

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

Newsletter

Sunday 25 March 2018

Palm Sunday (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 25 March - 1 April 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 25 March <i>Palm Sunday (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Anne-Marie Donlan & Tony Johnson</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>John Michael Knight</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 26 March		No Prayer Group today
Tuesday 27 March	12.15 pm Memorial Mass <i>Alan Lloyd</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Ann Keighley</i> 7.30 pm Holy Week Penance Service
Wednesday 28 March	9.30 am Mass <i>Eileen Lawton</i>	
Thursday 29 March <i>Holy Thursday</i>	7.30 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(Joe Ramsay)</i> <i>'Watching' until 10.00 pm</i>	
Friday 30 March <i>Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Day of Fast & Abstinence	11.00 am Stations of the Cross for Children 7.00 pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' <i>(A short service of music and reflection)</i>	12 noon Stations of the Cross 3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 5.30 pm Polish Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 31 March <i>Holy Saturday</i>	8.00 pm The Easter Vigil <i>The Parishioners</i>	2.30 pm Polish Blessing of Food (until 3.30 pm) <i>(N.B. No 6.00 pm Mass)</i>
Sunday 1 April <i>Easter Day (B)</i>	10.30 am Baptism Mass <i>Brian Martin Curley</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Gelasio Ferrari</i> 2.00 pm Polish Mass

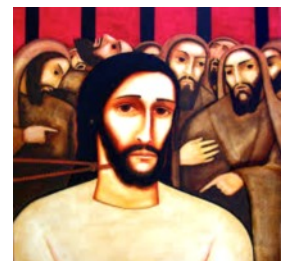


SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Tuesday 11.30 am - 12.05 pm St Benedict's
Thur & Fri 11.30 am - 1.00 pm St Mary's Shrine
Saturday 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm St Mary's Shrine

WEBSITES Parish: stmarysandstbenedictswarrington.co.uk

St Mary's: www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk



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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 Konrad Loewenstein FSSP padrek@libero.it

Assistant: Fr Ian Verrier FSSP iverrier@fssp.org

LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)

THE EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST MARY'S SHRINE

Spy Wednesday, 28 March	7.30 pm	Recital of Music for Passiontide
Maundy Thursday, 29 March	10.00 – 11.30 am	Tenebræ (Gregorian Chant)
	8.00 pm	Solemn Mass (followed by Adoration until midnight)
Good Friday, 30 March	10.00 - 11.30 am	Tenebræ (Gregorian Chant)
	12 noon	Solemn Stations of the Cross
	3.00 pm	Solemn Liturgy
Holy Saturday, 31 March	10.00 - 11.30 am	Tenebræ (Gregorian Chant)
	10.00 pm - 1.00 am	Easter Vigil followed by Solemn Mass
Easter Sunday, 1 April	11.00 am	Solemn Mass
		N.B No 6.00 pm Sunday Mass



THE GREATEST WEEK OF THE YEAR

Today we begin the 'Great Week' – Holy Week – the most important week of the year for Christians. We remember and celebrate what Jesus has done for us: how he suffered, died and rose to new life.

On this first day of the week, we recall Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem. Like the people of Jerusalem, we hold palms and sing "Hosanna" to greet the King.

On Thursday evening, we gather for the 'Easter Triduum' – 'The Three Days of Easter'. During these days, we keep one celebration, beginning tonight and ending with the Easter Vigil or Mass on Easter Sunday. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we recall the way Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and shared the Last Supper. After Mass, we stay with him for a short while at the Altar of Repose, just like his disciples did in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Good Friday, the celebration continues. All over the world, Christians gather together at 3.00 pm to celebrate the Passion of the Lord. The liturgy is stark and simple. We listen to God's word. We pray. We venerate the Cross. We share communion and leave in silence.

Finally, on Holy Saturday night, we gather again. On this, the holiest night of the year, we keep the 'mother of all vigils' (St Augustine). We begin in darkness around a new fire. From the fire, we light the big Easter candle, proclaiming "Christ is risen". Then, in the light of the candle, we listen to the stories of what God has done for his people through the ages. Following the Gospel of the Resurrection, we renew our baptism and welcome new members into God's family. Finally, we celebrate the eucharist -

Christ's risen presence with us always. The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful and the most important celebration of the year.

Do come along on Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and Saturday night or Sunday morning. What else can we Christians do this week but be with our Lord in his Holy Week.

Fr Dave



We have to give ourselves permission to be weak enough to enter into Holy Week.

Stop pretending that you can hold everything together. No one is telling you that you have to be strong.

Instead, you need to be real.

You do not need to put on a special face to others to show you are a Christian.

Stop perpetuating illusions about the way others tell you to be.

This week is about your relationship with Jesus Christ and what he needs most is for you to be a real person – just as you are – even if you are weak, vulnerable, filled with chaos, and bombarded by a variety of conflicting emotions.

If this is who you are, then this is the 'you' Jesus wants to meet on this journey to the cross."

~ John Predmore, SJ

THIS WEEK

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to those who have offered to help with the Holy Week liturgies. If you can't remember what you signed up for, there's a list on the noticeboard at the back of church.



HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICE

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

SOUP LUNCH AT ST BENEDICT'S

On Tuesday 27 March at 1.00 pm, you are invited to the Soup Lunch at St Benedict's. There will be a delicious homemade soup, bread roll and pudding, with tea and coffee afterwards (*also a draw with prizes*). There will be an optional extra Lenten activity afterwards, to be confirmed by Fr Dave (*listen to his announcements after Mass*). The Soup Lunch costs just £2.50, or £4.00 with the extra activity. Proceeds go to the Grotto Fund.

