

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

Newsletter

Sunday 17 December 2017

Third 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 17 - 25 December 2017 | | |
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| | ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE | ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB |
| Sunday 17 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent (B)</i> Gaudate Sunday | 10.30 am Children's Mass <i>The Pidgeon Family</i> | (Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners & Anthony Dwane</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Wordsworth Family</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass |
| Monday 18 December | | 7.30 pm Advent Penance Service |
| Tuesday 19 December | 12.15 pm Mass <i>Joe Butler</i> 7.00 pm School Carol Concert | 9.30 am Mass <i>Fr John Gildea</i> |
| Wednesday 20 December | 9.30 am Mass <i>The People of Palestine</i> | |
| Thursday 21 December | 6.00 - 8.00 pm Advent Chillout | 9.15 am School Christmas Mass <i>Connie Adams</i> <i>(No Novena today)</i> |
| Friday 22 December | 9.15 am School Christmas Mass (In School) 12.15 pm Mass <i>Thanksgiving (Fola)</i> <i>(No Meditation Today)</i> | |
| Saturday 23 December | | <i>(No Exposition today)</i> 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> |
| Sunday 24 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)</i> Day of Prayer for Expectant Parents | 10.30 am Mass <i>The Hill Family</i> | 8.30 am Mass <i>Bill Morgan</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass |
| <i>Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</i> Christmas Eve | 4.00 pm Slovak Christmas Mass 11.30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> | 6.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass <i>Alan Oxley</i> 8.00 pm Polish Christmas Mass |
| Monday 25 December <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i> Christmas Day | 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass <i>The Brindle Family</i> | 8.30 am Christmas Dawn Mass <i>The Holt Family</i> 2.00 pm Polish Christmas Mass |

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

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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

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

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

ADVENT CHILLOUT

"O come let us adore him"

6.00 – 8.00 pm on Thursday 21 December at St Benedict's
Why not call in for a short while... leave the hustle and bustle behind for a bit... chillout in the presence of our Lord before the feast of Christmas

- Candlelit Adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament
- Silent prayer punctuated by seasonal music and readings
- Opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Tea, coffee and mince pies available throughout in the sacristy.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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| Christmas Eve | (Sunday 24 December) |
| 4.00 pm | Slovak Mass at St Benedict's |
| 6.00 pm | Christmas Vigil Mass at St Oswald's |
| 8.00 pm | Polish Mass at St Oswald's |
| 11.30 pm | Midnight Mass at St Benedict's |
| Christmas Day | (Monday 25 December) |
| 8.30 am | Christmas Dawn Mass at St Oswald's |
| 10.30 am | Christmas Day Mass at St Benedict's |
| 2.00 pm | Polish Christmas Day Mass at St Oswald's |



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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST MARY'S SHRINE

Christmas Eve 12.00 am Midnight Mass (preceded by carols at 11.30 pm)

Christmas Day 9.00 am Low Mass, 11.00 am Sung Mass

'ROOM AT THE INN' - Homeless Project

'Room at the Inn' and 'The Y Project' in Winmarleigh Street, Warrington, provides overnight relief to some of Warrington's homeless like the YMCA used to do. *Could you support them over Christmas by purchasing a £5 Gift Card?*

Cards will be on sale after Mass this weekend. Place the Gift Card in with a Christmas Card and say: *"I haven't sent you a gift this year, instead I bought this gift card which helped someone homeless have a meal and a bed for the night on your behalf."* For further details of how you can help, please contact Sue Blythe on 01925 576678. Many thanks.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS

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

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The SVP would like to thank Parishioners of both parishes for their kind and generous donations last week. We managed to raise £195.00 between the parishes.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are invited to renew their commitment at Mass on Saturday/Sunday, 30/31 December. New servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen. After the 10.30 am Mass at St Benedict's, all servers are invited to stay for lunch together.

ALTERNATIVE NEW YEAR IN CHURCH

New Year's Eve Mass

If you would like to welcome in the New Year in church, there will be a Vigil Mass at 11.15 pm on New Year's Eve at St Benedict's, followed by the chimes of Big Ben, (live), a New Year Blessing, and some cheese and wine.



ST BENEDICT'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB

This Tuesday, 19 December, from 12 noon until 2.30 pm, the Lunch Club will be holding their annual Christmas Lunch - with entertainment, bingo and good company. Tickets for the January Lunch will be on sale at £3.50 each.

ST BENEDICT'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

This Wednesday, 20 December, at 7.30 pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre, you are invited to join in a little festive fun - with Bingo, a larger Raffle (so more prizes), spot prizes and much more fun. Entry is £5.00 - funds raised go to the Bell / Font Fund.



