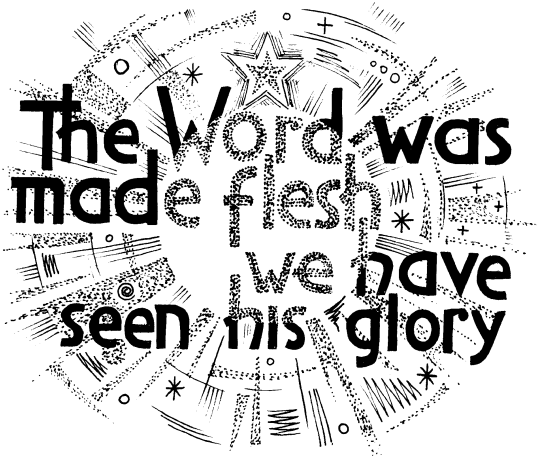


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



2nd Sunday after the Nativity

2 January 2022

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 Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Holy, Holy and the Mystery of Faith.

Thank you for your kindness.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

Music: God rest you merry gentlemen (16th century)

Greeting & Introduction

Litany of Praise

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary.

R. Glory to God in the highest!

Word made flesh,
you have made us children of the Father.

R. Glory to God in the highest!

Word of God, you became human to share our life.

R. Glory to God in the highest!

Light of the world,
you scatter the darkness that troubles us.

R. Glory to God in the highest!

Gift of the Father, you are with us and never leave us.

R. Glory to God in the highest!

Collect

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our glory is to stand before the world
as your own sons and daughters.
May the simple beauty of Jesus' birth
summon us always to love what is most deeply human,
and to see your Word made flesh
reflected in those whose lives we touch.
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

(1 John 1: 1-4)

A reading from the first letter of St John

Something which has existed since the beginning,
that we have heard,
and we have seen with our own eyes;
that we have watched
and touched with our hands:
the Word, who is life –
this is our subject.

That life was made visible:
we saw it and we are giving our testimony,
telling you of the eternal life
which was with the Father
and has been made visible to us.
What we have seen and heard
we are telling you
so that you too may be in union with us,
as we are in union
with the Father
and with his Son Jesus Christ.

We are writing this to you to make our own joy
complete.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Christmas Psalm 96

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all you lands.
Sing to the Lord; bless his name.
- 2 Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(John 1: 1-5, 9-14)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh or will of man
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Apostles' Creed

**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

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Something which is known – Gregory Norbet
(based on 1 John 1: 1-4).



Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make
on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,
for by it you show us the way of truth
and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom.
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.**

Communion

Music: Of the Father's heart begotten – A. Prudentius

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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,
hear our prayers.
By this eucharist free us from sin
and keep us faithful to your word.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Recessional

Music: Hark the herald angels sing – Charles Wesley



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