

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

## Newsletter

Sunday 8 April 2018

Second Sunday of Easter (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 8 - 15 April 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
<b>Sunday 8 April</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)</i> Day of Divine Mercy	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>The Parishioners</i>	<b>(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>James Robinson</i> <b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Catherine Driscoll</i> <b>3.30 pm Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 9 April</b> <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<b>12.45 pm Funeral Mass</b> <i>Stanley Yates</i>	<b>7.30 pm Prayer Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 April</b>	<b>12.15 pm Mass</b> <i>Stephen Michael Campbell</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Trudi Norbury</i>
<b>Wednesday 11 April</b> <i>St Stanislaus</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>Marion Naughton (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)</i>	
<b>Thursday 12 April</b>		<b>9.30 am Mass</b> <i>For a sick person</i> <b>11.30 am Funeral Service</b> <i>Henry Wheeldon</i> <b>7.30 pm Novena</b>
<b>Friday 13 April</b>	<b>12.00 noon Pastoral Area Mass at St Alban's</b>	
	<b>6.45 pm Meditation</b>	
<b>Saturday 14 April</b>	<b>1.00 pm Wedding Mass</b> <i>(Mariana-Iona Bacalu &amp; Adrian-Christian Costea)</i> <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 &amp; Michael John Donlan</i>
<b>Sunday 15 April</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	<b>10.30 am Mass</b> <i>Reg Pritchard</i>	<b>8.30 am Mass</b> <i>Ian David Whelan</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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**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**

**NO SOUP LUNCH**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to provide the monthly Soup Lunch this Tuesday. Sincere apologies.

**TOMMY BRINKSMAN**

Tommy Brinksmann, who was compere at St Benedict's Parish Centre for many years, sadly died on 17 March. His Funeral Service is due to take place this Wednesday, 11 April, at 10.20 am at Walton Lea. His wife, Pauline, and son, Tom, would like to invite all who knew Tommy to light refreshments at St Benedict's Parish Centre from 12.00 noon onwards, to remember good times spent at the club.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk) or phone 0151 708 7283.

**THE PRIESTS LIVE IN CONCERT**

The internationally acclaimed classical singing trio from Northern Ireland, *The Priests*, return to Liverpool Philharmonic for a memorable evening of heartfelt song and humour on Friday 1 June, 7.30 – 9.30 pm. They've sang for The Queen, Prince Charles and Duchess Camilla and Pope Benedict XVI and now is your opportunity to hear the award-winning trio, made up of Father Eugene, Martin & David. You'll be further enthralled as they're joined by guest mezzo soprano, Danielle Thomas. Be it USA, Canada, Europe or their Irish homeland, when not touring the world singing to sell out audiences *The Priests* return to everyday life ministering in their dioceses. This exclusive concert will jointly support Nugent and the Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets, from £16 are available online or in person from The Liverpool Philharmonic Box Office or from the Metropolitan Cathedral Gift Shop.

**AUSTISM AWARENESS**

April is Autism Awareness month. Some 700 000 people in the UK are on the spectrum. Together, with their families, that makes around 2.8 million people who are somehow affected by autism. This means you will meet somebody who has or is affected by autism every day.

This week, The National Autistic Society (NAS) launched a campaign to raise awareness and understanding of autism among the public bit by bit.

Autism is often invisible disability. People with autism can experience extreme difficulties in public places, shopping malls and supermarkets, or on public transport. Every person with autism is unique and it takes time to know them and understand them. Try not to be judgmental if a child in the supermarket has a meltdown - they might be overloaded and very sensitive to the environment.

Autism is very complex and by trying to understand it bit by bit you can help individuals with autism and their families to reduce isolation and marginalisation.

**REFLECTION**

Lord,

When I can't see where you are,  
remind me how you never lose sight of me...

When I strain to listen but just can't hear you,  
remind me how you never miss a word I pray...

When I'm alone and feel abandoned,  
remind me how you hold me in the palm of your hand...

When I just can't seem to find you  
remind me how you seek me out, night and day...

When I find it hard to trust in you,  
remind me how you never give up on me...

When I can't forgive myself  
remind me how your mercy is forever...

When I don't know where to turn,  
remind me how you guide and watch my every step...

And when I can't... (well, whatever!)  
remind me that you can, you do and always will  
love and care for me...

(Fr Austin Fleming, Concord, Massachusetts)

## HOW ARE CHRISTIANS CALLED TO LIVE EASTER?

By Jean Vanier (in The Tablet, 28 March 2018)

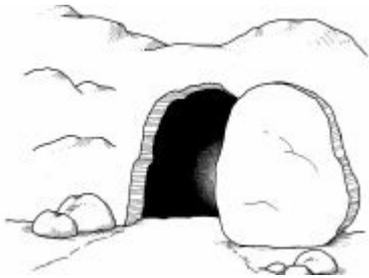
Most Christians think of the Resurrection as a victory of life over death. Finally, Jesus has won. But how did the first disciples live the Resurrection of Jesus? Reflecting on this can help us to see how we are called to live Easter.

For the Jews, the Passover is the feast of liberation, the anniversary of God's freeing of the Jewish people from the yoke of the Egyptians. So Easter is also the feast of liberation. Let's come back to the gospel scene. The Galileans to whom Jesus preached were terribly persecuted by the Romans, by Herod and all his followers, by the oligarchs who obliged the already impoverished to pay more taxes, and even by the priests of the temple.



