

## PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



### Collective Worship for Children 24 May 2020

#### Gather

##### Getting Ready

Make a little prayer table. What would you like to put on the table? A cross? A holy picture? A candle? Some flowers?

##### Music

Play some quiet, reflective music and think about your family and the family of God.

##### Sign of the Cross

Carefully making the Sign of the Cross.

#### Listen

##### Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia' is our Easter Song.  
Can you remember an 'Alleluia'  
from church or school? Sing it now...



**Scripture Reading** (cf. Matthew 5: 45-58)  
A reading from St Matthew's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "You have learned 'You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy'. But I say this to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons and daughters of God.

"God's love is like the sun, which rises each day and gives warmth and light to everyone, not just good people. God sends rain to water the earth and the rain falls on the honest and the dishonest people alike.



Don't just love people who love you! Don't just talk to the people who are your friends! No, I tell you, your love must be like God's love. God loves everyone no matter who they are or what they do. You must not put any limits on your love, for the love of your Father in heaven is never-ending, never- changing."

#### Respond

- 1) Read the Scripture Reading again. Can you understand what Jesus said?
- 2) Can you think of some ways you can help members of your own family?
- 3) How can we help members of God's family – those in our community and the rest of the world?
- 4) It is not always easy to get on with everybody, including the people in our family. Spend a few minutes thinking about how you could act when things are not going your way.

#### Go Forth

- 1) Write a short prayer asking God to help you to love others, especially when it can be difficult.
- 2) Think carefully before you do or say something.
- 3) Our families are very important to us. Try and do something nice for each family member in your house this week.

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