

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day for Grandparents and Older People
25 July 2021

KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE

When you arrive:

- 1) You will be asked for your details for the purposes of contact tracing (these details will be kept confidential, secure and deleted 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.
- 5) Once seated, you are asked to remain in your place until invited to move at the end of Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Music: Holy Virgin by God's decree – Abbe Paul Decha
(d. 1996, Lourdes)

Greeting & Introduction

Penitential Act

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

Collect

May the venerable intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes come to our aid, we pray, O Lord, and free us from every danger, so that we may rejoice in your peace. 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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading

(2 Kings 4: 42-44)

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145

**The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

- 1 Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.
- 2 The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(John 6: 1-15)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve

hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Creed & Bidding Prayers

Please join in singing the refrain:

Credo, Credo, Credo, Amen!

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Ave Maria – Simon Lindley (b. 1948)

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we ask, the prayers of your people with the sacrificial offerings, that, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of your Son, no petition may go unanswered, no request be made in vain. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Communion

Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass.

Music: Hail holy Queen enthroned above – Hermannus Contractus (11th century)

Prayer after Communion

Renewed with this heavenly food, we humbly implore you, Lord, that, having received your Son, born of Mary, under sacramental signs, we may profess him in words and hold fast to him in deeds. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Distribution of Communion

Music: Immaculate Mary – Jean Gagnet

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

- 1) Please do not move until you are invited to do so.
- 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

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OLDER PEOPLE

I thank you, Lord,
for the comfort of your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank you for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank you for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life
and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank you for this time of renewed fruitfulness
to which you call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel
might reach the ends of the earth.
Send your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that you give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.
Amen.

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