

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Newsletter

Sunday 3 December 2017

First Sunday of Advent (B)



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 3 - 10 December 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 3 December</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent (B)</i> Day of Prayer for Migrants	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>Mary Hines</i>	<b>(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Basil Corcoran</i> <b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners &amp; Connie Adams</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 4 December</b>		<b>7.30 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 5 December</b> <i>St John Almond</i>	<b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Ken Hindle</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass (with Y4 &amp; Y3)</b> <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i>
<b>Wednesday 6 December</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass (with Y6 &amp; Y3)</b> <i>Marjorie Smith</i>	
<b>Thursday 7 December</b> <i>St Ambrose</i>		<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Kitty Lyons</i> <b>7.30 pm Novena</b>
<b>Friday 8 December</b> <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>12 noon Pastoral Area Mass at St Alban's</b>	
	<b>6.45 pm Meditation</b>	
<b>Saturday 9 December</b>	<b>4.00 pm Slovak Mass</b>	<b>10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Kathleen Postlethwaite</i>
<b>Sunday 10 December</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent (B)</i> Bible Sunday	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners &amp; Cyril Snelson</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Elizabeth Kinney</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

Rector: Fr de Malleray FSSP [malleray@fssp.org](mailto:malleray@fssp.org) Assistant: Fr Konrad Loewenstein FSSP

### 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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### THIS WEEK

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOLY LAND

Parishes in the Holy Land really appreciate receiving Christmas Cards from their fellow Christians in the UK. 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 today. Please sign the card and leave it at the back of church to be sorted and posted to the Holy Land together in batches.



#### CHRISTMAS FAIR'S

St Oswald's Catholic Primary School will be holding their Christmas Fair today (Sunday), 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, in school.

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School will be holding their Christmas Fair this Tuesday, 5 December, at the amended time of 3.15 – 5.15 pm, school. All are welcome.

#### JOURNEYING TOWARDS JESUS IN ADVENT

The second of three meetings to explore the Gospels for Advent through reading, art, discussion and prayer takes place this Wednesday, 6 December, at 2.30 pm in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's. Please note the change of time.



#### 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' **this 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.

#### SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Now that the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is working across the three parishes, there will be a special Christmas Collection next weekend at both St Benedict's and St Oswald's. All monies collected by the SVP go to help those who are most in need in our communities.

#### READERS

Next Sunday is 'Bible Sunday'. It's a good opportunity to invite Readers to renew their commitment to proclaiming the Word of God at Mass. So, at each of the Sunday Masses next weekend, Readers will be invited to come forward after the Homily to renew their commitment. This little ceremony also gives parishioners an opportunity to pray for our Readers and to thank them for the important ministry they share with us.

#### FAIRTRADE

The Fairtrade stall raised £168.00, so a big thank you to all who supported it.

**THE BALLOT FOR OUR NEW PARISH NAME WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE MASSES NEXT WEEKEND, 9 & 10 DECEMBER 2017**

If you are going to be away next weekend and want to take part in the ballot, you can do so by email.

Email [frdave@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:frdave@rcaolp.co.uk) for a ballot paper and instructions no earlier than Friday 8 December.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	(Sunday 24 December)
6.00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass at St Benedict's
<b>Christmas Day</b>	(Monday 25 December)
8.30 am	Christmas Dawn Mass at St Oswald's
10.30 am	Christmas Day Mass at St Benedict's

*Polish and Slovak Masses to be arranged*

#### 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.

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWER WORKSHOP

A Christmas Flower Workshop is to be held in St Oswald's Parish Centre on Wednesday 20 December from 1.00 - 3.00 pm. More details to follow nearer the time. All are welcome.

## 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](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk)

## ADVENT COLLECTIONS

Thank you so much for the brilliant response to the Advent Collections so far. The collections will run for one more week:

- 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*

## CAFOD FUN RUN

The CAFOD Fun Run is the perfect opportunity to burn off the Christmas calories and help others at Christmas! Please encourage your friends and family to come to run or walk or toddle (from 2 – 8 kms) to raise money for those who need it most! The Fun Run takes place on Wednesday 27 December at Wavertree Park & Athletics Centre, Wellington Road, L15 4LE at 1.00 pm. Registration opens at 12.00 noon - signing up costs £7 per person, £15 for a family or £70 for a group of 10 or more people. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of church. Prizes for the best fancy dress costumes! For further details, please contact 0151 228 4028 or [liverpool@cafod.org.uk](mailto:liverpool@cafod.org.uk)

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS

The Marriage Preparation team is recruiting new Facilitators who lead and present our marriage preparation courses. If you would like to become a Facilitator, please contact Frank (0151 522 1046 or [f.reppion@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:f.reppion@rcaol.co.uk)) for more information and to discuss the role.

## THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The Oxley Family had a few words they wanted to share after the Requiem Mass for Alan Godfrey Oxley at St Oswald's on Thursday 23 November -

"Thank you to you all. Particular thanks to Father Dave, Rev. Tony, Mary the Organist, those who look after the Church, those who did the flowers and to all who helped. It made it such a memorable day for Alan who is now at peace. Thanks also to the people of the Parish for all your prayers, sympathy cards and Mass cards. *Eileen Oxley and Family. Jesus I trust in You.*"

## HEALING MASS

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm at St Bridgets. Led by Fr John McLoughlin.

### PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018 AND ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD 2020

We thank you Father  
for the love you have shown us  
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.  
Keep us grateful each day  
for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you,  
so now send us out  
to share what we have received  
with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church  
that you are calling us to be:  
a community that listens, that trusts,  
that lives with courage  
and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts  
be a source of healing, of new life  
and of a deeper trust in you.  
We ask this in faith  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**Do you support Catholic schools and the right of  
Catholics to send their children to them?**

*Then we need you to make your voice heard.*

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it.

We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search 'Catholic Education' to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools. Thank you.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)  
Weekdays - 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

Monday	Is 2: 1-5 Mt 8: 5-11
Tuesday	Is 11: 1-10 Lk 10: 21-24
Wednesday	Is 25: 6-10 Mt 15: 29-37
Thursday	Is 26: 1-6 Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Friday	Gen 3: 9-15, 20 Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38
Saturday	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26 Mt 9: 35-10: 1,6-8
Sunday	Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3: 8-14 Mk 1: 1-8

## ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB WINNERS

26 Nov : To be confirmed

*Subscriptions are now due please.*

*No subscription = No entry*

## POPE FRANCIS TWEET

“There is also hope for those who have done wrong. Jesus came for this: it is possible to be reconciled with God and begin a new life.”

24 November

## 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
Tuesday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing
Wednesday	8.00 pm	Bingo

Contact Lynne on 812266 or 07939 574790 for bookings

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



### Rite of Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Bailey Cummings and Francis & Lilly Farrington who will be baptised this month.

### 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, Syd Bradshaw

*St Mary's* Luciano Bartolo, Dorothy Parry

*St Oswald's* 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, Kevin Wainwright

*Other Parishes* 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:

*Archdiocese* Monsignor Bill Dalton

### Advent Litany

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Into our troubles and weaknesses, into the barren places of our souls. **R.**

Into the war torn and the refugee, into those who live in conflict. **R.**

Into the homeless and the unemployed, into those who feel abandoned. **R.**

Into the sick and the disabled, into those with AIDS and with cancer. **R.**

Into the poor and the starving, into those who are oppressed or abused. **R.**

Into the lives of loved ones, into those from whom we are estranged. **R.**

Into our joys and celebrations, into our work and our achievements. **R.**

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole. **R.**

**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.**

## MARY'S MEALS

In November St Oswald's received £448.00 in donations for Mary's Meals. The Government have promised to match donations £1 for £1 during the months of November & December 2017.

***Thank you for your generosity.  
Donations are still being received..***

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please ensure the Parish Office receives items for the Newsletter by Wednesday at the latest.

Tel: 630127

## 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	7.00 pm	Drama Group - Rainbow Room
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

## Second Collection Next Week: St Vincent de Paul

### Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on Sunday 26 November

ST BENEDICT'S	£394.32 (£192.26 Gift Aid), £84.00 Animate Youth Ministries, £20.00 Donation to Christmas Flowers, £211.28 turnover in the Piety Shop (November), £20.95 Poor Box from Coffees
ST OSWALD'S	£455.51 (£206.60 Gift Aid), £184.57 Animate Youth Ministries
ST MARY'S	To Be Confirmed