

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

## Newsletter

Sunday 10 December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent (B)



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 December 2017		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<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>(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>Kathleen Postlethwaite</i> <b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Elizabeth Kinney</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 11 December</b>		<b>7.30 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	<b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Sister M Helena</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Jo &amp; Barry Thompson</i>
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b> <i>St Lucy</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>June Traynor</i>	
<b>Thursday 14 December</b> <i>St John of the Cross</i>		<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Margaret Watts</i> <b>No Novena this week</b>
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	<b>12.15 pm</b> <i>Peter Dwane</i> <b>6.45 pm Meditation</b>	
<b>Saturday 16 December</b>	<b>4.00 pm Slovak Mass</b>	<b>10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>6.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners &amp; Anthony Dwane</i>
<b>Sunday 17 December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent (B)</i> Gaudate Sunday	<b>10.30 am Children's Mass</b> <i>The Pidgeon Family</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Wordsworth Family</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

Telephone: 01925 635664 Website: [www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk)

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

#### READERS

Today 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 Masses this weekend, Readers will be invited to come forward after the Homily to renew their commitment. This little ceremony also gives us an opportunity to pray for our Readers and to thank them for the important ministry they share with us.

#### JOURNEYING TOWARDS JESUS IN ADVENT

The third of three meetings to explore the Gospels for Advent through reading, art, discussion and prayer takes place this Wednesday, 13 December, at **2.30 pm** in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's. **Please note the change of time.**



#### LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group will meet on Thursday 14 December at 8.15 pm in the Lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre for their Christmas evening.

#### CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for the Christmas Hampers will be on sale after each Mass for the next 2 weeks at St Oswald's. The Draw will take place after the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 23 December.

#### SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The annual SVP Christmas Collection will take place as you leave church this weekend. All monies collected by the SVP go to help those who are most in need in our communities.

#### FIRST COMMUNION 2018

Children in Year 4, who are preparing to celebrate First Communion next year, are invited to come to the 2nd Preparation Mass with their parents/carers next weekend:

**St Oswald's – Saturday 16 December at 6.00 pm**

**St Benedict's – Sunday 17 December at 10.30 am**

Parents: If you cannot attend one of the Masses next weekend, you must contact Fr Dave directly this week. Thank you.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

#### ADVENT COLLECTIONS

The Advent Collections will close this weekend. Thank you so much for your amazing generosity. I assure you that you will have helped to bring a smile to lots of children and young people on Christmas Day who probably wouldn't get a gift if it wasn't for you! And you will have helped to feed lots of cats and dogs who sadly will be abandoned over the Christmas period. Thank you so much for your kindness. *Fr Dave*

#### 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 MASS TIMES

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	(Sunday 24 December)
4.00 pm	Slovak Mass at St Benedict's
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 Masses to be confirmed*

#### Please note:

- 1) The Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St Benedict's will begin at 11.30 pm not Midnight.
- 2) Children are invited to bring a home-made birthday card for Jesus to the 6.00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St Oswald's or the 10.30 am Mass on Christmas Day at St Benedict's.
- 3) Altar Servers, Readers, Collectors and Eucharistic Ministers are invited to sign the sheet at the back of church if they are available to help with the liturgies.

#### 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.

## CAROL SERVICES

### Carols by Candlelight in aid of NSPCC

Tuesday 12 December at 7.00 pm in the Cathedral  
A festive concert of carols and choir performances  
Tickets £8 (£5 concessions) from 0113 887 1120 or  
[northappeals@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:northappeals@nspcc.org.uk)

### Benjamin Britten's St Nicolas & Christmas Carols

Saturday 16 December at 6.00 pm at St Mary's Shrine  
by Warrington Choral Society in the presence of the Arch-  
bishop and the Superior General of the FSSP  
Tickets from [www.warrchoral.com](http://www.warrchoral.com)

### Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 20 December at 2.00 pm at the Cathedral.  
All are most welcome.

### Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 21 December at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Shrine  
Congregational Carols and Choral music for Christmas

## 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.

## GATHERING SONG

Word of justice, Alleluia, come to dwell here. Maranatha!  
Word of mercy, Alleluia, live among us. Maranatha!  
Word of power, Alleluia, live within us. Maranatha!  
Word of freedom, Alleluia, save your people. Maranatha!

Word of healing, Alleluia, heal our sorrow. Maranatha!  
Word of comfort, Alleluia, bring us hope now. Maranatha!  
Word of gladness, Alleluia, fill our hearts now. Maranatha!  
Word of wisdom, Alleluia, come renew us. Maranatha!

Word we long for, Alleluia, Word we thirst for, Maranatha!  
Key of David, Alleluia, Son of Mary, Maranatha!  
Promised Saviour, Alleluia, true Messiah, Maranatha!  
Cry of prophets, Alleluia, hope of ages, Maranatha!

Light of nations, Alleluia, light in darkness, Maranatha!  
Risen Saviour, Alleluia, Lord of glory, Maranatha!  
You we long for, Alleluia, you we thirst for, Maranatha!  
Here among us, Alleluia, living in us, Maranatha!

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## SCHOOL WEBSITES

Do checkout our school websites. There's always lots of fascinating news about what the children are doing in school.

St Benedict's: [www.stbenedicts.warrington.dbprimary.com](http://www.stbenedicts.warrington.dbprimary.com)

St Oswald's: <http://stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk>

### 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.

### ACTION URGENTLY NEEDED IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN'S 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!"*

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

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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)  
Weekdays - 2nd Week of Advent  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Monday	Is 35: 1-10 Lk 5: 17-26
Tuesday	Is 40: 1-11 Mt 18: 12-14
Wednesday	Is 40: 25-31 Mt 11: 28-30
Thursday	Is 41: 13-20 Mt 11: 11-15
Friday	Is 48: 17-19 Mt 11: 16-19
Saturday	Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 Mt 17: 10-13
Sunday	Is 61: 1-12, 10-11 1 Thess 5: 16-24 Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

## ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB WINNERS

26 Nov : 158 Roz Ward

3 Dec : 79 Mary Roocroft

*Subscriptions are now due please.*

*No subscription = No entry*

## POPE FRANCIS TWEET

**“We all possess God-given talents. No one can claim to be so poor that they have nothing to offer others.”**

7 December

## 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..***

## 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
Thursday	8.15 pm	Ladies Group Christmas Meal
Contact Lynne on 812266 or 07939 574790 for bookings		

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

### Those to be Baptised this weekend

*St Benedict's* Bailey Antonio Cummings

### 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, Sandra Richardson

*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)

### Those who have died recently, especially:

*St Oswald's* Margaret Malville

### A Prayer before sending Christmas Cards

Blest are you, Lord, our God and Father.

You have graced our lives with friends and relatives near and far.

May these Christmas cards arrive at their destinations

as signs of affection, as tokens of peace.

Send your Son to reign in glory among us.

He will lead your people to glad reunion in your holy city, where we will sing your praise for ever and ever.

Amen.



***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.***

## 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 Today: St Vincent de Paul

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

ST BENEDICT'S To be confirmed next week

ST OSWALD'S £524.06 (£255.42 Gift Aid), £19.50 Animate Youth Ministries late entries