

# The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Newsletter

Sunday 6 May 2018

*Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)*

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Our Benedictine Heritage

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 6 - 13 May 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 6 May <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	10.30 am First Communion Mass (Group 2) <i>Snelson &amp; Walsh Family</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Kath Dolan &amp; Tommy McCarthy</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 7 May		<i>No Prayer Group this week</i>
Tuesday 8 May	12.15 pm Mass <i>Michael Cunnane</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Pope Francis</i>
Wednesday 9 May		7.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>
Thursday 10 May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Zara (A Sick Friend)</i> 2.00 pm Mass in School	9.30 am Mass with School <i>Syrian Refugees</i>
Friday 11 May	12 noon Pastoral Area Mass at St Alban's	
	1.15 pm Y6 Mass in School 6.45 pm Meditation	11.30 am Y6 Mass in School
Saturday 12 May	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>
Sunday 13 May <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)</i> World Communications Day	10.30 am First Communion Mass (Group 3) <i>John Carragher</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Thanksgiving</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

Telephone: 01925 635664 Website: [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

#### 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:



**Isabelle Clements, Jack Van Dusen, Charlotte Hilton, Maja Kowal, Alexandra MacMillan, Jasmine Piekacz, Austin White and Oliver Zyra.**

#### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Today, the Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day when we pray especially for those who work in the media.

The communications office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image. Today's **Second Collection** will go to support this important work.

Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day considers "**The truth will set you free**" (Jn 8:32) – **fake news and journalism for peace**. You can read the full text online at: [www.catholic-ew.org.uk](http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk) At the end of his message, Pope Francis takes inspiration from a Franciscan Prayer for World Communications Day:

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Help us to recognise the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.  
Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.  
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.  
You are faithful and trustworthy;  
may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:  
Where there is shouting, let us practise listening;  
Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;  
Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;  
Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;  
Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;  
Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;  
Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;  
Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;  
Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.  
Amen.**

#### NEW PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

At midnight last Tuesday morning, 1 May 2018, the three parishes of St Benedict's, St Mary's and St Oswald's merged into the new Parish of Blessed James Bell. The new parish incorporates 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.

#### NOVENA OF PRAYER

Between Ascension and Pentecost, the Archbishop invites us to join him in a Novena of Prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in September and the Archdiocesan Synod in 2020. Please take a prayer card home with you. The prayer is also on the back page of this newsletter.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CENTRE

You are warmly invited to attend our AGM at the Town Hall on Monday 14 May at 6.45 for 7.00 pm start. Guest Speaker: Michael Sheppard 'Warrington Together'. RSVP: by Monday 7 May to 01925 635448 or [contact@sjfc.org.uk](mailto:contact@sjfc.org.uk)

#### DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS

Sunday 20 May at 3.00 pm in Holy Rosary, Altway, Aintree L10 2LG (good transport links from M57, M58 and Old Roan Train Station). For further information, please phone 0151 522 1040. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall and all are most welcome to attend!

#### 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](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs)

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a holyday of obligation. There will be four Masses:

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass at St Oswald's</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass with School at St Oswald's</b>
	<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>Mass at St Benedict's</b>
	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Mass at St Benedict's School</b>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:padrek@libero.it)

## GAUDATE ET EXSULTATE (Part 3/5)

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

### Chapter 3: In the Light of the Master

The Beatitudes are Jesus's portrayal of what it means to be holy in our daily lives. Here "happy" and "blessed" become synonymous with "holy". We gain true happiness by faithful practice of the Beatitudes. We can only practice them if the Holy Spirit fills us with his power and frees us from our weakness, selfishness, complacency and pride.

Pope Francis describes each of the Beatitudes and their invitation, concluding each section:

- "Being poor of heart: that is holiness."
- "Reacting with meekness and humility: that is holiness."
- "Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness."
- "Hungering and thirsting for righteousness: that is holiness."
- "Seeing and acting with mercy: that is holiness."
- "Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love: that is holiness."
- "Sowing peace all around us: that is holiness."
- "Accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness."

In the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel (vv. 31-46), Jesus expands on the Beatitude about mercy. "If we seek the holiness pleasing to God's eyes, this text offers us one clear criterion on which we will be judged." When we recognise Christ in the poor and the suffering, we see into the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices. "Our Lord made it very clear that holiness cannot be understood or lived apart from these demands".