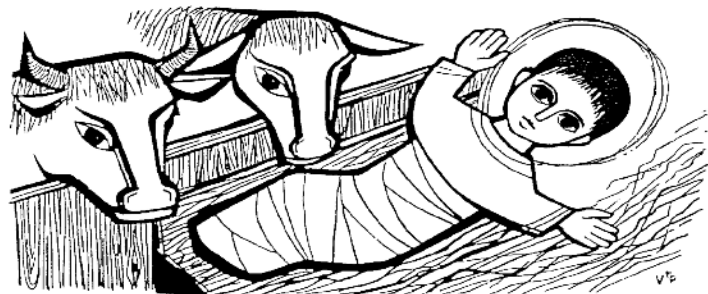
MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS

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) for more information and to discuss the role.

REFLECTION

We are an Advent people. The season of Advent celebrates in symbolic form a reality of our own lives and of all men's destiny with God, because he who came in weakness in Bethlehem is he who will come again.

Constantly he comes. He came as a man into our human situation, accepted human experience as his own and loved it through to the bitter end, in order that what was bitter might be turned into sweetness and human experience become an expression of his sacrificial, redeeming love. He has transformed it from the inside, and offered us the possibility of allowing him to transform it in our lives too. The one historical unique birth at Bethlehem makes possible his birth



in the many lives of those who will receive him, to whom he gives the power to become children of God. He is born in us continually as our minds, our actions, our reactions, our relationships, our experience and our prayer are Christified. But this is a lifetime's task, and we need to pray constantly from the still pre-Christian areas in us, "Come, Lord Jesus" ...

Sister Maria Boulding

From 'The Coming of God' (Canterbury Press, 2001)

DATES FOR 2018.....

CRAFT CLUB

The Craft Club meets this Wednesday, 20 December, at 10.00 am in the Sacristy at St Benedict's. Their next meeting takes place on Wednesday 3 January and every Wednesday thereafter.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group next meet on Saturday 6 January at 9.30 am for breakfast at St Benedict's.

ST BENEDICT'S DRAMA GROUP

The Drama Group has now finished for Christmas. They resume on Wednesday 10 January at 7.00 pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre. If you know of anybody who may be interested in amateur dramatics aged 7+ and would like to take part, please contact Angela Tattersall on 07758 656510 (after 5 pm).

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group next meet on Thursday 11 January at 8.15 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre .

MEDITATION

The Meditation Group resumes on Friday 19 January at 6.45 pm in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's and each Friday thereafter.

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group resumes on Monday 22 January at 7.30 pm at St Oswald's Church and each Monday thereafter.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday-3rd Sunday of Advent (B)

Weekdays - 17 to 24 of Advent

Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

Monday Jer 23: 5-8

Mt 1: 18-24

Tuesday Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a

Lk 1: 5-25

Wednesday Is 7: 10-14

Lk 1: 26-38

Thursday Cant 2: 8-14

Lk 1: 39-45

Friday 1 Sam 1: 24-28

Lk 1: 46-56

Saturday Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24

Lk 1: 57-66

Sunday 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a, 16

Rom 16: 25-27

Lk 1: 26-38

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

Those to be Baptised this weekend

St Benedict's Francis & Lilly Farrington

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, Stanley Yates

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 Baby Laura Maciuba *Archdiocese* Fr Tom Leigh

Praying the Great 'O' Antiphons (17 to 23 December)

Come, Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: teach us to walk in the paths of knowledge.

Come, Leader of Ancient Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: rescue us with your mighty power!

Come, Flower of Jesses stem, sign of God's love for all his people: save us without delay.

Come, Key of David, opening the gates of Gods eternal kingdom: free the prisoners of darkness!

Come, Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice: shine on those lost in the darkness of death!

Come, King of all nations, source of your Church's unity and faith: save all humankind, your own creation!

Come, Emmanuel, God's presence among us, our King, our Judge: save us, Lord our God!

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.



ST BENEDICT'S

200 CLUB WINNERS

10 Dec : 30 A T Snelson

(£100 prize to be drawn on 31 Dec.)

Please make sure your subscription is up to date to qualify for entry

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

“We need to encounter the poor and learn how to share so that it becomes a way of life.”

17 November

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 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

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

Tuesday 12 noon - 2.30 pm Christmas Lunch Club

Wednesday 7.30 pm Christmas Quiz Night

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 10 December

ST BENEDICT'S 3 Dec. £416.40 (£232.86 Gift Aid), £119.00 Bell Font Fund from Quiz.

10 Dec. £350.65 (£177.26 Gift Aid), £26.04 Poor Box from Coffees (2 weeks)

ST OSWALD'S £474.50 (£226.81 Gift Aid), £11.70 Animate Youth Ministries late entries