

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Newsletter

Sunday 13 May 2018

Seventh 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 13 - 20 May 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 13 May <i>7th Sunday of Easter (B)</i> World Communications Day	10.30 am First Communion Mass (Group 3) <i>John Carragh</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Kath Dolan & Tommy McCarthy</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Thanksgiving</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 14 May <i>Feast of St Matthias, Apostle</i>	10.30 am Funeral at Warrington Cemetery Chapel (<i>Kenneth Barlow</i>)	7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 15 May	9.15 am Funeral Service <i>Benedict O'Connor</i> 12.15 pm Mass <i>Stan Yates</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Pope Francis</i>
Wednesday 16 May	9.30 am Mass <i>Those who are grieving</i> 2.30 pm Funeral Service at St Mary's <i>Wilfrid Oswald Rigby</i>	
Thursday 17 May	1.00 pm Funeral Service <i>Robert Gibbons</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Nadine Davies</i> 7.30 pm Novena
Friday 18 May	12.15 pm Mass <i>Those with Mental Health Issues</i> No Meditation	
Saturday 19 May	No Slovak Mass Today	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Those who are sick</i>
Sunday 20 May <i>Pentecost Sunday (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Colin Sykes</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

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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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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:



Cole Ashcroft-Burgess, Filip Belski, Grace Cragg, Macy Griffin, Lore Omotosho, Ben Pham Nguyen, Alicja Whitfield and Noah Whitlow.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Today (not last Sunday – sorry!), the Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day when we pray especially for those who work in the media. Today's **Second Collection** will go to support the work of the Catholic Communications Office.

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

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club takes place this Tuesday, 15 May, from 12 noon -2.30 pm. It's an opportunity for our 50+ parishioners and friends to meet up for a light lunch and a little social time. Tickets for June's Lunch will be on sale at this Tuesday's event for just £3.00 each.

200 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS (St Benedict's)

Susan Boyle will be available to receive subscriptions for the 200 Club from next Sunday, 20 May.

MEDITATION GROUP

The Meditation Group at St Benedict's are having a little break at present. Meditations will resume on Friday 15 June at 6.45 pm in the Holy Family Chapel.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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



TWO CATHEDRALS WALK

The Bi-annual Ecumenical Walk from Liverpool Anglican Cathedral to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral takes place next Sunday, 20 May. There will be a minibus going to the event for those who have signed up.

Departure times:

Coach leaves St Oswald's at 2.00 pm

Departs Liverpool at 5.00 pm

Arrive back in Warrington at 5.30 pm.

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!

MASS FOR THE SICK

The Legion of Mary are hosting a Mass and Blessing for the Sick and Housebound on Wednesday 23 May at 2.00 pm at St Joseph's Church, Penketh. Refreshments will be available in the Parish Centre afterwards. If you need help with travel, please contact Patricia on 726183. All welcome.

ST BENEDICT'S DRAMA GROUP - SOS

More children (aged 7+) are needed for the summer production which is due to take place in July. If anyone is interested, please contact Miriam Lawton on 07759 785683.

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.

GAUDATE ET EXSULTATE (Part 4/5)

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

Chapter 4: Signs of Holiness in Today's World

The Pope speaks next about "certain aspects of the call to holiness that I hope will prove especially meaningful", in the form of "five great expressions of love for God and neighbour that I consider of particular importance in the light of certain dangers and limitations present in today's culture."

1) *Perseverance, patience and meekness.*

This describes the inner strength, grounded in God, that makes it possible to give a witness of constancy in doing good. We need to recognise and combat our aggressive and selfish inclinations. Christians "can be caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet and the various forums of digital communication." Even in Catholic media, limits can be overstepped, defamation and slander can become commonplace. "It is striking that at times, in claiming to uphold the other commandments, they completely ignore the eighth, which forbids bearing false witness or lying, and ruthlessly vilify others."

It is not good when we look down on others like heartless judges, lording it over them and always trying to teach them lessons. That is itself a subtle form of violence.

