

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



1st Sunday of Advent (C)

28 November 2021

KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE

- 1) If you are able, please register your attendance by using the **QR code** displayed on the main doors of the church for the purposes of contact tracing.
- 2) Please wear a **face covering** (over your nose and mouth) and sanitise your hands.
- 3) Please **leave a space** between the person sitting next to you unless you are in the same household, and please try not to sit directly behind or in front of another person (i.e. zigzag seating).
- 4) We are gradually reintroducing some **singing** at Mass while wearing face coverings. So you are invited to join in singing the Penitential Act, Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Holy, Holy and the Mystery of Faith.

Thank you for your kindness.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

Music: O Jesus Christ remember – Edward Caswell

Greeting & Introduction

Blessing & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Penitential Act

Music: Advent Wreath Service – John Schiavone

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. 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 33: 14-16)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

- 1 Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my saviour, and for you I wait all the day.
- 2 Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

Second Reading

(1 Thess 3: 12-4: 2)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And

then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Letter

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, OP

Apostles' Creed

Together, we say:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

After each intention:

Come, Lord Jesus!

R. Maranatha!

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Ad Te Levavi – Franz Xavier Witt

"To Thee, O Lord, I Have Lifted My Soul"

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy – Mass of Christ the 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

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Communion

Music: Wait for the Lord – Taize

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- 1) Please do not move until you are invited to do so.
- 2) 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.
- 3) When you have received the host, simply step to the side, lower your face covering and place the host in your mouth.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, may the celebration of these mysteries profit us, we pray, since through them you teach us, on our journey through this passing world, to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Leaving Church

At the 4.30 pm and 10.30 am Masses, please sit after the Dismissal until the stewards invite you to move. Thank you.

Recessional

Music: Wachet Auf – J.S. Bach

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PLEASE TAKE THIS MASS SHEET HOME WITH YOU.