

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

Newsletter

Sunday 14 January 2018

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (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 14 - 21 January 2018 | | |
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| | ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE | ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB |
| Sunday 14 January <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</i> Day of Prayer for Peace | 10.30 am Mass <i>Rita Granfield</i> | (Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Canon Kevin Mullen</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Holt Family</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass |
| Monday 15 January | | <i>(Prayer Group resumes next Monday, 22 January)</i> |
| Tuesday 16 January | <i>No Masses today because of Clergy In-Service Day</i> | |
| Wednesday 17 January <i>St Anthony</i> | 10.15 am Funeral Mass <i>Ian Thompson</i> | |
| Thursday 18 January <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i> | | 9.30 am Mass <i>Marie Murray</i> 7.30 pm Novena |
| Friday 19 January | 12.15 pm Mass <i>Rita Leigh</i> 6.45 pm Meditation | |
| Saturday 20 January | 4.00 pm Slovak Mass | 10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm First Communion Preparation Mass <i>Elizabeth (Peggy) Tipton</i> |
| Sunday 21 January <i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</i> | 10.30 am First Communion Preparation Mass <i>Mary Monks</i> | 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>Connie Adams</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass |



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

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| 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

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 Ian Verrier FSSP iverrier@fssp.org

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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DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Today, the Catholic Church in England and Wales observes a Day of Prayer for Peace. The theme proposed by Pope Francis is "Migrants and Refugees – Seekers of Peace". In his message for World Peace Day 2018, Pope Francis says:

"The increased numbers of displaced persons is one of the consequences of the endless and horrifying sequence of wars, conflicts, genocides and ethnic cleansings that had characterized the twentieth century. To this date, the new century has registered no real breakthrough: armed conflicts and other forms of organized violence continue to trigger the movement of peoples within national borders and beyond...



Many destination countries have seen the spread of rhetoric decrying the risks posed to national security or the high cost of welcoming new arrivals, and thus demeaning the human dignity due to all as sons and daughters of God. Those who, for what may be political reasons, foment fear of migrants instead of building peace are sowing violence, racial discrimination and xenophobia...

The wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth...

When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce.

Offering asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking an opportunity to find the peace they seek requires a strategy combining four actions: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.

— "Welcoming" calls for expanding legal pathways for entry and no longer pushing migrants and displaced people towards countries where they face persecution and violence. It also demands balancing our concerns about national security with concern for fundamental human rights...

— "Protecting" has to do with our duty to recognize and defend the inviolable dignity of those who flee real dangers in search of asylum and security, and to prevent their being exploited...

— "Promoting" entails supporting the integral human development of migrants and refugees. Among many possible means of doing so, I would stress the importance of ensuring access to all levels of education for children and young people...

— "Integrating", lastly, means allowing refugees and migrants to participate fully in the life of the society that welcomes them, as part of a process of mutual enrichment and fruitful cooperation in service of the integral human development of the local community..."

The full text of Pope Francis' Message can be found at: <http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday/>

**Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one...
Bring healing to our lives
that we may protect the world
and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.**

(Adapted from 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis, 2015)

FIRST COMMUNION 2018

Children in Year 4, who are preparing to celebrate First Communion this year, are invited to come to the 3rd Preparation Mass with their parents/carers next weekend:

St Oswald's – Saturday 20 January at 6.00 pm
St Benedict's – Sunday 21 January at 10.30 am

Please come to the Mass which is most convenient for you. If your child cannot attend one of the Masses next weekend, please contact Fr Dave this week so that he can make alternative arrangements for your child. Thank you.



ST BENEDICT'S LUNCH CLUB

St Benedict's Lunch Club takes place this Tuesday, 16 January, from 12 noon - 2.30 pm. Tickets £3.00.

ST OSWALD'S LADIES GROUP

Those who are taking part in the Afternoon Tea at Bents on Thursday 18 January - the coach will be picking you up from St Oswald's Church at 1.30 pm.



OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18 to 25 January. Churches Together in East Warrington will be holding an Ecumenical Service next Sunday, 21 January, at Padgate Methodist Church at 4.00 pm.

