

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

Newsletter

Sunday 31 December 2017
Feast of the Holy Family (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 31 December 2017 - 7 January 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 31 December <i>Feast of the Holy Family (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Patrick Cullen</i> 11.15 pm New Year's Eve Vigil Mass <i>Colin Sykes</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Annie & Timothy Dewane</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners & Alan Oxley</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 1 January 2018 <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>		12.00 noon New Year's Day Mass <i>Connie Adams</i> 3.00 pm Polish Mass
Tuesday 2 January <i>St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Terence Kennedy</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>John O'Neill</i>
Wednesday 3 January	9.30 am Mass <i>Katie Clifford</i>	
Thursday 4 January		9.30 am Mass <i>Fr Kevin Lowry</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 5 January	12.15 pm Mass <i>Thomas Brady</i> (No Meditation today)	
Saturday 6 January	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Philomena Maddock</i>
Sunday 7 January <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Dermot & Rita Lappin</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass

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

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 St Mary's: www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk



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)

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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THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS

Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate the great feast of Christmas, and to the many people who helped with the liturgies. In particular, may I thank our Deacons, the Sacristans, the Musicians and Singers, the Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, the Collectors and Greeters, and all those who prepared the churches - arranging the beautiful flowers, assembling the Cribs and the Christmas Trees, and the teams of cleaners who keep the churches looking so clean and welcoming.

May I also thank you for your cards and gifts, and for your kind words and good wishes. My two feline friends, Frances and Blaise, would also like to thank you for thinking of them – thankfully. their new toys have distracted them from climbing the Christmas Tree!

May God bless us all with his peace and hope as we begin the New Year together.

Fr Dave

CRIB OFFERINGS

Crib offerings traditionally go to support the work of Nugent (the social welfare agency of the Archdiocese).

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are invited to renew their commitment at Mass this weekend. 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 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.

New Year's Day Mass

The first day of the New Year is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. There will a New Year's Day Mass at 12.00 noon at St Oswald's. All welcome.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Holy God,
as we enter this new year,
we thank you for your presence with us
in all the years of our lives.

We have known joy, and also sorrow,
success and failure,
and through it all, you have been with us
– the companion of all our journeys.

Much of life is fleeting
and so we thank you for things that endure:
the love of faithful friends,
wisdom gained from experience,
the reliability of nature,
and your steadfast love.

We thank you for this New Year which awaits us.

Take us by the hand and lead us on.

Amen.



2018 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...	
Craft Club (St Benedict's)	Wed 3 Jan 10.00 am
Men's Group (St Benedict's)	Sat 6 Jan 9.30 am
Drama Group (St Benedict's)	Wed 10 Jan 7.00 pm
Ladies Group (St Oswald's)	Thurs 11 Jan 8.15 pm
Meditation (St Benedict's)	Fri 19 Jan 6.45 pm
Prayer Group St Oswald's	Mon 22 Jan 7.30 pm

URBI ET ORBI



Pope Francis Christmas Message, 25 December 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Christmas!

In Bethlehem, Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. He was born, not by the will of man, but by the gift of the love of God our Father, who “so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

This event is renewed today in the Church, a pilgrim in time. For the faith of the Christian people relives in the Christmas liturgy the mystery of the God who comes, who assumes our mortal human flesh, and who becomes lowly and poor in order to save us. And this moves us deeply, for great is the tenderness of our Father.

The first people to see the humble glory of the Saviour, after Mary and Joseph, were the shepherds of Bethlehem. They recognized the sign proclaimed to them by the angels and adored the Child. Those humble and watchful men are an example for believers of every age who, before the mystery of Jesus, are not scandalized by his poverty. Rather, like Mary, they trust in God’s word and contemplate his glory with simple eyes. Before the mystery of the Word made flesh, Christians in every place confess with the words of the Evangelist John: “We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (Jn 1:14).

