

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

13 June 2021

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### KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE

#### When you arrive:

- 1) You will be asked for your details for the purposes of contact tracing (these details are kept confidential, secure and are destroyed after 21 days).
- 2) You will be asked to sanitise your hands.
- 3) You may be seated by a steward. We have to do this at some Masses because we have a limited number of places in church and don't want to have to turn anyone away. **Please be courteous to the volunteers who are helping us to keep each other safe.**
- 4) You must wear a face covering or mask at all times and keep to the one-way system.

#### During Mass:

- 1) Once seated, you are asked to remain in your place until invited to move at the end of Mass.
- 2) Unfortunately, there can be no congregational singing at this time, and the toilets must remain closed except in case of a genuine emergency.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

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### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

*Music:* All creatures of our God and King – St Francis of Assisi (paraphrased by William H Draper)

#### Greeting & Introduction

#### Gloria

*Let's give praise to God:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,**

**we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

#### Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you,  
graciously hear our pleas,  
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,  
grant us always the help of your grace,  
that in following your commands  
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.  
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

*(Ezekiel 17: 22-24)*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord,  
am the one who stunts tall trees  
and makes the low ones grow,  
who withers green trees  
and makes the withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 92

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

- 1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praise to your name, Most High,  
To proclaim your kindness at dawn  
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

- 2 The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,  
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.  
They that are planted in the house of the Lord  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Gospel (Mark 4: 26-34)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Bidding Prayers

#### Prayer for our Archdiocesan Synod

*Let us pray together:*

**Father of love and compassion,  
with trust in your great mercy  
we place our Synod into your hands.  
Be with each member of our Synod  
and guide them with the help of your Holy Spirit.  
Give us all the wisdom and the courage  
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face  
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,  
so that we may become ever more closely  
the Church you are calling us to be.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Gifts

*Music:* All things bright and beautiful – C.F Alexander

### Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray,

that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Holy, Holy* – Mass of Christ our Saviour (Dan Schutte)

*The Mystery of Faith*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

## Communion Rite

### Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## Communion

Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass.

*Music:* In This Place – Robert Kochis

### Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing & Dismissal

#### Distribution of Communion

*Music:* Sweet Heart of Jesus – Sr Marie Josephine

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### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

- 1) Please do not move until you are invited to do so by a steward.
- 2) The words 'The Body of Christ' and the reply 'Amen' will only be said once at the beginning of communion.
- 3) Please maintain **social distancing** when you move and try to avoid contact with the minister's hands by keeping your hands as flat as possible.
- 4) When you have received the host, simply step to the side, lower your face covering and place the host in your mouth.
- 5) You will then be directed to leave church, so please bring any belongings with you.

*Many thanks*

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