

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

Newsletter

Sunday 7 January 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord



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 7 - 14 January 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 7 January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Dermot & Rita Lappin</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Philomena Maddock</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 8 January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>		<i>(Prayer Group resumes on Monday 22 January)</i>
Tuesday 9 January	12.30 pm Funeral Service <i>Patricia Armitage</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>June Traynor</i>
Wednesday 10 January	No Mass Today	
Thursday 11 January		11.30 am Funeral Mass <i>Colin Pearce</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 12 January	12 noon Pastoral Area Mass at St Alban's	
	(No Meditation today)	
Saturday 13 January	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Canon Kevin Mullen</i>
Sunday 14 January <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Rita Granfield</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>The Holt Family</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

WEBSITES Parish: stmarysandstbenedictswarrington.co.uk
St Mary's: www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk



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)

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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PARISH OFFICE

Please note – St Benedict's Church and the Parish Office will only be open at the following times this week:

Monday 8 January	Closed
Tuesday 9 January	9.30 - 2.30 pm
Wednesday 10 January	9.30 - 2.30 pm
Thursday 11 January	9.30 - 2.30 pm
Friday 12 January	Closed

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

– If you know you are going into hospital and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let Fr Dave know and he will celebrate the sacrament with you.

– If you are admitted to hospital and would like to see a Catholic Priest, you (or a relative) need to inform the hospital staff who will contact the Hospital Chaplaincy Team. The priests serving the hospital are unlikely to know that you have been admitted or wish to see a priest unless you do this.

GLUTEN ALLERGIES

The Church allows the use of low-gluten hosts for those who have an allergy to gluten. If you have a gluten-allergy and would prefer to receive a low-gluten host, please let Fr Dave know. However, before doing so, it is important that you seek medical advice as to whether your level of allergy would permit the use of low-gluten hosts.

FULL OF COLD, GOT THE FLU?

Please think before coming to church if you're full of cold or flu. If you come to church when you're ill, it's highly likely that others will catch your cold or bug. This can be very serious for those parishioners, for example, whose immune systems are low due to treatment for cancer. So, if you're not well, perhaps stay at home and keep the Lord's Day by joining in Mass on the internet (www.churchservices.tv or www.mcnmedia.tv) or pray quietly in your own way. It's not a sin to miss Mass if you're sick! *Fr Dave*

DIVORCED & SEPARATED CATHOLICS

The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics start in February 2018. This course is for those who are separated, those who are currently going through a divorce, or those who are already divorced, whether recent or at any time in the past. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential. To book a place on the course held in Aintree, contact Maureen O'Brien

(07967 753371). To book a place on the course held in South Liverpool, contact Frances Trotman (0151 727 2195). For further information, see poster at the back of church.

DEMENTIA

Helpful Guidance & Information

Here are five key messages about dementia:

- Dementia is not a natural part of ageing
- Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain
- Dementia is not just about losing your memory – it can affect thinking, communicating and doing everyday tasks
- It's possible to live well with dementia
- There's more to a person than the dementia

For information, support and advice about dementia:

- Visit www.alzheimers.org.uk
- Call the National Dementia Helpline on 0300 222 1122
- Visit www.alzheimers.org.uk/dementiaconnect to find local services
- Join the Talking Point discussion forums at www.forum.alzheimers.org.uk

APOLOGIES - NO SOUP LUNCH THIS MONTH

Please accept our apologies if you were looking forward to the Soup Lunch this Tuesday. St Benedict's kitchen will not be in use for Parish activities while Fr Dave has a much needed break. The Soup Lunch will resume as usual on Tuesday 13th February.

Thank you

2018 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...	
Drama Group (St Benedict's)	Wed 10 Jan 7.00 pm
Ladies Group (St Oswald's)	Thurs 11 Jan 8.15 pm
Lunch Club (St Benedict's)	Tues 16 Jan 12 noon - 2.30pm
Craft Club (St Benedict's)	Wed 17 Jan 10.00 am
Meditation (St Benedict's)	Fri 19 Jan 6.45 pm
Prayer Group St Oswald's	Mon 22 Jan 7.30 pm

SYNOD 2020 – A NEW VISION

Part 1

When he became Pope in 2013, Pope Francis issued a challenge to the whole church in the form of an Apostolic Exhortation called 'The Joy of the Gospel'. He invited us all to have a daily encounter with Christ who changes lives, and to have the courage to take up the call of Jesus to be missionary disciples. He said that our parishes were the places where this could happen as long as we were prepared to renew what we do. Pope Francis wrote:

'I dream of a "missionary option", that is a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.'

