerns. It is a chance for those in positions of influence to take advantage of the opportunity provided by this synod, to encourage young people to make their voice heard as we too believe they have something to say to their parish priests, to their chaplains, to the Church in general. By making the most of this conversation it will help the Church become better at accompanying young people in their vocational discernment. In an effort to start this conversation, Fr Dave will be inviting young parishioners of high school age and older to a meal in the New Year. More details soon.

MASS TO REMEMBER CHILDREN

There will be a special Mass to remember children who died before birth, at birth, or anytime afterwards at 7.00 pm this Tuesday, 28 November, at St Benedict's. The Mass will be a gentle celebration for all the children we miss so much. During the Mass, there will be an opportunity to light a candle for the baby, child or teenager you may be remembering and for their names to be read out during the Eucharist.

SVP MEETING

The SVP will be meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28 November in St Oswald's Parish Centre Lounge.

ST BENEDICT'S QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night takes place this Wednesday, 29 November, in St Benedict's Parish Centre - a fun evening! 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start. Pay on the door, £4 includes raffle & bingo. Proceeds go to the Bell / Font fund.

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group are meeting this week for an Advent evening on Thursday 30 November at 8.15 pm in the Parish

Centre Lounge at St Oswald's. Please bring a £5.00 deposit for the Christmas evening which is to be held on Thursday 14 December.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will be meeting in the Sacristy at St Benedict's on Saturday 2 December at 9.30 pm for breakfast and lively conversation.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

At the back of church, there are two free publications you may find helpful for Advent. "Walk with Me" is a little booklet with a reflection for each day of Advent; "Advent Extra" is a larger publication with articles, a daily reflection and activities for children. There is also an Advent Calendar for Children which includes an idea for each day of Advent. I've ordered copies based on the number that went last year. If we run out, let me know and I'll order some more. *Fr Dave*

SANTA PAWS

An Afternoon of Festive Fun to support Warrington Animal Welfare on Sunday 3 December, 12.00 – 4.00 pm, at Tabley Tea Room, Knutsford. Free entry – everyone welcome, both furry and non-furry children. Festive stalls, tombola, raffle, festive crafts, mulled wine. Also, Festive Afternoon Tea (£15 per person, £10 for children under 12) – tickets available from Warrington Animal Welfare (call/text 07393 315797).

CAROLS FOR CAFOD



Sunday 3 December at 6.00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Warrington, followed by mince pies & other refreshments.

SCHOOL NEWS

St Oswald's Catholic Primary School will be holding their Christmas Fair on Sunday 3 December, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, in school.

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School will be holding their Christmas Fair on Tuesday 5 December, 2.00 – 4.00 pm, in school.

JOURNEYING TOWARDS JESUS IN ADVENT

Three meetings to explore the Gospels for Advent through reading, art, discussion and prayer. Wednesdays 29 November, 6 & 13 December at St Benedict's – refreshments from 6.30 pm, meeting 7.00 – 8.00 pm.





BECOMING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH

All of us will be aware of the growing incidence of dementia. You may know someone with dementia or you may be caring for a loved one with dementia. In an effort to support those living with dementia and their carers, as well as raising awareness, Mrs Maureen Knight will be leading a session on 'Becoming a Dementia Friendly Church' on Thursday 7 December in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's. Refreshments from 6.30 pm, meeting 7.00 – 8.00 pm. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Fr Dave.

SONGS WE REMEMBER

Are you living with dementia or caring for someone who is? Do you like singing? Would you like to meet new friends? Come and join our sing-a-long. All are welcome! St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Road, Waterloo L22 1RD, 2.00 - 3.30 pm on 29 November and 13 December followed by afternoon tea and biscuits. Further information available from Jenny at The Irenaeus Project: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or 0151 949 1199.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Everyone is welcome to this very special Christmas Carol Service, especially if you are living with dementia. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Wednesday 20 December 2017 at 2.00 pm. The service will feature the children from All Saints' Catholic Primary School, Bootle; St Margaret Mary's Junior School, Huyton; and the 'Songs We Remember' choir. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room and everyone is most welcome. For further information, please contact the Pastoral Formation Department on 0151 522 1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

There will be a Service of Reconciliation for the three parishes on Monday 18 December at 7.30 pm in St Oswald's Church.

