

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

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



Archdiocese of Liverpool



Our Benedictine Heritage

Newsletter

Sunday 20 May 2018

Pentecost Sunday (B)

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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 20 - 27 May 2018		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 20 May <i>Pentecost Sunday (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Colin Sykes</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Those who are sick</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 21 May <i>Mary Mother of the Church</i>	12.30 pm Funeral Mass <i>Laurence Patrick McGann</i>	7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 22 May	9.30 am Funeral Mass <i>Joan Mary Weaver</i> 12.15 pm Funeral Mass <i>Liduína Woods (also known as Isolina)</i>	No Mass Today 2.15 pm May Procession
	7.30 pm Pastoral Area Holy Hour with the Archbishop <i>St Joseph's, Penketh</i>	
Wednesday 23 May	9.30 am Mass <i>Tom Howell & Terry Davies</i>	
Thursday 24 May		9.30 am Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i> <i>(No Novena - Concert in Church)</i>
Friday 25 May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	12.15 pm Mass <i>Norbert Balmer</i> 2.00 pm May Procession in School <i>(No Meditation)</i>	
Saturday 26 May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	4.00 Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>
Sunday 27 May <i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (B)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Nicola Buist</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Wordsworth Family (esp. India)</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

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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

Assistant: Fr Ian Verrier FSSP iverrier@fssp.org

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



TWO CATHEDRALS WALK

The Bi-annual Ecumenical Walk from Liverpool Anglican Cathedral to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral takes place today (Sunday). The minibus will leave St Oswald's at 2.00 pm and arrive back at approximately 5.30 pm.

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Pope Francis has added a new memorial to the Liturgical Calendar: the memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, will be kept on the Monday after Pentecost. A decree issued on 11 February 2018 states: "Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety, Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year."

MAY PROCESSIONS

The Schools will lead the annual May Processions in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus, this week. On Tuesday, St Oswald's Catholic Primary School will lead a May Procession in church at 2.15 pm. On Friday at 2.00 pm, there will be a May Procession at St Benedict's Catholic Primary School.

"If you ever feel distressed during your day - call upon our Lady - just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit - this prayer has never failed me."
St Teresa of Calcutta

DEANERY HOLY HOUR

As part of a year of prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in September and the Archdiocesan Synod in 2020, Archbishop Malcolm will be leading a Holy Hour for the Warrington and Widnes Deaneries this Tuesday, 22 May, at 7.30 pm at St Joseph's, Penketh. Please come along if you can. If you need a lift, Fr Dave has three spare places.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GAZA

Cardinal Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has visited the Catholic parish in Gaza and is keen that they should not be forgotten at this desperate time. In a statement on 16 May, he said:

"Today I have had a phone conversation with Fr Mario da Silva, the Catholic parish priest in Gaza, to offer our prayers and support. He told me that life is so hard and everyone is desperate with shortages of water and other basic necessities. He said knowing that Catholics in England and Wales and across the world remembered the people of Gaza and were praying for them was a great encouragement.

"Please pray for peace in the Middle East and especially for the people in Gaza. They are living through traumatic times of remembrance and protest at the dramatically deteriorating humanitarian situation. This is a people who are both extremely vulnerable and deprived. Their fate is central to peace and peace can never be built on neglect."

Bishop Declan Lang, chair of the Holy Land Coordination and Bishop Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark, said:

"The terrible loss of life in Gaza caused by the Israeli army's use of live fire against civilians is to be condemned unequivocally. These protests take place against the drastically deteriorating humanitarian situation which leaves little hope and continues to undermine a peaceful resolution. Hundreds of families across Gaza are now mourning their loved ones, dead and wounded.

"Israel has a right to defend itself but also has the moral and legal responsibility not to use disproportionate force and not to prevent the injured from receiving medical treatment. All violence is destructive to peace efforts and our cry is for a peaceful two state solution with Jerusalem as the shared capital. We pray for all those who suffer from this conflict and for the peace of Jerusalem."

MEDITATION GROUP The Meditation Group resumes on Friday 15 June at 6.45 pm in the Holy Family Chapel.

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 3 June at 3.00 pm

For the third year running, Fr de Malleray (Rector of St Mary's Shrine) and I would like to invite the parishioners of the new Parish of Blessed James Bell to come together for a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 3 June at 3.00 pm. The procession will begin at 3.00 pm in St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street. It will then make its way through the town centre to St Alban's, Bewsey Street, for Benediction at approximately 3.45 pm. We extend a special invitation to the children who have just celebrated First Communion to wear their special clothes and lead the procession. Further details next week. *Fr Dave*

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday 9 June at 11.00 am, Deacon Seth Phipps, FSSP will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon at St Mary's Shrine. All are welcome. Please pray for Deacon Phipps.