Today, as the winds of war are blowing in our world and an outdated model of development continues to produce human, societal and environmental decline, **Christmas invites us to focus on the sign of the Child and to recognize him in the faces of little children, especially those for whom, like Jesus, “there is no place in the inn” (Lk 2:7).**

We see Jesus in the children of the Middle East who continue to suffer because of growing tensions between Israelis and Palestinians. On this festive day, let us ask the Lord for peace for Jerusalem and for all the Holy Land. Let us pray that the will to resume dialogue may prevail between the parties and that a negotiated solution can finally be reached, one that would allow the peaceful coexistence of two States within mutually agreed and internationally recognized borders. May the Lord also sustain the efforts of

all those in the international community inspired by good will to help that afflicted land to find, despite grave obstacles the harmony, justice and security that it has long awaited.

We see Jesus in the faces of Syrian children still marked by the war that, in these years, has caused such bloodshed in that country. May beloved Syria at last recover respect for the dignity of every person through a shared commitment to rebuild the fabric of society, without regard for ethnic and religious membership.

We see Jesus in the children of Iraq, wounded and torn by the conflicts that country has experienced in the last fifteen years, **and in the children of Yemen**, where there is an ongoing conflict that has been largely forgotten, with serious humanitarian implications for its people, who suffer from hunger and the spread of diseases.

We see Jesus in the children of Africa, especially those who are suffering in South Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic and Nigeria.

We see Jesus in the children worldwide wherever peace and security are threatened by the danger of tensions and new conflicts. Let us pray that confrontation may be overcome on the Korean peninsula and that mutual trust may increase in the interest of the world as a whole. To the Baby Jesus we entrust Venezuela that it may resume a serene dialogue among the various elements of society for the benefit of all the beloved Venezuelan people. We see Jesus in children who, together with their families, suffer from the violence of the conflict in Ukraine and its grave humanitarian repercussions; we pray that the Lord may soon grant peace to this dear country.

We see Jesus in the children of unemployed parents who struggle to offer their children a secure and peaceful future. **And in those whose childhood has been robbed** and who, from a very young age, have been forced to work or to be enrolled as soldiers by unscrupulous mercenaries.

We see Jesus in the many children forced to leave their countries to travel alone in inhuman conditions and who become an easy target for human traffickers. Through their eyes we see the drama of all those forced to emigrate and risk their lives to face exhausting journeys that end at times in tragedy.

I see Jesus again in the children I met during my recent visit to Myanmar and Bangladesh, and it is my hope that the international community will not cease to work to ensure that the dignity of the minority groups present in the region is adequately protected. Jesus knows well the pain of not being welcomed and how hard it is not to have a place to lay one’s head. May our hearts not be closed as they were in the homes of Bethlehem.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday - Holy Family (B)
Weekdays - Christmas Weekdays
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Monday	Num 6: 22-27 Gal 4: 4-7 Lk 2: 16-21
Tuesday	1 Jn 2: 22-28 Jn 1: 19-28
Wednesday	1 Jn 2: 29-3: 6 Lk 2: 21-24
Thursday	1 Jn 3: 7-10 Jn 1: 35-42
Friday	1 Jn 3: 11-21 Jn 1: 43-51
Saturday	1 Jn 5: 5-13 Mk 1: 7-11
Sunday	Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a Mt 2: 1-12

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



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, Mary Monks

St Mary's Luciano Bartolo, Dorothy Parry, Edie Crompton

St Oswald's Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne, 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 Colin Pearce

Official Prayer for the World Meeting of Families 2018

God our Father,
we are brothers and sisters
in Jesus your Son,
one family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
especially those for whom we now pray:

(Pause to remember family members and others)
Increase our faith, strengthen our hope,
keep us safe in your love,
make us always grateful for the gift of life
that we share.
This we ask through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
St Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

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

24 Dec : TBA

(£100 prize to be drawn on 31 Dec)

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

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Contemplating the Baby Jesus, with his humble and infinite love, let us say to him, very simply: "Thank you for doing all this for me!"

24 December

"Grace means...

There is nothing you can do to make God love you more and there is nothing you can do to make God love you less"

Philip Yancey

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
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 24 & 25 December

ST BENEDICT'S Details next week

ST OSWALD'S 24/12 £506.72 25/12 £1203.56