Pope Francis invites everyone to be part of this adventure: 'To those who feel far from God and the Church, to all those who are fearful or indifferent, I would like to say this: the Lord, with great respect and

love, is also calling you to be a part of his people! The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.'

It is in the light of this and being aware of our changing circumstances that the Archbishop has called for a Diocesan Synod to take place in June 2020.

In 1962 there were 264,000 people at Mass each Sunday. Last year that number had fallen to 47,000. In 1962 there were over 400 priests serving the Diocese, now there are just 120. This means that we have to be open to change. The work of the Gospel is no less urgent, the call to make disciples has not changed, but we have to find new ways to do this in the light of our changed circumstances. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) invited the church to look at the signs of the times, to reflect on what they mean and to take appropriate action. This includes a re-discovering and a re-energising of the vocation of all the baptised.

This is the background which is leading us to Synod 2020.



NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

One of the hazards of being tall is that I look up more often than I should. Inevitably I trip over things from time to time which brings me down to earth with a bump. Sometimes people think I am being rude because I don't acknowledge them if they are below my line of sight, and that can get me into trouble too. Of course, there are some advantages to being tall such as being able to see over the heads of a crowd or lifting luggage onto the rack in the train but being able to look over and beyond our past and present experience and see further is something that everyone can do.

During the Christmas season, we were encouraged to look up by the shepherds who in seeing the night sky

filled with angels glorifying and praising God they were led to someone who was very down to earth, God's son, Jesus. The wise men also looked up and saw a star which led them to the true King. They prostrated themselves on the ground before him and offered the homage due to a king.

So, throughout the year ahead we should keep looking up because by broadening our vision and taking in the magnificence of the creation, even if it is likely that sooner or later we will trip over and find ourselves humbled, because it is there that we will surely encounter the Lord.

Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all those who purchased the Christmas Gift Cards for the Room at the Inn + The Y Project. Both parishes managed to raise £434.85 in 2016 and £280.82 in 2017 giving a total of £715.67.

All funds raised help provide a hot meal, a bed and a change of clothing for some of Warrington's Homeless this Christmas and throughout the year.

Thank you

**When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among peoples,
to make music in the heart.**

Howard Thurman

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday-The Epiphany of the Lord
Weekdays - Year 2, Week 1

Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

Monday Is 42: 1-4, 6-7
 Mk 1: 7-11

Tuesday 1 Sam 1: 9-20
 Mk 1: 21b-28

Wednesday 1 Sam 3: 1-10,19-20
 Mk 1: 29-39

Thursday 1 Sam 4: 1-11
 Mk 1: 40-45

Friday 1 Sam 8: 4-7, 10-22a
 Mk 2: 1-12

Saturday 1 Sam 9: 1-4, 17-19;10:1
 Mk 2: 13-17

Sunday 1 Sam 3: 3b-10
 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20
 Jn 1: 35-42

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 Benedict's Patricia Armitage, Ian Thompson
St Oswald's Colin Pearce

THE BLESSING OF HOMES

The Blessing of Homes is a time-honoured custom on the Feast of the Epiphany. It reminds us that Christ is with us in the love and care we show one another in our ordinary, everyday lives together. Why not have a little celebration at home today? One custom is to trace the Cross, the initials "CMB", and the numerals of the year on the doorway of your house (either using chalk, holy water or simply with your finger), and then share your usual Sunday meal together. "CMB" stands for "Christus mansionem benedicat" – "May Christ bless this house!"

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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**

31 Dec: 104 Vera Brindle
 (£100 prize)

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

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

"May the Lord grant us the wisdom to seek that which is worthwhile and to love, not with our words but with our actions."

17 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
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

Sunday 8.30 pm Cabaret Night
Monday 6.00 pm Rainbows
 7.45 pm Bingo
Wednesday 7.00 pm Drama Group
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 31 December

ST BENEDICT'S 24 Dec: £444.45, Grotto from Quiz £177.00 25 Dec: £379.81 31 Dec: £467.35

ST OSWALD'S 31 Dec: £471.67