

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

Newsletter

Sunday 28 January 2018

Fourth 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 28 January - 4 February 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 28 January <i>4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</i> Racial Justice Day	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> <i>John Ryan, Doris Ryan</i> <i>and Catherine Shireby</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Mass <i>Maureen Deignan</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Colin Pearce</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 29 January		10.30 am Funeral Service <i>Sandra Curley</i> 7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 30 January	12.15 pm Mass <i>Randall Ollier</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Marie Murray</i>
Wednesday 31 January <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30 Mass <i>Nadine Davies</i> 3.00 pm Funeral at Walton Lea <i>Sheila Evans</i>	
Thursday 1 February		9.30 am Mass <i>Philla Maddock</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 2 February <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>	12.15 pm Blessing of Candles, Procession & Mass <i>Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 3 February <i>St Blaise</i>	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Eileen O'Donoghue & Kitty McCarthy</i>
Sunday 4 February <i>5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>George & Doreen Cartes</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 Ian Verrier FSSP iverrier@fssp.org

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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RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today is Racial Justice Sunday. On this day, we are invited to support and pray for the work of the Catholic Church in promoting racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society.

This year's theme is "Belonging – All Are Welcome". It reminds us that our parishes must be places of welcome for all people, especially newcomers, strangers and those from different backgrounds. As Pope Francis said in his message for last week's World Day of Migrants and Refugees: "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age".

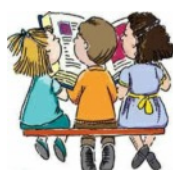
Today, let us remember and pray especially for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity, in other words, those who are made to feel that they don't belong.

O God,
who created all people in your image,
who loves the stranger
and cares for the downtrodden,
walk with those who face discrimination.
Protect them from harm
and help them to see Christ in our community.
May those who fan the fires of discrimination
come to respect the human dignity of all people.
Open our hearts to those who face hatred and injustice
because of their race, background or ethnicity
that we might better help them to belong.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Training for leaders/helpers of Children's Liturgy of the Word on Saturday 17 February at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA. Tea/coffee and arrivals at 10.00 am for 10.15 start until 12.30 pm. Cost: £10 per person (which will be paid by the parish). The main focus of the morning will be different ways of opening up the Gospel for children, and exploring all the different liturgical elements and ways of engaging the children. To book a place, please contact the Parish Office (630127) as soon as possible.

We could do with a few more people, especially parents, to help with Children's Liturgy during the 10.30 am Mass on



Sundays at St Benedict's, and I would like to be able to provide something similar at St Oswald's during the 6.00 pm Mass on Saturdays. Have a think about it. It's very simple and not at all demanding. The more helpers we have, the less the commitment – say once a month nine times a year. If you would like more information, please have a word with me after Mass or give me a call on 630127. Many thanks. *Fr Dave*

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Vocation Discernment Group

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion.

The next day of recollection will take place on Saturday 3 February at St Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or Telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.

CONCERT FOR WARRINGTON FOODBANK

Friday 2 February at 7.30 pm in St Wilfrid's Church, Grapenhall WA4 3EP, with Meera Maharaj and Dominic Degavino. Music by Tchaikovsky, Dutilleux, Liebermann and Gade. Tickets £10 (including glass of wine or soft drink). Reserve tickets on 07748 425286. Any donations of groceries would be gratefully received. Visit our Facebook page 'Warrington Foodbank Concert 2018' for a list of most needed items and to spread the word among your friends.

"CANDLEMAS"

This Friday, 2 February, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord when we remember the day Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple for the first time, just like parents bring their children to church for the first time. While they were there, an old man called Simeon recognised Jesus as the 'Light of the nations'. The feast is also known as 'Candlemas' because we keep the ancient custom of blessing the candles we'll use in church over the next twelve months.

DIDN'T HAVE BREAKFAST BEFORE MASS TODAY? CAKE SALE AT ST BENEDICT'S AFTER MASS

All are invited to stay behind after the 10.30 am Mass today for tea and coffee. There are lots of home baked cakes on sale to help raise funds for the new Grotto.

SVP MEETING

The SVP will be meeting this Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

ST BENEDICT'S QUIZ NIGHT

St Benedict's Quiz Night takes place this Wednesday at 7.30 pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre. Proceeds to the Grotto Fund.

ST BENEDICT'S - RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS

Due to a shortage of collectors, many boxes will have to remain unopened until later in the year. However, if your box is full and needs emptying now, please tel. 571696 and arrangement will be made for this to happen.

SYMPHONIES & CONCERTANTES

Saturday 3 February at 7.30 pm in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante* is one of his most sublime works and is complemented by the spirited *Symphony 99* by his friend Haydn. In between is a second opportunity to hear Pratt's *Imaginary Folksongs* for clarinet and orchestra. For further information and to book tickets please go to: www.cathedralconcerts.org.uk or see the poster at the back of church.