Misleading ideologies can lead us on the one hand to separate these Gospel demands from their personal relationship with the Lord, so that Christianity becomes a sort of NGO stripped of the luminous mysticism so evident in the lives of saints. On the other hand, there are those who dismiss the social engagement of others as superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist; their own particular ethical preoccupation outweighs all others.

Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. But "equally sacred" are the lives of the poor, the destitute, the abandoned and underprivileged; the infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia; victims of human trafficking and new forms of slavery. Nor should the situation of migrants be a lesser issue compared to "grave" bioethical questions. For a Christian "the only proper attitude is to stand in the shoes of those brothers and sisters of ours who risk their lives to offer a future to their children."

The full document is available online: [www.catholic.org.uk](http://www.catholic.org.uk)

## PENTECOST WALK 2018

Bi-annual Ecumenical Walk from Liverpool Anglican Cathedral to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 20th May: 3.00 - 5.00 pm. Beginning with a short act of worship at Liverpool Cathedral, the afternoon will continue with a vibrant procession along Hope Street where choirs from both Cathedrals will regale the walkers. The proceedings will culminate in a mass choral performance and singing of the Halleluiahs chorus on the steps of the Metropolitan Cathedral. If you would like a place on the coach, please sign the sheet at the back of church TODAY. Thank you.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)  
Weekdays - 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Monday	Acts 16: 11-15 Jn 15: 26-16:4
Tuesday	Acts 16: 22-34 Jn 16: 5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17: 15, 22-18: 1 Jn 16: 12-15
Thursday	Acts 1: 1-11 Eph 1: 17-23
Friday	Acts 18: 9-18 Jn 16: 20-23a
Saturday	Acts 18: 23-28 Jn 16: 23-28
Sunday	Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26 1 Jn 4: 11-16 Jn 17: 11b-19

### ST BENEDICT'S

200 CLUB WINNERS

22 April: 200 Steve Boardman

29 April: 124 Ellen Coyne

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

### POPE FRANCIS

Situations can change, people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good..

(Little Book of Compassion)

### 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
Saturday	2.00 pm	Vintage Afternoon Tea

For Bookings call 07932 404364 before 7 pm, or 812266

## LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



### Rite of Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Gracie Lucas and Charlotte Grundy who will be baptised this month.

### 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), Margaret Fay, Grace Fernandapolle, Catherine Donaldson, Laurence Finn, Fr Peter Kelly, Fr Don Gordon

### Those who have died recently, especially:

*St Benedict's* Robert Gibbons, Kenneth Barlow, Liduina Woods, Lol McGann, Benedict O'Connor

*Other Parishes* Wilfrid Rigby

### Novena of Prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage. Make us more like Christ in our words and actions.

Bless the work of your Church. Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today.

Bless the work of our parish. Guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you.

Deepen our love for the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and guide us in prayer and action as we journey towards Synod 2020 to become the Church you are calling us to be.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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**

### TASTES OF AFRICA NIGHT

Taste authentic flavours and music of Africa! Friday 8 June, 7.00 pm at St Benedict's Parish Centre

Tickets include an open buffet, African cocktails and live African music. The bar will be open, a Fair Trade Stall, a raffle, a draw and an auction. Tickets: £7.00 Adults, £3.00 over over 65's & children, under 5's go free (available after Mass from Fola Olurin, Chris Sykes and Angela Birchall or the Parish Office). A *ticket only event* - for catering and safety purposes.

**Last push for the Grotto!**

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please ensure the Parish Office receives items for the Newsletter by Wednesday at the latest.

Tel: 630127

### 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 29 April

ST BENEDICT'S	£450.87 (£240.10 Gift Aid), £7 Priest Training Fund , £106.10 Grotto Fund (£79.60 Quiz, £26.50 Donations), £57.01 Poor Box (£44.51 Poor Box, £12.50 Coffees), £186.46 Piety Stall for April
ST OSWALD'S	£559.58 (£306.41 Gift Aid), Priest Training Fund £8.50

Second Collection this weekend: World Communications Day