Being on the path to holiness means enduring "daily humiliations", e.g. "those who keep silent to save their families, who prefer to praise others rather than boast about themselves, or who choose the less welcome tasks, at times even choosing to bear an injustice so as to offer it to the Lord." To act in this way "presumes a heart set at peace by Christ, freed from the aggressiveness born of overweening egotism."

2) *Joy and a sense of humour*

The saints are joyful and full of good humour. They radiate a positive and hopeful spirit, even in hard times. Ill humour is no sign of holiness. Sadness can be a sign of ingratitude for God's gifts. Today's individualistic and consumerist culture does not dispense real joy; consumerism only bloats the heart.

3) *Boldness and passion*

Holiness is also *parrhesia*: boldness, an impulse to evangelise and to leave a mark in this world. "Boldness and apostolic courage are an essential part of mission." If we dare to go to the fringes, we will find Jesus already there, in the hearts

of our brothers and sisters, in their wounded flesh, their troubles and their profound desolation.

More than bureaucrats and functionaries, the Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity. The Holy Spirit allows us to contemplate history in the light of the risen Jesus. In this way, the Church will not stand still, but constantly welcome the Lord's surprises.

4) *In community*

Growth in holiness is a journey of living and working in community with others. Sharing the word and celebrating the Eucharist together fosters fraternity and makes us a holy and missionary community. It also gives rise to authentic and shared mystical experiences.

Such experiences, however, are less frequent and important than small everyday things. Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to small details: wine running out at a party, a missing sheep, a widow's two small coins. Sometimes we are granted, amid these little details, consoling experiences of God.

5) *In constant prayer*

Trust-filled prayer of any length is a response of a heart open to encountering God face to face, where the quiet voice of the Lord can be heard. In that silence, we can discern the paths of holiness to which the Lord is calling us. For each disciple, it is essential to spend time with the Master, to listen to his words, and to learn from him always.

God enters our history, and so our prayer is interwoven with memories. Think of your own history when you pray, and there you will find much mercy.

Prayer of supplication is an expression of a heart that trusts in God and realises that it can do nothing of itself. Prayer of petition often calms our hearts and helps us persevere in hope. Prayer of intercession is an act of trust in God and, at the same time, an expression of love for our neighbour.

In the Eucharist, the written word attains its greatest efficacy, for there the living Word is truly present.

The full document is available online: www.catholic-ew.org.uk



SCRIPTURE READINGS

7th Sunday of Easter (B)

Weekdays - 7th Week of Easter

Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

Monday	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26 Jn 15: 9-17
Tuesday	Acts 20: 17-27 Jn 17: 1-11
Wednesday	Acts 20: 28-38 Jn 17: 11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22: 30; 23:6-11 Jn 17: 20-26
Friday	Acts 25: 13b-21 Jn 21: 15-19
Saturday	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 Jn 21: 20-25
Sunday	Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20: 19-23

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Those who will be baptised this weekend:

St Benedict's Gracie Lucas

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

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

Those who have died recently, especially:

St Benedict's Robert Gibbons, Liduina Woods, Lol McGann, Benedict O'Connor and Joan Weaver

St Mary's Kenneth Barlow, Wilfrid Rigby Archdiocese Fr Don Gordon

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 or give him a note of their name and phone number. Many thanks.

ST BENEDICT'S

200 CLUB WINNERS

6 May: To be Confirmed

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

POPE FRANCIS

'Compassion' is an essential characteristic of God's mercy.

God has compassion on us.

What does this mean? He suffers with us, He feels our suffering.

Compassion means 'suffer with.'

(Little Book of Compassion)

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 of African Art. Tickets: £7.00 Adults, £3.00 over 65's & children 0-11'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 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 07932 404364 before 7 pm, or 812266

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE Rhodes Street, Warrington, WA2 7QE

The Week Ahead

Sunday	8.30 pm	Gary Daniels - Excellent Male Vocal
Monday	6.00 pm	Rainbows
	7.45 pm	Bingo
Tuesday	12 noon - 2.30 pm	Luncheon 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 6 May

ST BENEDICT'S £530.83 (£259.37 Gift Aid), £20.00 Donation to flowers, £15.20 Poor Box (Coffees)

ST OSWALD'S £418.67 (£271.70 Gift Aid)

Second Collection this weekend: World Communications Day