

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

Newsletter

Sunday 18 February 2018

First Sunday of Lent (B)



Archdiocese of Liverpool



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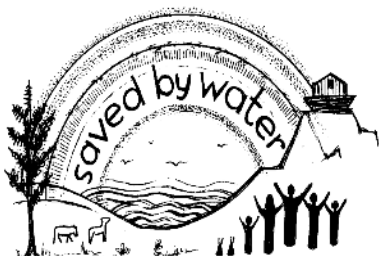
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St Benedict's Church is open Monday - Friday 9.00 am – 4.30 pm for Private Prayer (Exc. Bank Holidays)

St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 18 - 25 February 2018

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 18 February <i>1st Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	10.30 am First Communion Preparation Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm First Communion Preparation Mass <i>Ged Snelson</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Holt Family</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 19 February		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 20 February	12.15 pm Mass <i>Vivian O'Hara</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Peggy McGinty</i>
Wednesday 21 February	9.30 am Mass <i>Thanksgiving (Ss Titus & Anthony)</i>	
Thursday 22 February <i>Feast of the See of St Peter</i>		9.30 am Mass <i>Jean Bluck</i> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 23 February <i>CAFOD's Lent Fast Day</i>	11.45 am Stations of the Cross 12.15 pm Mass <i>Syd Faulkner</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 24 February	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>
Sunday 25 February <i>2nd Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Mary Monks</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>The Holt Family</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass

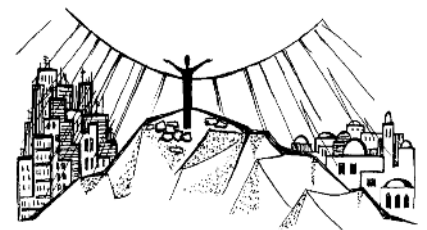


SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

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 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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FIRST COMMUNION 2018

A very warm welcome to the children preparing for First Communion, and their parents/carers, who are joining us for Mass this weekend.



In light of news reports this week, you may wish to know that CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities which you will find on the noticeboard at the back of church or at www.cafod.org.uk

THIS WEEK

RITE OF ELECTION

Today (Sunday) at 3.00 pm in the Cathedral, Archbishop Malcolm will welcome all those adults who will be baptised or received into the Church at Easter. Fr Dave will accompany Joanne, Michelle and Ryan who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil and present them to the Archbishop. There are still a couple of seats left on the minibus, which will be leaving St Benedict's at 2.00 pm. If you want to come along, please have a word with Fr Dave after Mass today.

ST BENEDICT'S LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club takes place this Tuesday, 20 February, at 12 noon until 2.30 pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre for parishioners (55+ yrs) and friends. Tickets £3.00. Tickets for March also available at this event.

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group meet this Thursday, 23 February, at 8.15 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

CAFOD'S LENT FAST DAY

CAFOD's Lent Fast Day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. This Friday, 23 February, can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat.

And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference. **For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound**, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed, twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong.

Please take an envelope home with you today and bring it back next weekend. Alternatively, you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/lent or by calling 0303 303 3030. Many thanks.

CAFOD'S FAST DAY PRAYER

Everlasting God,
we give you thanks
for you nourish and strengthen us
with your merciful love.
R. Give us this day our daily bread.
We pray for those
who hunger in scorched lands,
with no food for their children.
Together, we cry out for justice.
R. Give us this day our daily bread.
Help us to share generously
as one global family,
and to hold onto hope
for a world transformed.
**R. Bread of life,
we pray your people
may find life and joy
in all its fullness.**
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

(By Rachel McCarthy)

DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR PEACE

Alongside CAFOD's Lent Fast Day, Pope Francis has launched a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace this Friday, 23 February. Addressing the crowds in St Peter's Square last Sunday, Pope Francis asked all men and women of goodwill to join him in praying for the war-torn people of the Democratic Republic of Congo and of South Sudan.

THE SEASON OF LENT

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.

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.

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.

NOT SURE WHAT TO DO FOR LENT?

Why not check out the parish website. Each day during Lent, Fr Dave is posting a thought, prayer or reflection.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday 11 March at 11.00 am. All are welcome to attend. The Mass will include a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018

Last chance for tickets!

5 tickets have been allocated to our Pastoral Area for the talks and workshops on Friday 7 September. If you are interested in going to this event or would like to know more about it, **please contact Fr Dave by Friday 23 February at the latest.**

12 tickets have been allocated to St Benedict's, St Mary's and St Oswald's for the all-day event on Saturday 8 September at the Echo Arena with keynote speaker, Bishop Robert Barron. So far, two parishioners have requested tickets. If you would like a ticket, **please contact Fr Dave by Friday 23 February at the latest.**

AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

Please note – on Sundays, at the back of church, you will find:

- Large Print Mass Sheets
- Activity Sheets for Children

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>

RACE NIGHT - FOR ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CENTRE

Go and enjoy a Pre-Grand National flutter at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Meeting Lane, Penketh, on Friday 6 April to raise funds for St Joseph's Family Centre, Museum Street, Warrington.

Tickets are £5.00

(Includes free raffle and picture quiz).

Tickets are available from St Joseph's Family Centre on 01925 635448 or you can pay on the door. Starters orders will be at 8.00 pm.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Sunday of Lent (B)
Weekdays - 1st Week of Lent
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

Monday	Lev 19: 1-2, 11-18 Mt 25: 31-46
Tuesday	Is 55: 10-11 Mt 6: 7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3: 1-10 Lk 11: 29-32
Thursday	1 Pt 5: 1-4 Mt 16: 13-19
Friday	Ezek 18: 21-28 Mt 5: 20-26
Saturday	Deut 26: 16-19 Mt 5: 43-48
Sunday	Gen 22:1-2, 9a,10-13,15-18 Rom 8: 31-34 Mk 9: 2-10

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, Kevin Duffy, Mike McCarrick

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

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Benedict's Bertha (Betty) Williams

This Week's Prayer Intentions

† For those who are preparing to be baptised and received into the Church at Easter and will be gathering at the Cathedral this weekend for the Rite of Election.

† For the children preparing for First Communion and for their families.

† For the Church: that she may be a sign of God's light and goodness in our world, and a beacon of hope for the most vulnerable.

† For peace for war-torn nations, especially the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan.

† For ourselves: that God will bless the penance we have begun and move us to help our sisters and brothers in need.

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

11 Feb: 207 Angela Corrigan

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

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

"We need the Holy Spirit to transmit the faith.
We cannot do it alone."

13 February

"Do not accept anything as truth that lacks love and do not accept anything as love which lacks truth. One without the other is a destructive lie."

(St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
— Edith Stein)

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
Tuesday	12 - 2.30 pm	Lunch Club
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 11 February

ST BENEDICT'S £418.24 (£225.66 Gift Aid), £52.50 Grotto Fund (from Soup Lunch), £26.60 Poor Box from Coffees + Box

ST OSWALD'S £419.19 (£204.75 Gift Aid)

Second Collection Next Week: CAFOD's lent Fast Day