

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



5th Sunday of Lent (B)

21 March 2021

Gathering Song

Music: Grant to us, O Lord – Lucien Deiss

Greeting & Introduction

Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Jeremiah 31: 31-34)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I will make a new covenant with the House of
Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like
the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took
them by the hand to bring them out of the land of
Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to
show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks.
No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of
Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who
speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it
on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall
be my people. There will be no further need for
neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say
to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all
know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the
Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and
never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50 (51)

**Create a clean heart,
a clean heart in me, O God.**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion
wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.
- 2 A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

(John 12: 20-33)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival
were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came
from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him,
'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell
Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell
Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason
that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will
glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this,
said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an
angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for
my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he
would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Liturgy of Reconciliation

Examination of Conscience

General Confession of Sins

All say:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder – Buxtehude

Prayer over the Offerings

Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants
the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them
by the working of this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy – Community Mass (Richard Proulx)

The Mystery of Faith

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Communion Rite

Music: Unless a grain of wheat – Bernadette Farrell

Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted
among the members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Prayer over the People

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire
they may receive by your generous gift.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

Distribution of Communion

Music: The Cloud's Veil – Liam Lawton

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Palm Sunday

Saturday 4.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
Sunday 10.00 am Mass at St Benedict's
12.00 noon Mass at St Benedict's

Tuesday of Holy Week

9.30 am Mass at St Oswald's School
11.00 am Mass at St Oswald's

Wednesday of Holy Week

9.30 am Mass at St Benedict's School
11.00 am Mass at St Benedict's

Holy Thursday

7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (but no
'Watching' this year) *St Benedict's*

Good Friday

12.00 noon Stations of the Cross *St Oswald's*
3.00 pm * Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
St Oswald's
7.00 pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' – a short
service of music and reflection
St Benedict's

Holy Saturday

8.00 pm The Easter Vigil at St Oswald's
(Please note: No 4.30 pm Vigil Mass)

Easter Sunday

10.00 am * Mass at St Benedict's
12.00 noon * Mass at St Benedict's

* Booking

If you wish to come to the **Good Friday 3.00 pm Service** and/or one of the **Easter Sunday morning Masses**, you will need to book a place. You can do this by completing a form in church this weekend, or by phoning the Parish Office on 630127. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Please only book for yourself and/or your household. We cannot accept block bookings.

