

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

## Newsletter

Sunday 15 April 2018

Third 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 15 - 22 April 2018

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 15 April <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Reg Pritchard</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners &amp; Michael John Donlan</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Ian David Whelan</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 16 April		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 17 April	12.15 pm Funeral Mass <i>Beryl Campbell</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Samuel Taylor</i> 6.30 pm First Reconciliation
Wednesday 18 April	9.30 am Mass <i>Margaret Ward (née Walsh)</i>	
Thursday 19 April		9.30 am Mass <i>John Conlon</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 20 April <i>Blessed James Bell</i>	12 noon Funeral Mass <i>Anne Munday</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 21 April	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm First Communion Mass (Group A) <i>The Parishioners</i>
Sunday 22 April <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)</i> Day of Prayer for Vocations	10.30 am Mass <i>For Two Grandsons</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](http://stmarysandstbenedictswarrington.co.uk)  
St Mary's: [www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarrington.org.uk)



**St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NS**

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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**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Children in Year 4 who are preparing for First Communion are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time as follows:

**St Oswald's – Tuesday 17 April at 6.30 pm**

**St Benedict's – Tuesday 24 April at 6.30 pm**

Please come to the celebration which is most convenient for you.

**PARISH CENTRES**

After many years at St Oswald's Parish Centre, Mrs Lynne Donovan will be moving to St Joseph's Parish Centre in Penketh this week. In the interim, I have asked Mr Stephen Boardman, the manager of St Benedict's Parish Centre, to be the Manager of St Oswald's Parish Centre in addition to his responsibilities at St Benedict's. Please make him welcome. Many thanks. *Fr Dave*

**LADIES GROUP**

The Ladies Group will be meeting in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre on Thursday 19 April at 8.15 pm. The guest speaker will be Janice Hayes talking about the Ladies Suffragette Movement.

**GREEN PLANTS**

Many thanks to those who loaned green plants for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday. If you haven't already, please collect your plant from the Lady Chapel.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**NEW PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL**

I am pleased to announce that the three parishes of St Benedict's, St Mary's and St Oswald's will merge into one new parish on 1 May 2018 under the patronage of Blessed James Bell. The new parish will incorporate three Churches (St Benedict's, St Oswald's & St Mary's Shrine), two Catholic Primary Schools (St Benedict's & St Oswald's), two Parish Centres (St Benedict's & St Oswald's) and one Parish Office (based at St Benedict's).

This Friday, 20 April, marks the anniversary of the death of the Warrington martyr, Blessed James Bell, in 1584. Parishioners chose Blessed James Bell as the patron of the new

parish and we will celebrate his feast day each year on the nearest Sunday. We will, of course, continue to celebrate the patron saints of our churches too.

James Bell was born in Warrington in 1524. He was educated at Oxford University where he was ordained to the priesthood. At first, he served as a minister of the Church of England but, after being reconciled to the Catholic Church in 1581, he served as a missionary priest among the poorer Catholics of Lancashire. He was arrested at Golborne in January 1584 and brought to trial at the Lent Assizes in Lancaster.

During his trial, Fr James Bell behaved with great courage, and on being convicted said to the judge: "I beg your lordship, for the love of God, to add to the sentence that my lips and the tops of my fingers may be cut off for having sworn and subscribed to the articles of heretics, contrary both to my conscience and to God's truth."

Fr James Bell was hanged and quartered at Lancaster Castle on 20 April 1584 alongside the layman, John Finch, who had also reconciled to the Catholic Church. Fr Bell was among the 108 martyrs beatified by Pope Pius XI on 15 December 1929.

**CHOCOLATE SUNDAY (St Benedict's)**

'Everything Chocolate' will be available after the 10.30 am Mass next Sunday, 22 April. From chocolate cake, chocolate biscuits etc. All proceeds will go to the Grotto Fund.

**SONGS WE REMEMBER**

Singing and enjoyment for anyone who likes to sing but particularly geared towards those living with dementia and their carers. Wednesday 18 April, 1.30 - 3.30 pm, at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Road, Waterloo L22 1RD. For further details: 0151 949 1199 or email: [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR THE EASTER SEASON**

Led by the Right Reverend John Arnold, Bishop of Salford. Tuesday 24 April, 10.30 am - 3.30 pm at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Freshfield, Formby L37 1PH. Lunch included, donations welcome. Bookings: 01704 875850 or 07712 178670.

## VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA

To support Christie's Hospital & the Alzhiemers Society, there will be a Vintage Afternoon Tea in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre on Saturday 12 May at 2 pm. Tickets are available after each Mass from next weekend. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Jayne on 815561 to find out how you can help or for more information.