CHRISM MASS

This year's Chrism Mass takes place on Wednesday (28 March) at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral. The coach will leave St Oswald's at 6.15 pm, St Benedict's at 6.25 pm and St Mary's at 6.30 pm.

WALK OF WITNESS

For the second year running, there will be a short Walk of Witness in Warrington town centre this Wednesday, 28 March. The idea of the walk is to reflect on the cost of placing our security in armaments and to pray for peace by stopping at three places in the town centre with links to past acts of war and violence. We will meet at 12.00 noon at the Bridefoot War Memorial, walk to the Fountain of Life in Bridge Street, and then to Palmyra Square – named after a city in Syria. Then we could go for a cuppa together! *Fr Dave*

HOLY WEEK REHEARSALS

Fr Dave and the Deacons will be meeting at the following times to walk through the Holy Week liturgies. Altar Servers, Readers, Sacristans and anyone else who would like to join them for a run through are most welcome.

Holy Thursday Rehearsal – to be arranged.

Good Friday Rehearsal – Meet on Good Friday at 1.00 pm in St Oswald's (followed by lunch at 2.00 pm).

Easter Vigil Rehearsal – Meet on Holy Saturday at 10.00 am in St Benedict's.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Please note: On Good Friday, in Catholic Churches all over the world, there will be a collection at the end of the afternoon liturgy to support the Christians living in the Holy Land, as well as Jordan, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Turkey and Iraq.

ST OSWALD'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will not be meeting on Monday 26 March as it is Holy Week. They will resume on Monday 9 April at 7.30 pm.

LIVERPOOL WALK OF WITNESS

Holy Saturday (31 March) at 2.00 pm. Departing Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Piazza, walk through city centre led by the Bishop of Liverpool and the Archbishop of Liverpool, concluding with prayers and refreshments at Liverpool Parish Church.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

LIVING FULLY – CATECHESIS FOR ALL

Resources, workshops and ideas for including people with disabilities (including deaf) in the parish setting. Saturday 14 April at St Teresa's, Upholland, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. RSVP to formation@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522 1040.

BOYS MAKE NOISE



A new singing group for boys in Years 2-3 at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Wednesdays 18 & 25 April and 2 May, 5.15 – 6.00 pm. £2 per session. For

more information and to register a place, email music@metcathedral.org.uk or phone 0151 708 7283.

JOB VACANCIES

See noticeboard for:

- **Chief Operating Officer** for the Offices of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Information pack available from recruitment@kinharvie.org.uk Closing date: 5.00 pm on 3 April 2018.

- **RC Chaplain at HMP Wymott** – full time position, but applicants who wish to work part time will also be considered. Open to priests, those in religious orders and lay people. Ideally the candidate would have some experience of prison, but this is not essential.

- **Principal at St Ambrose College**, Hale Barns. Salary: Scale L28-35. For application pack and other information, email Jane.Bryan@trafford.gov.uk or phone 0161 911 8654. Closing date: 12.00 noon on 18 April 2018.

- **Team Coordinator for Animate Youth**. Full time. Annual Salary £13,965. Full details and application pack available from www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs Closing date: 6 April 2018.

HOUSE TO LET

A terraced house with two bedrooms and two reception rooms in Longford Street, has become available to let. It is owned by a member of St Mary's Shrine congregation. Please contact the Shrine on 01925 635664 for more information.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Weekdays - Holy Week

Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Monday	Is 42: 1-7 Jn 12: 1-11
Tuesday	Is 49: 1-6 Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50: 4-9a Mt 26: 14-25
Thursday	Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11: 23-26 Jn 13: 1-15
Friday	Is 52: 13-53:12 Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 Jn 18: 1-19:42
Saturday	Easter Vigil Mk 16: 1-7
Sunday	Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-9

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil:

St Benedict's Joanne, Michelle and Ryan

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, Mary Monks, Kate Rigby, Ian Buist

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, 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, Fr John Gildea, Wilfrid Rigby, Laurence Finn, Fr Peter Kelly

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Benedict's Alan Lloyd, Stanley Yates

St Oswald's Catherine Driscoll

Prayer for Holy Week

At the Rite of Election in the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Malcolm invited all those who are going to be baptised and received into the Church at Easter to pray the following prayer with him during Lent. This week, perhaps we could join the Archbishop and each other in praying together:

God our Father,

through your mercy you have called us to become your children.

Help us to walk with your Son through his passion, death and resurrection, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may rise with him on Easter Day.

Show us your mercy and love every step throughout our lives so that we may grow in friendship with you, now and forever.

Amen.

ST BENEDICT'S

200 CLUB WINNERS

18 March: Mary Hinchliffe

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

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Now is the time to be reconciled with God. Staying on the path of evil is only a source of sadness.

(23 March)

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Start on Sunday 8 April

- Boxes are ready and can be collected from the back of church.
- If you Gift Aid your offerings, there is a box with your name on.
- If you don't Gift Aid your offerings but like to use envelopes, please take one of the boxes without a name on.

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

For Bookings call 812266 or 07939 574790

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	No Quiz this month because of Holy Week	
Thursday	No Line Dancing because of Easter Triduum	

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920

Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on 18 March

ST BENEDICT'S £378.97 (£208.26 Gift Aid), £119.95 50p Collection, £100.00 CAFOD, £114.50 Refugee Sponsor Scheme, £12.93 Poor Box from Coffees.

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