

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

Newsletter

Sunday 22 April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)



Archdiocese of Liverpool



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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 22 - 29 April 2018

	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 22 April <i>4th Sunday of Easter (B)</i> Day of Prayer for Vocations	10.30 am Mass <i>For Two Grandsons</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm First Communion Mass (Group A) <i>The Parishioners</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Holt Family</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 23 April <i>Solemnity of St George, Patron of England</i>	11.40 am Funeral at Walton Lea <i>(James Peter Foy)</i>	7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 24 April	12.15 pm Mass <i>Beryl Campbell</i> 6.30 pm First Reconciliation	9.30 am Mass <i>John Thomson</i>
Wednesday 25 April <i>Feast of St Mark, Evangelist</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Vernon Mitchell</i>	
Thursday 26 April		9.30 am Mass <i>Paddy Enright</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 27 April	12.15 pm Mass <i>Bill Reid</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 28 April	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm First Communion Mass (Group B) <i>Andrew Povey</i>
Sunday 29 April <i>5th Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	10.30 am First Communion Mass (Group 1) <i>The Parishioners</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Kathleen Dolan</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



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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

Rector: Fr de Malleray FSSP malleray@fssp.org Assistant: Fr Konrad Loewenstein FSSP padrek@libero.it

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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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**STATEMENT ON THE CASE OF ALFIE EVANS FROM THE
CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND & WALES**

"Our hearts go out to the parents of Alfie Evans and our prayers are for him and with them as they try to do all they can to care for their son.

We affirm our conviction that all those who are and have been taking the agonising decisions regarding the care of Alfie Evans act with integrity and for Alfie's good as they see it.

The professionalism and care for severely ill children shown at Alder Hey Hospital is to be recognised and affirmed. We know that recently reported public criticism of their work is unfounded as our chaplaincy care for the

staff, and indeed offered to the family, has been consistently provided.

We note the offer of the Bambino Gesù Hospital in Rome to care for Alfie Evans. It is for that hospital to present to the British Courts, where crucial decisions in conflicts of opinion have to be taken, the medical reasons for an exception to be made in this tragic case.

With the Holy Father, we pray that, with love and realism, everything will be done to accompany Alfie and his parents in their deep suffering."

THIS WEEK

FIRST COMMUNION

A very warm welcome to the children, and their parents and families, who will be celebrating their First Communion with us at St Oswald's this weekend:

Isla Caldwell, James Denton, Benjamin Fiddler, Jack Haslam-Wood, Charlie Heavey, Jayden McQuilton, Matthew Rendall, Max Sydney, Daisy Tilling, Molly Walsh, Anya White, Emily Whittaker and Calan Woods.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is the 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis has released a Message entitled "Listening, discerning and living". The Holy Father refers to three aspects of a vocation: "In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to **listen, discern and live** this Word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness."

The **Second Collection** today is the annual collection for the Priests' Training Fund which is the chief source of income that enables the Archdiocese to train our future priests. It takes six or seven years to train a priest and costs approximately £100,000. If you don't already Gift Aid your offerings, there are some special Gift Aid envelopes for the collection at the back of church.

Please pray for those who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood or the religious life.

Loving Father,

we give you thanks because you call us all, to participate in your divine plan for the world: that all people may find their joy and peace in you.

Bless us with a heart open to you, and enable us to listen to your Holy Spirit. Enlighten our minds: that we may discern the path that we should follow.

Give us courage to live out the life you invite us to; following more closely the example of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

There's a group for those thinking about the priesthood or religious life which meet each month to pray, chat and learn more. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston on 0151 727 2493 or frjamespreston@gmail.com

CHOCOLATE SUNDAY (St Benedict's)



'Everything Chocolate' is available after the 10.30 am Mass today. - chocolate cake, puddings, chocolate biscuits etc. All proceeds go to the Grotto Restoration Fund.

NEW PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

As announced last weekend, 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).

PARISH CENTRES

After many years at St Oswald's Parish Centre, Mrs Lynne Donovan has moved to St Joseph's Parish Centre in Penketh. In the interim, Mr Stephen Boardman, the manager of St Benedict's Parish Centre, has agreed to be the Manager of St Oswald's Parish Centre in addition to his responsibilities at St Benedict's.

WANTED - 2 x PART-TIME BAR STAFF

St Oswald's Parish Centre has two vacancies for part time bar staff to cover weekends and holidays. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Manager, Steve Boardman, on 07932 404364 for more information.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

LIFE AND SOUL

An evening of praise and worship with Animate Youth Ministries before the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tuesday 24 April at 7.00 pm at St Julie's, Howards Lane, St Helens WA10 5HJ.

