

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

Newsletter

Sunday 29 April 2018
Fifth 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 29 April - 6 May 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 29 April <i>5th Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	10.30 am First Communion Mass (Group 1) <i>The Parishioners</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm First Communion Mass (Group B) <i>Andrew Povey</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Kathleen Dolan</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 30 April		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 1 May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Robert Gibbons</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Those searching for Employment</i>
Wednesday 2 May <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Alfie Evans</i>	
Thursday 3 May <i>St Philip & St James, Apostles</i>	1.00 pm Funeral Service at Walton Lea <i>Nicola Buist</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Nadine Davies</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 4 May <i>The English Martyrs</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i> 6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 5 May	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Kath Dolan & Tommy McCarthy</i>
Sunday 6 May <i>6th Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	10.30 am First Communion Mass (Group 2) <i>Snelson & Walsh Family</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</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



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

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

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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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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 this weekend:

St Benedict's – Maja Machowicz, Paulina Sopel, Josh Ackerley and Kaja Wroniecka.

St Oswald's – Erin Aspinall, Charlotte Harrison, Elesia Harrison, Emily Marsden, Amy McKay, Antonina Swider, Jessica Sykes, Samuel Armitage, Thomas Armitage, Billy Sixsmith and Liam Edwards.



NEW PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

The three parishes of St Benedict's, St Mary's and St Oswald's will merge into one new parish this Tuesday, 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). We will have a celebration later in May to mark this historic occasion.

LADIES GROUP

On Thursday 3 May at 8.15 pm, the Ladies Group are meeting in the Parish Centre lounge at St Oswald's for a free evening. Those who have signed up to go to 'The Priests' concert in Liverpool on 1 June, please bring the full cost of £36.50 with you. Thank you.

SVP MEETING

The next SVP meeting takes place on Tuesday 1 May at 7.00 pm in the lounge at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA (Ticket only event)

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



Tickets are available after the Masses 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.

TASTES OF AFRICA NIGHT

Come taste an array of authentic flavours and music of Africa! Friday 8 June, 7.00 pm at St Benedict's Parish Centre 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 go to the Grotto Restoration Fund & general church maintenance). *Anyone who sells 5 tickets may then have a complimentary ticket.*



WANTED - 1 x PART-TIME BAR STAFF MEMBER

St Oswald's Parish Centre has a vacancy for a part time bar staff member 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.



VACANCY FOR SYNOD 2020 CO-ORDINATOR

This is a 3-year project role, required for 1st September 2018, 35 hours per week (to include evenings and weekends). Salary £24,000 - £26,000 per annum with 5 weeks holiday plus pension scheme. Applicants must have pastoral experience in a Church context, experience of encouraging and mentoring others, ability to manage and deliver projects, good standard of education to degree level or equivalent, and be a committed member of the Catholic Church. A qualification in theology and experience of working collaboratively would be advantageous. The closing date is Wednesday 9 May 2018, with an interview date of Wednesday 30 May 2018. To apply, please visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

SCRIPTURE MORNINGS AT 'IRENAEUS'

32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L32 1RD

Each Thursday from 3 - 24 May, 10.30 am - 12 noon, the Irenaeus Project are holding Scripture Mornings. The theme shall be 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people'. Fr Chris Thomas will look at the Acts of the Apostles. There is no charge but donations would be gratefully accepted. To book your place, call 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion.

The next day of recollection will take place on Saturday 5th May at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.

RCIA – NEW WINE, NEW WINESKINS

RCIA teams report many changes in the needs of enquirers, not least in their inability to fit into regular patterns of meeting and in their attempts to fulfil the many commitments of family life in the 21st Century.

- How can we respond in a spirit of accompaniment?
- How can we honour the vision and basic principles of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in our parishes and in our deaneries to meet today's enquirers?
- There is an ample supply of 'new wine' represented by enquirers wishing to become Catholics so what 'new wineskins' are needed?

Come and join us as we reflect on these and other questions of the time and together let us seek, through prayer and creative conversations, to discover new ways of responding. Wednesday 16 May, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, 483 Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, Southport PR8 3BP. Tea/Coffee & Biscuits provided! Please let us know you hope to join us: 0151 522 1040 or formation@rcaol.co.uk

DEANERY HOLY HOUR

The Archbishop is leading a series of Holy Hours across the Archdiocese as part of our preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in September. Archbishop Malcolm will lead a Holy Hour for the Warrington and Widnes Deaneries on Tuesday 22 May at 7.30 pm at St Joseph's, Penketh.