"I encourage parishioners to come along to this service, especially if you haven't been to an ecumenical service for some time. It is only by meeting together, praying together and working together that Christian unity will come about. The baptism we share means that each one of us has a responsibility to build bridges with our sisters and brothers in the other Christian churches and groups. Our Lord's prayer, "that they may all be one" (John 17: 21) will only be answered if we all play our part." *Fr Dave*

**God of unity,
Trinity of the Three,
you call your people to be one
that the world may believe.
Grant us your Spirit
that we might act and speak
with one voice
so that our world's pains and divisions
may be transformed by healing, hope and reconciliation,
our Lord's prayer be answered,
and your name glorified and hallowed.
Amen.**

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SYNOD 2020 – A NEW VISION

Part 2 – Preparing for the Synod (2017 to September 2018)

In this first year of preparation for the Synod, we are invited to join our prayer with the Church in this country as we prepare for the National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage, which will be held in Liverpool in September 2018. A series of prayers will be written as well as three Holy Hours for each parish to use which will lead us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist.

The first prayer was used at the end of Masses in Advent in each of our parishes. The three Holy Hours invite us to reflect on three aspects of the Eucharist: the Eucharist as thanksgiving, the Eucharist as a meeting with Jesus, and the

Eucharist which calls us and sends us as missionary disciples.

Another prayer will be sent to be used after Easter and the final prayer will form part of a novena of prayer for the days between Ascension and Pentecost. Our schools will also be invited to be part of this time of prayer and preparation. As the Archbishop said in his October Pastoral Letter, the best way we can begin our preparation for Synod 2020 is by focusing our gaze upon Jesus.

In the Spring and Summer, the Archbishop will be visiting each area of the Diocese (15 different venues) to lead us in prayer as we prepare for the Synod. He will share his vision and we will be joined as a Diocese in a great act of prayer.

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.

REFLECTION

We are good because we are loved,
not loved because we are good.
If it was up to each one of us to earn it,
we might not be loved very much.
Too much goat and not enough sheep!
And yet loved we are, since God is in all things,
even the bits we think are ugly and unmentionable.

We are loved,
but God wants us to give some love back,
giving and receiving in a mutual relationship.
Love makes us better,
holds us together,
reaching out to the other.

Being in relationship with God
means being with other people,
doing some good.

Looking after the creation
and not seeing everything
as being there for our enjoyment.

It means being fair and not exploiting others.

It means giving and not taking.

It means being alongside not overpowering others.

It even means welcoming and respecting
the stranger in our midst,
since it may be the Christ unannounced.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays - Year 2, Week 2
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

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| Monday | 1 Sam 15: 16-23 Mk 2: 18-22 |
| Tuesday | 1 Sam 16: 1-13 Mk 2: 23-28 |
| Wednesday | 1 Sam 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3: 1-6 |
| Thursday | 1 Sam 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7 Mk 3: 7-12 |
| Friday | 1 Sam 24: 3-21 Mk 3: 13-19 |
| Saturday | 2 Sam 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3: 20-21 |
| Sunday | Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20 |

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB WINNERS

7 Jan: 153 Chris Ashton

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

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

**"Joy, prayer and gratitude are
three ways that help us live
authentically."**

8 January

Every time you get
upset at something, ask
yourself if you were to
die tomorrow, was it
worth wasting your
time being angry?

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ST OSWALD'S PARISH CENTRE Padgate Lane, Warrington, WA1 3LB

The Week Ahead

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| 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

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| Sunday | 8.30 pm | Cabaret Night |
| Monday | 6.00 pm | Rainbows |
| | 7.45 pm | Bingo |
| Tuesday | 12 noon - 2.30 pm | St Benedict's Lunch Club |
| Wednesday | 7.00 pm | Drama Group |
| Thursday | 7.30 pm | Line Dancing |

Contact Steve on Tel. 633920 after 7pm for bookings

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

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| <i>St Benedict's</i> | 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 |
| <i>St Mary's</i> | Luciano Bartolo, Dorothy Parry, Edie Crompton |
| <i>St Oswald's</i> | 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, Kevin Duffy |
| <i>Other Parishes</i> | Ged O'Connor, Daniel Davies, John Heywood (aged 10), Grace Fernandapolle, Kat Clifford (aged 13), Viv O'Hara |

Those who have died recently, especially:

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| <i>St Benedict's</i> | Ian Thompson |
| <i>St Oswald's</i> | Sandra Curley |

This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For peace between nations, a lasting peace with justice.
- † For tolerance and respect, for an openness to neighbours and strangers.
- † For unity among all the followers of Christ, a unity founded on truth and compassion.
- † That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom (*Pope Francis*).
- † For all the children who are not allowed to be born, who cry with hunger, who hold weapons in their hands instead of toys (*Pope Francis*).

If you would like to add a parishioner to the prayer list, please check with them first and then email Fr Dave on fdave@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

Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on 7 January

ST BENEDICT'S To be confirmed next week

ST OSWALD'S £476.29 (£222.51 Gift Aid) £12 Christmas Offering