The disciples of Jesus were certain that he was the Messiah; he spoke with great authority, he performed amazing miracles. The last of these miracles was the resurrection of Lazarus. They were sure that something great would happen on the feast of the Passover, the anniversary of the great liberation, something which would show clearly that Jesus was the Messiah, the one who had been announced in the psalms as a victorious king.

But what in fact happens? There is no victory. Jesus is condemned to a horrible death. He is stripped of his clothes and of his dignity. He is crucified. His disciples are shattered. Jesus was not the Messiah after all – he couldn't be, because the Messiah was one who would be triumphant, who would win. So they run away; they fall into a world of depression. They had given everything for Jesus; now they are completely lost. They had been mistaken about him all along. Some, no doubt, even feel angry with Jesus.



On Easter morning they find it difficult to believe the women who tell them that they have seen Jesus alive. It can't be true. The women must be imagining things. Two of the disciples leave the group for Emmaus. Others remain behind locked doors. They don't know what to do. Then, suddenly, Jesus is among them, even though the doors have not been unlocked. And all he says is, "Peace

to you". He looks at each one of them with eyes of love and of forgiveness.

And, in this moment, these disciples, one by one, shift from a feeling of terrible guilt and of shame because they had not believed, to joy and amazement in his presence. Jesus just says, "Peace". Nothing more. He lives with each one a moment of communion, which is forgiveness. So the feast of Easter, the feast of liberation, is essentially the feast of the forgiveness of God. His followers, who had lost faith in him, are liberated from their guilt and shame.

Jesus loves each one of them - and he loves each one of us. He wants us all to be alive, to be fully loved and fully loving. He wants us to be "Easter people", people of the resurrection, people who accept forgiveness, and who forgive others. So often we forget the message of the Gospel. We are taken up by the things of the world. We want to win more money and more power – perhaps in order to do good. Jesus comes simply to forgive, to give his peace.

What happens next? Jesus says to the disciples, "As the Father has sent me, I send you". He breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Then he sends them out to be messengers of peace and of forgiveness, to go into the world to forgive all those enslaved in guilt. This is the message of Easter. Jesus liberates us from guilt – and he calls us to liberate others.



Many of us live in a state of unease. We may not be fully aware of it, but we often carry a hidden burden that is close to guilt. We all know the gospel message exemplified by the story of the poor man covered in sores who lives in the streets near the home of a very rich man who feasts sumptuously every day (Luke 16:19-31). The end of the parable is painful to read. Is Jesus asking us to sell everything we have and give all to the poor? Surely that is not possible. Don't we have a family? What about our children, who need feeding and clothing?

Jesus on the feast of the Resurrection looks at each one of us with more love than we can dare believe. He forgives us our shortcomings; he frees us from our guilt. He then sends us off to forgive others, so that they can be free from guilt. Each one of us is called to bring peace where there is conflict. We are not all called to sell everything we have. We are all called to be committed to one person who is in pain, who is lonely and lost and who needs a friend.

This is the Resurrection.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)  
Weekdays - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Monday	Is 7: 10-14, 8:10 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38
Tuesday	Acts 4: 32-37 Jn 3: 7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5: 17-26 Jn 3: 16-21
Thursday	Acts 5: 27-33 Jn 3: 31-36
Friday	Acts 5: 34-42 Jn 6: 1-15
Saturday	Acts 6: 1-7 Jn 6: 16-21
Sunday	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2: 1-5a Lk 24: 35-48

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



### Those who will be baptised this weekend:

*St Oswald's* Elsie Grainger

### Those who will be married next weekend:

*St Benedict's* Mariana-Ioana Bacalu & Adrian-Cristian Costea

### Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

*St Benedict's* Paul Vernon, Brenda Snelson, Jean Molphy, 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), Catherine Donaldson, Margaret Fay, Fr John Gildea, Wilfrid Rigby, Laurence Finn, Fr Peter Kelly

### Those who have died recently, especially:

*St Benedict's* Stanley Yates, Beryl Campbell, Mary Ward (née Snelson), Anne Munday

*St Oswald's* Catherine Driscoll, Henry Wheeldon

*Archdiocese* Fr Michael O'Neill MHM

### This Week's Prayer Intentions

† For the children preparing to celebrate their First Communion, and for their parents and families.

† For a greater awareness of our brothers and sisters with autism, their families and all those who care daily for them.

† For those whose jobs are at risk, for those who are unemployed and for all who are finding it hard to make ends meet.

† That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths (*Pope Francis*).

† For those who are sick – at home or in hospital, for their relatives who are worried about them, and for all who lovingly serve them as nurses, doctors or carers.

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

## ST BENEDICT'S

### 200 CLUB WINNERS

1 April: To be Confirmed

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

## POPE FRANCIS TWEET

Let us go forward with the joy of Jesus' Resurrection, knowing he is always by our side!

(5 April)

## PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES! NEW ENVELOPES START TODAY!

- There are still boxes waiting to be picked up at the back of church - please check before you leave.
- 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	7.00 pm	Drama Group
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920

## Parish Finance – Thank you so much for your offerings on 1 April

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