

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

Newsletter

Sunday 11 February 2018

Sixth 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 11 - 18 February 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 11 February <i>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</i> World Day of Prayer for the Sick	10.30 am Mass <i>Eileen Lawton</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners, Carole Lawless</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Connie Adams</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 12 February		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 13 February	12.15 pm Mass <i>Arthur Brindle</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Colin Pearce</i>
Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday <i>Day of Fast & Abstinence</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>The Monks Family</i> 2.15 pm Service of the Word <i>(at St Benedict's School)</i>	9.30 am Service of the Word <i>(with St Oswald's School)</i> 7.00 pm Mass <i>Philip Brocklehurst</i>
Thursday 15 February		9.30 am Mass <i>Sylvia Smith</i> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 16 February	11.45 am Stations of the Cross 12.15 pm Mass <i>Pope Francis</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 17 February	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Ged Snelson</i>
Sunday 18 February <i>1st Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</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



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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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THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the following Masses and Services:

- 9.30 am Service of the Word at St Oswald's (with the children from school)
- 12.15 pm Lunchtime Mass at St Benedict's
- 2.15 pm Service of the Word in St Benedict's School
- 7.00 pm Evening Mass at St Oswald's

TEN IDEAS FOR LENT

1) 50p Collection

You are invited to bring 50p with you every time you come to church during Lent. For the last two years, this collection has been used to support the Syrian Refugees living in camps in Greece. This year, I suggest we use the collection to support the homeless and those in need here in Warrington. Sadly, the need is great. Individuals and families approach the Church every week because they have nowhere else to turn.

2) Spiritual Reading

Do you ever do any spiritual reading? There are two free publications at the back of church which you may find helpful – "Lent Extra" and "Walk With Me". Please help yourself. There will also be some inexpensive books on sale after the Sunday Masses this weekend and next.

3) Sunday and/or Weekday Mass

"Abbot Vonier said: 'The world's salvation is in the Eucharist.' With those inspiring words in my heart, I urge you above all during Lent to be prepared to put yourself out in order to go to Mass often, even every day. Not only will you be blest, but you will be a source of blessing to others" (Archbishop Kelly, Pastoral Letter for Lent 2000).

If you don't usually come to Mass every Sunday, why not try to do so for Lent? We go to church because the Lord invites us to come together once a week as his family. We celebrate the Mass because our Lord said, 'Do this in memory of me'. We gather especially on Sunday because that's the Lord's Day – the day Jesus rose from the dead.

Or, if you already come to Sunday Mass and your commitments allow you to do so, why not try and come to one of the weekday Masses each week during Lent?

4) Fasting & Abstinence

Fasting means reducing the amount of food we usually eat and giving what is saved in this way to those in need (e.g. CAFOD). Fasting binds those who are aged 18 to 59.

Abstinence means giving up a particular kind of food or drink, or some form of amusement. So some people give up chocolate, or alcohol, or cigarettes, and give what is saved in this way to those in need. Abstinence binds those who are 14 and over.

Days of Fasting & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are also encouraged to fast on the Fridays of Lent, especially on CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day (Friday 23 February).

5) Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a traditional devotion during Lent. They will be led by different individuals and groups each week.

St Oswald's Thursdays during Lent at 7.30 pm

St Benedict's Fridays during Lent at 11.45 am

If you would like to take a turn in leading this devotion, please let Fr Dave know.

6) Lenten Calendars

At the back of church, there are copies of a Lenten Calendar entitled, 'A Lenten Journey', with daily actions and reflections based on the Lenten Scriptures.

Fr Dave has some Lenten Calendars for children. Why not take one home for your child or grandchild as you leave church today?

7) Prayer List

Perhaps the best gift we can give to another person is to pray for them. There's a prayer list on the back page of the newsletter each week. Why not cut it out and stick it on your bathroom mirror? Then, every time you look in the mirror, pick a name and simply ask our Lord to bless that person.

8) Daily Prayer

If daily prayer has slipped out of your life, why not use Lent to get back into the habit of spending a few minutes in prayer each day? If you need some help, check out the websites: www.pray-as-you-go.org or www.sacredspace.ie

9) Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual Confession

Tuesdays 11.30 am – 12.05 pm St Benedict's

Saturdays 5.15 – 5.45 pm St Oswald's

There are also daily Confessions at St Mary's Shrine

Communal Celebration

There will be a Service of Reconciliation on Tuesday 27 March at 7.30 pm in St Oswald's.

10) Thought for the Day

There will be a thought, prayer or reflection posted on the parish website each day during Lent.