TASTE OF AFRICA NIGHT

Taste the 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.



GAUDATE ET EXSULTATE (Part 5/5)

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

Chapter 5: Spiritual Combat, Vigilance and Discernment

Evil is present from the very first pages of the Scriptures. We should not dismiss the devil as a myth, a figure of speech or an idea, lest we let down our guard and end up more vulnerable. Our path towards holiness is a constant battle for which the Lord equips us with prayer, the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation, works of charity, etc.

The path of holiness is a source of peace and joy, given to us by the Spirit. How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit, not from the spirit of the world or the devil? By discernment, which differs from intelligence and common sense. The gift of discernment is all the more necessary today because contemporary life proclaims so many distractions as equally valid and good.

Discernment is a grace. It is not only for the more intelligent or better educated. It requires no special abilities, but it does

require listening: to the Lord and to others, and to reality itself, which always challenges us in new ways. Listening frees us to set aside our own partial or insufficient ideas, our usual ways of seeing things. We need to discern God's timetable, lest we disregard his invitation to grow. For this reason, I ask all Christians to examine their conscience daily in sincere dialogue with the Lord.

We need the silence of prolonged prayer to better perceive God's language, interpret the real meaning of the inspirations we believe we have received, calm our anxieties and see the whole of our existence afresh in God's own light.

Our attentive discernment entails obedience to the Gospel as the ultimate standard, but also to the Magisterium that guards it, as we seek in the treasury of the Church for whatever is most fruitful for the "today" of salvation; for rigidity has no place before the perennial "today" of the risen Lord.

God asks everything of us, yet he also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to diminish them but to bring them to fulfilment. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort. In this way, we will share a happiness that the world will not be able to take from us.

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

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

IT Technician for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Full time, 35 hours per week. Salary £20,000 per annum. 5 weeks holiday plus pension scheme. Closing date: 29 May 2018. See notice board for full details or www.liverpoolcatholic.co.uk/jobs for further information.

NEW DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

As you may be aware, there is some new data protection legislation coming into force on 25 May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we now have is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. I know that a good number of you currently volunteer for the parish, or may have done so in the past, and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop (e.g. names, phone numbers, email addresses for visiting, parish groups or liturgical rota's, etc). Please could you let Celia know in the Parish Office (630127) if this applies to you so that we can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. We owe it to each other to keep personal data safe and secure, and the new legislation will help us to improve the systems we already have in place for doing this. Thank you in advance for your co-operation. *Fr Dave*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Pentecost Sunday (B)

Weekdays - Year 2, Week 7

Divine Office – Psalter Week 3

Monday	James 3: 13-18 Mk 9: 14-29
Tuesday	James 4: 1-10 Mk 9: 30-37
Wednesday	James 4: 13-17 Mk 9: 38-40
Thursday	James 5: 1-6 Mk 9: 41-50
Friday	James 5: 9-12 Mk 10: 1-12
Saturday	James 5: 13-20 Mk 10: 13-16
Sunday	Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40 Rom 8: 14-17 Mt 28: 16-20

ST BENEDICT'S

200 CLUB WINNERS

6 & 13 May: 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 Benedict's Charlotte Grundy

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, Ged Wallace

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 Liduina Woods, Lol McGann and Joan Weaver

Novena of Prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost

† For peace in the Middle East and especially for the people in Gaza.

† For the many Palestinians killed and injured in protests with the Israeli army this week.

† For Prince Harry and Meghan Markle who will be married this weekend.

† For young people taking their GCSE and 'A' Level examinations.

† That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today (*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.

PARISH FINANCE

Total Offertory Collection

ST BENEDICT'S	£523.45 (£290.86 Gift Aid)
ST OSWALD'S	£453.13 (£275.15 Gift Aid)
TOTAL	£976.58 (£566.01 Gift Aid)

Second Collection: World Communications

ST BENEDICT'S	£113.81
ST OSWALD'S	£192.79
TOTAL	£306.60

Additional Income

ST BENEDICT'S	£38.45 Poor Box (Coffees £11.96, £26.49 Box)
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Thank you so much for your generosity

POPE FRANCIS

"Never lose a good sense of humour, ability to always smile and make others smile. The grace of humour brings you closer to grace of God."

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

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	Frankie Flame - Good Guitar Vocal
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