CONFIRMATIONS AT ST MARY'S

Archbishop McMahon will confer the sacrament of Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite at St Mary's Shrine on Wednesday 20 June at 7.00pm.

Candidates who would like to celebrate the sacrament should contact Fr Konrad Loewenstein, FSSP: padrek@libero.it

GAUDATE ET EXSULTATE (Part 2/5)

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

Chapter 2: Two Subtle Enemies of Holiness

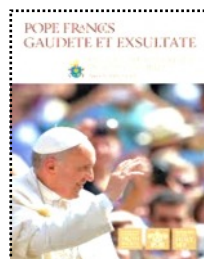
Gnosticism and Pelagianism, two "false forms of holiness" from early Church history, still lead us astray. These heresies propose "an anthropocentric immanentism disguised as Catholic truth" by exaggerating human perfection without grace.

Gnostics fail to realise that our perfection is measured by the depth of our charity, not by information or knowledge. Separating intellect from the flesh, they reduce Jesus's teaching to a cold and harsh logic that seeks to dominate everything. But doctrine "is not a closed system, devoid of the dynamic capacity to pose questions, doubts, inquiries". Christian experience is not a set of intellectual exercises; true Christian wisdom can never be separated from mercy towards our neighbour.

The same power that Gnosticism attributed to the intellect, Pelagianism attributed to the human will, to personal effort. Though modern Pelagians speak warmly of God's grace, they suggest that human will is something pure, perfect, all-powerful, to which grace is then added. They fail to realise that in this life human weaknesses are not healed completely and once for all by grace.

Grace builds on nature. It does not make us superhuman but takes hold of us and transforms us progressively. If we reject this historical and progressive reality, we can actually refuse and block the grace of the Lord. His friendship infinitely transcends us: we cannot buy it with our works, it can only be a gift born of his loving initiative. Only this permits us to cooperate by our own efforts in our progressive transformation.

When they overvalue human will and their own abilities, some Christians can tend towards obsession with the law; an absorption with social and political advantages; punctilious concern for the Church's liturgy, doctrine and prestige; vanity about the ability to manage practical matters; and an excessive concern with programmes of self-help and personal fulfilment as well as certain rules, customs or ways of acting. The life of the Church can become a museum piece or the possession of a select few. This deprives the Gospel of its simplicity, allure and savour, and reduces it to a blueprint that leaves few openings for the working of grace.



The full document is available online: www.catholic-eev.org.uk also from your piety shop or the Parish Office (01925 630127) at a price of £4.95. If we run out of copies, more can be ordered upon request.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

5th Sunday of Easter (B)
Weekdays - 5th Week of Easter
Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

Monday	Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26
Tuesday	Col 3: 14-15,17,23-24 Mt 13: 54-58
Wednesday	Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8
Thursday	1 Cor 15: 1-8 Jn 14: 6-14
Friday	Acts 7: 55-60 Mt 10: 17-20
Saturday	Acts 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21
Sunday	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48 1 Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17

ST BENEDICT'S

200 CLUB WINNERS

22 April: To be confirmed

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 Chester Bate & Polly Morgan

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, Liduina Wood

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

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Benedict's Nicola Buist, Robert Gibbons, Kenneth Barlow

Other Parishes Wilfrid Rigby

This Week's Prayer Intentions

† For the children celebrating their First Communion with us this weekend, and for their parents and families.

† For little Alfie Evans and his parents in their deep suffering.

† For the staff in our hospitals who care for so many people with great love and professionalism.

† That all workers may earn a just wage and be treated with dignity.

† That we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction (*Pope Francis*).

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

Prayer enables grace to open a way out from closure to openness, from fear to courage, from sadness to joy
... from division to unity.

(*Little Book of Compassion*)

PENTECOST WALK 2018

Churches Together in East Warrington are taking a coach to Liverpool on Sunday 20 May for the Bi-annual Ecumenical Walk from Liverpool Anglican Cathedral to Liverpool Catholic Cathedral. The event begins at 3.00 pm at the Anglican Cathedral and should conclude shortly after 4.30 pm. If you would like a place on the coach please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Fr Dave

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	7.00 pm	SVP Meeting - Lounge
	7.30 pm	Line Dancing
Wednesday	8.00 pm	Bingo
Thursday	8.15 pm	Ladies Group - Lounge

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
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 22 April

ST BENEDICT'S £398.28 (£261.24 Gift Aid), Priest Training Fund £129.46, Grotto from Chocolate Sunday £62.15, Poor Box £14.17

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