QUIET DAY

Saturday 28 April, 10.30 am - 4.00 pm at the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, Liverpool L15 6TW. Time to be quiet, reflect and pray. Offering £10 per person (bring your own lunch). No booking required. For further details contact: Sister Winifred on 0151 722 2271 or email: winniecenacle@mail.com

VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA (Ticket only event)

St Oswald's Parish Centre on Saturday 12 May, at 2pm to support Christie's Hospital & the Alzhiemers Society.

Tickets are available after the Masses from this weekend (£7.50 & £5.00, with or without Prosecco, £3.00 for children). A number of volunteers are needed, also tombola & raffle prizes, which can be left in the church porch at St Oswald's. Please contact Jayne on 815561 to find out how you can help or for more information.



TASTE OF AFRICA

Friday 8 June, 7.00 pm

At St Benedict's Parish Centre

Come taste an array of authentic flavours and music of Africa! It's live music too!

Tickets include an open buffet of 8 delicious dishes and African cocktail drinks. Also on the night, the bar will be open, a Fair Trade



Stall, a raffle, a draw and an auction. Tickets: £7.00 Adults, £3.00 Pensioners & children, U5's go free (available from the Parish Office, Fola Olurin, Chris Sykes and Angela Birchall). A *ticket only event* - for catering and safety purposes. All proceeds are going to support the Grotto Restoration Fund & general church maintenance. (*Anyone who sells 5 tickets may then have a complimentary ticket*).

GAUDATE ET EXSULTATE (Part 1/5)

A summary of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* ('Rejoice and Be Glad'), on the call to holiness in today's world.

This is not an academic or doctrinal text. Its goal is "to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time."

Chapter 1: The Call to Holiness

There are many kinds of saints. Besides the Church's officially recognised saints, many more ordinary people have been hidden from history books yet have been decisive in changing the world. They include many Christian witnesses whose martyrdom is a feature of our time. "Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel." Holiness is experiencing the mysteries of Christ's life, "constantly dying and rising anew with him", and reproducing aspects of his earthly life: his closeness to the outcast, his poverty, his self-sacrificing love. "Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world", in a mission to build the kingdom of love, justice and universal peace.

Holiness is as diverse as humanity; the Lord has in mind a particular path for each believer, not just the clergy, the consecrated, or those who live a contemplative life. We are all called to holiness, whatever our role, "by living our lives with love and bearing witness", and in the everyday turning to God. Among ways of bearing witness are "feminine styles of holiness", of famous women saints and the "unknown and forgotten" women who daily transform their communities. As well as through big challenges, holiness grows through small gestures: refusing to gossip, listening with patience and love, saying a kind word to a poor person.

Holiness keeps you faithful to your deepest self, free from every form of enslavement, and bearing fruit for our world. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. But we need moments of solitude and silence before God, to face our true selves and let the Lord enter.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

4th Sunday of Easter (B)
Weekdays - 4th Week of Easter
Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

Monday	Apoc 12: 10-12a Jn 15: 18-21
Tuesday	Acts 11: 19-26 Jn 10: 22-30
Wednesday	1 Pt 5: 5b-14 Mk 16: 15-20
Thursday	Acts 13: 13-25 Jn 13: 16-20
Friday	Acts 13: 26-33 Jn 14: 1-6
Saturday	Acts 13: 44-52 Jn 14: 7-14
Sunday	Acts 9: 26-31 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8

ST BENEDICT'S 200 CLUB WINNERS

15 April: Sandra Brinksman

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

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



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, Nicola Buist

This Week's Prayer Intentions

- † For the children celebrating their First Communion with us this weekend, and for their parents and families.
- † With Pope Francis, let us pray that, with love and realism, everything will be done to accompany little Alfie Evans and his parents in their deep suffering.
- † For those keeping vigil at the bedside of a loved one who is very poorly.
- † For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one who has died.
- † For too many animals who suffer abandonment and abuse.

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.

POPE FRANCIS

Through humble gestures and simple acts of service to the least among us, the Good News that Jesus is risen and lives among us is proclaimed.
(Little Book of Compassion)

ST BENEDICT'S QUIZ NIGHT

St Benedict's Parish Centre, Rhodes Street

This Wednesday, 25 April

7.30 pm, Tickets £4.50
Proceeds to the Grotto Restoration Fund

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 07932 404364 before 7 pm, or 812266

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
	7.30 pm	Quiz Night - Fundraiser for Grotto
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 15 April

ST BENEDICT'S £370.83 (£188.96 Gift Aid), Poor Box £75.00 (inc. £17.00 Coffees)

ST OSWALD'S £617.21 (£332.12 Gift Aid), Easter Raffle £190.00, Easter £47.20, Holy Places £5.00

Second Collection Today: Priest Training Fund