## 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.

## 'REJOICE AND BE GLAD'

Last Monday, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, released an Apostolic Exhortation entitled, *Gaudete et Exsultate* ('Rejoice and Be Glad') on the call to holiness in today's world.

There is an emphasis on the document being practical and useful in modern times and it is not intended to be an academic or doctrinal text per se. As its accompanying summary document states, its goal is "to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time."

The call to holiness is one that cries out to all of us in our daily lives. *Gaudete et Exsultate* encourages us to take inspiration from the 'Saints next door' - people who may not be officially canonised but can be decisive in bringing about change. Pope Francis quotes Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross:

"The greatest figures of prophecy and sanctity step forth out of the darkest night. But for the most part, the formative stream of the mystical life remains invisible. Certainly, the most decisive turning points in world history are substantially co-determined by souls whom no history book ever mentions. And we will only find out about those souls to whom we owe the decisive turning points in our personal lives on the day when all that is hidden is revealed."

Holiness is described as the "most attractive face of the Church" and is attainable despite the challenges of everyday life. Pope Francis wants people to know that they don't need special education or qualifications, nor to have taken religious vows to be holy - just an open heart and a desire to spend some time with the Lord in prayer and by reading

the Gospel. He also wants people to know that the Church makes available everything they need to become holy.

A far reaching and accessible document, *Gaudete et Exsultate* examines many subjects tied in to our relationship with Christ - prayer, reading Scripture, helping others, maintaining and upholding human dignity not to mention challenges to holiness, such as the danger of gossip.

There will be a summary of the document in the newsletter over the next five weeks. The full document is available online: [www.catholic-ew.org.uk](http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk) If you would like a hard copy at £4.95 each, please let Fr Dave know.

## SEEN IN A PARISH NEWSLETTER...

"We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, 'yo no habla Ingles'. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing', just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer mums, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like 'organised religion', we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and... YOU!"  
(Source unknown)

## REFLECTION

"Every child, every person needs to know that they are a source of joy; every child, every person, needs to be celebrated. Only when all of our weaknesses are accepted as part of our humanity can our negative, broken self-images be transformed."

Jean Vanier in his book, *'Becoming Human'*.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)  
Weekdays - 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter  
Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

Monday	Acts 6: 8-15 Jn 6: 22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7: 51-8: 1a Jn 6: 30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8: 1b-8 Jn 6: 35-40
Thursday	Acts 8: 26-40 Jn 6: 44-51
Friday	Acts 9: 1-20 Jn 6: 52-59
Saturday	Acts 9: 31-42 Jn 6: 60-69
Sunday	Acts 4: 8-12 1 Jn 3: 1-2 Jn 10: 11-18

## ST BENEDICT'S

### 200 CLUB WINNERS

1 April: 78 Gabrielle Atkinson

8 April: 44 Ann Pearson

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

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER

### Those who will be baptised this weekend:

St Oswald's Maia Warnes & Teddy Braide

### 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, Kath McQuillan

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), Wilfrid Rigby, Grace Fernandapolle, Kat Clifford (aged 13), Catherine Donaldson, Laurence Finn, Fr Peter Kelly, Margaret Fay

### Those who have died recently, especially:

St Benedict's James Foy, Beryl Campbell, Anne Munday, Margaret Ward (née Snelson)

### This Week's Prayer Intentions

† For the children preparing to celebrate their First Communion with us over the next few weeks, and for their parents and families

† For the victims of the suspected chemical attack in Syria - those who were killed and the many children, women and men being treated at medical facilities.

† For an end to the appalling violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

† For the Polish community here in Warrington who celebrated their national patron, St Stanislaus of Cracow, last Wednesday.

† For those who are struggling each day because of mental health issues, addiction or life's burdens.

*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.*



## POPE FRANCIS TWEET

The word "happy" or "blessed" becomes a synonym for "holy", because those faithful to God, by their self-giving, gain true happiness.

(11 April)

## PIETY SHOP

Piety Shops are located in the Holy Family Chapel at St Benedict's and at the back of Church at St Oswald's.

**First Communion cards and gifts are now available to purchase from both Piety Shops.**

## 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

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
Tuesday	12 noon - 2.30 pm	Lunch Club
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 8 April

ST BENEDICT'S 1 April: £772.18 (£271.66 Gift Aid), £99.20 Holy Places, £129.00 Grotto Fund (£14 Jewellery, £115 Quiz).  
8 April: £354.67 (£174.76 Gift Aid)

ST OSWALD'S 1 April: £620.15 (£305.24 Gift Aid), £282.59 Holy Places, £24.05 Lenten Alms  
8 April: £685.82 (£404.55 Gift aid), £10 Holy Places, £12 Lenten Alms

## Second Collection Next Week: Priest Training Fund