ADVENT COLLECTIONS

This year's Advent Collections have begun and will run for another two weeks:

- A 'New Toy' collection (not second hand) for those children (of all ages) who won't get a present on Christmas Day. It need only be a little gift.
- Dog and puppy, cat and kitten food, treats and toys to help Warrington Animal Welfare care for the enormous number of animals that are tragically abandoned at Christmas. Thank you so much for your kindness. *Fr Dave*

JOHN PRIDMORE EVENT

Catholic Speaker, Author and Ex-Gangster, John Pridmore, will be sharing his story at St Mary Immaculate Church, Blackbrook Road, St Helens WA11 9RJ on Friday 1 December at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOLY LAND

Palestinian Christians, who live in the state of Israel or in the Occupied Territories of the West Bank, endure considerable hardship. In Israel itself, Palestinians are discriminated against in employment and sometimes their houses are demolished. In the West Bank, the separation wall completely encircles some of the major centres of population. Palestinians frequently have to wait a considerable length of time at checkpoints to travel to work or school, and sometimes have to cross through checkpoints even to cultivate their land. Sixty women have given birth at these checkpoints in recent years!

In these circumstances, parishes in the Holy Land really appreciate receiving Christmas Cards from their fellow Christians in the UK. In the words of one priest, they see it as a 'beautiful act of solidarity'. If you would like to send a Christmas Card to one of the parishes in the Holy Land, cards will be available for signing after Mass next weekend.

SAFEGUARD THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN ENGLAND

Are you a Catholic who wants to send your child to a Catholic school? Do you support the right of Catholic parents/guardians to choose a Catholic education for their child or children? Do you want to safeguard the future of Catholic education in England? If the answer's yes to any of these questions, we urgently need your help.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents some schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. By her own admission, the Secretary of State has said the rule has been ineffective and adversely affects Catholic families.

By forcing Catholic schools to turn away Catholic school children on the basis of their faith, the very principle of a Catholic parent's right to choose a Catholic education is under threat.

To take action, please complete the form at: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap>

WARRINGTON FOODBANK

MOST NEEDED

- Tinned Fruit (400g)
- Tea Bags (80's)
- Dried Pasta (500g bags)
- UHT Milk (1L)
- Breakfast Cereals

DO NOT NEED

- Beans or Baked Beans
 - Sugar
- Many thanks for your continued support.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Weekdays - Year 1, Week 34

Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

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| Monday | Dan 1: 1-6, 8-20 Lk 21: 1-4 |
| Tuesday | Dan 2: 31-45 Lk 21: 5-11 |
| Wednesday | Dan 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21: 12-19 |
| Thursday | Rom 10: 9-18 Mt 4: 18-22 |
| Friday | Dan 7: 2-14 Lk 21: 29-33 |
| Saturday | Dan 7: 15-27 Lk 21: 34-36 |
| Sunday | Is 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7 1 Cor 1: 3-9 Mk 13: 33-37 |

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB WINNERS

19 Nov : 29 B A Snelson

Subscriptions are now due please.

No subscription = No entry

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

“Without the support of the prayers of the faithful, the Successor of Peter cannot fulfil his mission in the world. I am counting on you too!”

18 November

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

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| <i>St Benedict's</i> | 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, Syd Bradshaw |
| <i>St Mary's</i> | Luciano Bartolo, Dorothy Parry |
| <i>St Oswald's</i> | Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne, Colin Pearce, Sarah Boardman, Sam Johnstone, Hollyann Prince, Shirley Jones, Betty Mannion, Margaret Watts (nee McGinty), Mary Metcalfe |
| <i>Other Parishes</i> | Ged O'Connor, Daniel Davies, John Heywood (aged 10), Grace Fernandapolle, Kat Clifford (aged 13), Fr Tom Leigh, Fr Michael Moss FDP |

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Oswald's Marcella Quinn

This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For all the children and young people in our parishes – may they feel welcome in our communities and experience God's love for them.
- † For children and young people who are struggling because of family problems, bullying or social problems.
- † For those in our world who are deprived of religious freedom and suffer persecution, torture and death because of their faith.
- † For God's blessing on Pope Francis' visit to Myanmar and Bangladesh this week.
- † For all those living with HIV and AIDS and for those who care for them.

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.

SOUL AT ST BEN'S

St Benedict's Parish Centre
Presents

Northern Soul & Tamla Motown Nights
Saturday 2nd December

7.30 pm - 12.30 am (£5 OTD)

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

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 |
| Tuesday | 7.30 pm | Line Dancing |
| 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 | 7.00 pm | Drama Group - Rainbow Room |
| | 7.30 pm | Fundraising Quiz Night - Bell/Font |
| Thursday | 7.30 pm | Line Dancing |

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 19 November

Second Collection Today: Animate Youth Ministries

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| ST BENEDICT'S | £386.51 (£212.96 Gift Aid), £20.64 Poor Box from Coffees |
| ST OSWALD'S | £704.69 (£411.66 Gift Aid), £8.00 LAMP, £33.00 Priest Training Fund |
| ST MARY'S | To Be Confirmed |