SOME LENTEN IDEAS FOR CHILDREN

- Ask your mum or dad to bring you to Sunday Mass during Lent
- Save a penny a day for CAFOD or another charity
- Say a prayer before you go to bed at night
- Offer to do a five minute job around the house each day
- Use the Lenten Calendar for Children (available from Fr Dave)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for the Sick, Pope Francis says: "Jesus bestowed upon the Church his healing power: "These signs will accompany those who believe... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover (Mk 16:17-18). In the Acts of the Apostles, we read accounts of the healings worked by Peter (cf. Acts 3:4-8) and Paul (cf. Acts 14:8-11). The Church's mission is a response to Jesus' gift, for she knows that she must bring to the sick the Lord's own gaze, full of tenderness and compassion. Health care ministry will always be a necessary and fundamental task, to be carried out with renewed enthusiasm by all, from parish communities to the most largest healthcare institutions. We cannot forget the tender love and perseverance of many families in caring for their chronically sick or severely disabled children, parents and relatives. The care given within families is an extraordinary witness of love for the human person; it needs to be fittingly acknowledged and supported by suitable policies. Doctors and nurses, priests, consecrated men and women, volunteers, families and all those who care for the sick, take part in this ecclesial mission. It is a shared responsibility that enriches the value of the daily service given by each." *There are some copies of Pope Francis' Message at the back of church.*

RITE OF ELECTION

There's a minibus going to the Cathedral next Sunday, 17 February, for the Rite of Election at 3.00 pm. Leaving St Benedict's at 2.00 pm, there are still a few places available if you want to come. Please contact Celia in the Parish Office.

FIRST COMMUNION 2018



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

St Oswald's – Saturday 17 February at 6.00 pm
St Benedict's – Sunday 18 February 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.

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT (#2)

Do you ever use disposable plates and cups for parties, etc? Many of the products on sale are not recyclable. Choose carefully. Let's change our throwaway culture.



THE JOHN LENNOX EVENT

Church leaders in Warrington have invited internationally renowned Professor John Lennox to give a talk on the subject, 'Why does God allow suffering', on Saturday 17 March at 7.30 pm in the Parr Hall. This free event is an incredible opportunity to hear a case for God in light of human suffering, delivered by one of the world's leading thinkers.

Professor Lennox is respected by leading academics. He has debated some of this generation's most prominent atheists. He has taught in most of the world's premier universities and has published over 20 books and, for one evening, he will engage with this important topic in Warrington, as well as answer people's questions.

If you would like to go to this event, please sign up through the <https://johnlennoxwarrington.eventbrite.com> portal.

'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.



DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN OVER 30

The Beda College in Rome together, together with St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales, are running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 September 2018. The primary focus of the weekend is the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. However, it is also suitable for men not specifically considering priesthood as it is not presumed that any major choice or commitment will be made during the weekend. Ideally bookings should be made before Easter.

For further information and booking please visit: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/weekend-individually-guided-retreat-men-aged-30>

ST BENEDICT'S SOUP LUNCH

This Tuesday, 13 February, at 1.00 pm (immediately after the 12.15 pm Mass), you are invited to stay behind for the monthly Soup Lunch which is back just in the nick of time to chase those winter blues away! Home made soup, traditional pudding and a cup of tea or coffee - all for only £2.50. No brainer! And... a quick raffle before it ends. All proceeds go towards the extra funding needed for the new Grotto.

You are invited to a
CHARITY CONCERT
Friday 2 March at 7.30 pm
St Benedict's Parish Centre

Good music, good food and good fun!
In aid of the Parish Mission to the Poor and Homeless in Warrington
Tickets £5 (under 14's £2.50)
available next weekend

SCRIPTURE READINGS

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
Weekdays - Year 2, Week 6
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Monday	James 1: 1-11 Mk 8: 11-13
Tuesday	James 1: 12-18 Mk 8: 14-21
Wednesday	Joel 2: 12-18 2 Cor 5: 20-6:2 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deut 30: 15-20 Lk 9: 22-25
Friday	Is 58: 1-9a Mt 9: 14-15
Saturday	Is 58: 9b-14 Lk 5: 27-32
Sunday	Gen 9: 8-15 1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mk 1: 12-15

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those to be baptised this weekend:

St Oswald's Sava & Luka Saunders

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 Man-nion, Margaret Watts (nee McGinty), Mary Metcalfe, Kevin Wainwright, Kevin Duffy, Mike McCarrick

Other Parishes Ged O'Connor, Daniel Davies, John Heywood (aged 10), Grace Fernan-dapolle, Kat Clifford (aged 13), Fr Michael O'Neill MHM, Catherine Donaldson

Those who have died recently, especially:

Archdiocese Deacon Tony Green

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

I reach out to you, my God,
in this time of need.
Carry me on the difficult days
when I have no strength.
Wrap me in your love when I am discouraged.
May your grace wash over me
and refresh me.
And as you hold me tenderly
in the palm of your hand,
I ask for healing of all my afflictions.
Amen.

National Association of Catholic Chaplains



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**

28 Jan: no. 8 Mrs Rodden
4 Feb: no. 2 Ged Hughes

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

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

"One who is aware of his own wretchedness and lowers his gaze with humility feels God's merciful gaze set upon him."

5 February

St Benedict Quote

"He should first show them in deeds rather than words, all that is good and holy."

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
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 4 February

ST BENEDICT'S £430.66 (£267.41 Gift Aid), £219.52 Grotto Fund (£154 from Quiz, £50 Donation & £15.52 from Coffees)

ST OSWALD'S £519.71 (£257.03 Gift Aid)