

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Newsletter

Sunday 25 February 2018  
Second Sunday of Lent (B)



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 25 February - 4 March 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 25 February</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>Mary Monks</i>	<b>(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners</i> <b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>The Holt Family</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 26 February</b>	<b>1.15 pm Funeral Service</b> <i>Bertha Williams</i>	<b>7.30 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 27 February</b>	<b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Vivian O'Hara</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass (with Y1 &amp; Y6)</b> <i>Ely May &amp; John O'Donovan</i> <b>10.00 am Holy Half-Hour</b>
<b>Wednesday 28 February</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass (with Y2 &amp; Y3)</b> <i>Thanksgiving (St Titus &amp; St Anthony)</i>	
<b>Thursday 1 March</b> <i>Feast of St David, Patron of Wales</i>		<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Jean Bluck</i> <b>No Stations of the Cross today</b>
<b>Friday 2 March</b> <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>	<b>9.30 am Stations of the Cross (Y2)</b> <b>11.45 am Stations of the Cross</b> <b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Syd Faulkner</i> <b>6.45 pm Meditation</b>	<b>1.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Y2)</b>  <b>7.30 pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service</b>
<b>Saturday 3 March</b>	<b>4.00 pm Slovak Mass</b>	<b>10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition</b> <b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners</i>
<b>Sunday 4 March</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>Cornelius Kane</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Peter, Jo, Geraldine &amp; Barbara Ellington</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>



### 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](http://stmarysandstbenedictswarrington.co.uk)  
St Mary's: [www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk)



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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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**LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)**

<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Sunday</i> 11.00 am & 6.00 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 12.10 pm	<b>Confessions</b> <i>Everyday</i> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 11.45 am	<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 12.00 noon	<b>Holy Rosary</b> <i>Sunday</i> 5.30 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 11.30 am
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**THIS WEEK**

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT (26 February - 11 March)**

“There were times when my children didn’t have enough to eat. Thanks to Coobana and Fairtrade, there’s a better future for my grandchildren” (Florentina Beitia, Fairtrade banana producer, Coobana, Panama).

Fairtrade Fortnight aims to put a spotlight on trade. When trade is fair it has the potential to improve the lives of the farmers and workers who grow our food. When trade is fair, it can make the world a better place. Together we have that power, so get involved and be part of the difference. It's a shocking fact that millions of poor farmers who produce the food we love still don't earn enough to feed their own families. It's time for this injustice to end.

**What can we do to help?**

1) To highlight Fairtrade Fortnight, Mary Hallam and Irene Casey have very kindly offered to provide a Fairtrade Stall at the back of church next weekend.

2) Buy Fairtrade goods! It's easy. There are over 4,500 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop, look for the FAIRTRADE Mark.

3) Have a look at the Fairtrade website:

[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

4) Use Fairtrade products for all meetings and events in the parish (refreshments after Mass, Men's Group, Ladies Group, etc).



**A Prayer for Trade Justice**

Lord, just as Ruth did not seek charity but the right to harvest,  
we do not seek charity for our sisters and brothers who grow the world's food, stitch the world's clothes, mine the world's metals, and yet remain poor.

We ask you for the justice of Boaz  
in food and farming, in trade and finance,  
in human rights, in government and law,  
for women and men, for the natural world  
and for children yet to be born.

We ask for your justice lived out with joy.  
We ask for fairness written on our hearts,  
that all may see a fairer world.

Amen.

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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

The SVP will be meeting on Tuesday, 27 February, at 7.00 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer held on the first Friday in March each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Through Women's World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of the wider community. This year's Service of Prayer will be held at St Oswald's on Friday 2 March at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

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)

**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.

**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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 'EXPLORING MARK'

The Gospel according to St Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels but often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail. A series of films, called 'Exploring Mark', aims to bring us a little closer to Mark the Evangelist and his account of Jesus, his life and his ministry. The commentary is provided by the excellent Nicholas King SJ - an eminent author and Bible scholar and, as the post-nominal letters suggest, Jesuit priest. You can watch the short films at: [www.catholic-ew.org.uk](http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

### RACE NIGHT - FOR ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CENTRE

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. **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.