'THE PRIESTS' LIVE IN CONCERT

Supporting the work of Nugent and Friends of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, 'The Priests' will be singing at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on Friday 1 June, with guest mezzo soprano, Danielle Thomas. Tickets from £16 from 0151 709 3789 or www.liverpoolphil.com



SYNOD 2020 – A NEW VISION

Part 4 – The Synod (June 2020)

Why a Synod?

The last Synod in this Archdiocese took place in 1955 when it looked mainly at questions regarding the canon law of marriage. So why have another one now? The need for decisive action is such that it calls for something like a Synod to give it the level of importance it needs and to ensure that action is taken and followed through.

Who will go?

By its nature, Church law demands that certain people have to be there, but every parish will have the opportunity to send two delegates.

Is this just 'Leaving Safe Harbours' with another name?

We have been facing the need for change for many years now, and that will not stop. But a Synod will build on what we have done and allow us to have a shared vision and

strategy for tackling the circumstances that face us now and in the foreseeable future.

The Archbishop ended his Pastoral Letter last October announcing the Synod with this call: "We need to regain our missionary spirit so that the call to holiness we heard in our baptism is expressed by a change of direction. Baptism has changed us so that as Christians we live no longer for ourselves but for other."

"Perhaps we can also begin to see the opportunity that Synod 2020, our three-year journey of prayer, reflection and action, might bring us to hear and respond to the call of the Lord with openhearted generosity and creative commitment. It is in this spirit that we can face the future with hope and confidence in Christ who is always close to those who seek to do his will."

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Did you know?

Just to counteract some of the 'fake' news we hear in the media sometimes...

—There are 2,222 Catholic Schools in England and Wales – that's 10% of all schools.

—854,827 pupils are educated in Catholic schools making the Catholic Church the largest provider of secondary education and the second largest provider of primary education.

—65% of pupils at Catholic maintained schools are Catholic; there are 301,944 non-Catholic pupils in maintained schools.

—50,038 teachers work in Catholic maintained schools and 51% of them are Catholic.

—Catholic schools are the most ethnically diverse schools in the country and contain 23% more pupils from minority ethnic backgrounds.



—Catholic Schools outperform the National Average at KS2 and GCSE by 5 and 4 percentage points respectively.

(Source: Census 2017 for England & Wales).

For further information: www.catholiceducation.org.uk

GOT A SON/DAUGHTER AT UNIVERSITY?

If you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, at university, then you might like to send them the following website address: www.catholicstudentnetwork.co.uk The Catholic Student Network is a new initiative from Catholic uni students in the UK. The site has been set up for two key purposes: to support Catholic students, and to give their creativity a national platform.

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT (#1)

"Kindness and compassion towards all living things is a mark of a civilised society" (César Chávez). The six pack plastic rings that hold a set of cans together: before throwing it in the bin, cut it up so that it doesn't wrap itself round the beak or paw of a wild animal. **It's so simple!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays - Year 2, Week 4
Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

Monday	2 Sam 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13a Mk 5: 1-20
Tuesday	2 Sam 18: 9-10, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5: 21-43
Wednesday	2 Sam 24: 2, 9-17 Mk 6: 1-6
Thursday	1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12 Mk 6: 7-13
Friday	Mal 3: 1-4 Lk 2: 22-40
Saturday	1 Kgs 3: 4-13 Mk 6: 30-34
Sunday	Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 Mk 1: 29-39

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB WINNERS

21 Jan: 93 Mrs J Hackwell

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

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

“Prayer allows us to see one another the way God our Father sees us, and to realize that we are brothers and sisters.”

26 January

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	7.00 pm	SVP Meeting - Lounge
	7.30 pm	Line Dancing
Wednesday	8.00 pm	Bingo

Contact Lynne on 812266 or 07939 574790 for bookings

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

<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 Manion, 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), Fr Michael O'Neill MHM

Those who have died recently, especially:

<i>St Benedict's</i>	Sheila Evans
<i>St Oswald's</i>	Sandra Curley

This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For the many thousands affected by the erupting volcano in the Philippines.
- † For tolerance and respect, for an openness to neighbours and strangers.
- † For the millions of people who were murdered or whose lives were changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur (especially on Holocaust Memorial Day, 27 January).
- † For those who are sick at home or in hospital, and for those who care for them.
- † For those accompanying loved ones who are close to death.

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 Francis de Sales

Half an hour's meditation each day
is essential, except when you are busy.
Then a full hour is needed.

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
	7.30 pm	Fundraiser Quiz Night - Grotto
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 21 January

ST BENEDICT'S £392.16 (£181.76 Gift Aid)

ST OSWALD'S £520.56 (£243.65 Gift Aid)