## LENTEN REFLECTION - The Stranger's Gift

There was once a village that had fallen on very hard times. The villagers had once been very happy, and their community had been famous for its hospitality and friendliness, and the warmth with which it welcomed strangers.

But something had gone wrong in the village. People had begun to bicker with one another. Quarrels broke out for no apparent reason. Rivalry sprang up where once there had been friendship and trust. The chief of the village was very sad about this. He knew that the people would never be happy like this, but he could do nothing to restore the old tunes of harmony and peace. Strangers no longer wanted to visit the village. The people stopped caring for it. The village was falling into ruin.

But it happened that one day a stranger came by. He approached the village like one with a mission, as though he already knew what he would find there. And very soon, he met the village chief. He recognized the sad expression in his eyes, and the two were soon engaged in a serious conversation.

The village chief told the stranger about his feelings of despair, and his fears that soon the village would disintegrate. The stranger told the village chief that he might know of a way to redeem the lost village and restore it to a real community again. 'Please tell me the secret' the village chief begged the stranger. 'The secret is very simple' the stranger said by way of reply. 'The fact is, one of the villagers is actually the Messiah!' The village chief could hardly believe what he was hearing, yet the stranger had an air of authority about him that was irrefutable.

The stranger left, but the village chief couldn't resist telling his closest friend what the stranger had told him. Soon the rumour ran through the village like wildfire. 'One of us is the Messiah! Can you believe it somewhere, hidden among our number, the Messiah is living!'

Now, deep down, the villagers were a godly folk who wanted things to be right in their community. The thought that the Messiah himself might be living among them, incognito, made them see things very differently. Could it be the baker? they wondered. Or the postman? Or the old lady who breeds the chickens and sells the eggs? Perhaps it was old Granny Riley, whom the children were in the habit of taunting because of her scarred old face. The speculation went on and on.

But the funny thing was that after the stranger's visit, things were never the same again. People began to treat each other with reverence. They lived like people who had a common purpose, and who were seeking something together, never quite knowing whether the treasure was actually in front of them.

Before long, visitors began to come to the village just to be part of the happy, holy atmosphere that prevailed there. The stranger never came back. He didn't need to.

*(From 'One Hundred Wisdom Stories' by Margaret Silf, published by Lion)*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)

Weekdays - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Monday	Dan 9: 4b-10 Lk 6: 36-38
Tuesday	Is 1: 10, 16-20 Mt 20: 17-28
Wednesday	Jer 18: 18-20 Mt 20: 17-28
Thursday	Phil 3: 8-14 Mt 5: 13-16
Friday	Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28 Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mc 7: 14-15, 18-20 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Ex 20: 1-17 1 Cor 1: 22-25 Jn 2: 13-25

## 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 & Agnes Wilson

### This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For Joanne, Michelle and Ryan who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil.
- † For the children preparing for First Communion and for their families.
- † For world leaders – that, moved by the Holy Spirit, they may speak out against the scandal of hunger.
- † For those who suffer prejudice and discrimination because of their sexual orientation.
- † That we may treasure and respect the animals God has entrusted to us, and care enough to stand up against the cruelty inflicted on so many.

*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](mailto:fdave@rcaolp.co.uk) or give him a note of their name and phone number. Many thanks.*

## ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB WINNERS

18 Feb: TBA

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

## POPE FRANCIS TWEET

In our daily lives we experience the tenderness of God who lovingly saves us from our sins, fears and anxieties.

(17 February)

*Take care of your inner, spiritual beauty. That will reflect in your face.*

Dolores del Rio

## 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 18 February

ST BENEDICT'S TBA

ST OSWALD'S £549.60 (£258.21 Gift Aid) £55.97 (50p Collection)

**Second Collection Today: CAFOD's Lent Fast Day**