

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## The Epiphany of the Lord

6 January 2022

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### KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE

- 1) Please wear a **face covering** (over your nose and mouth) during Mass.
- 2) 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).
- 3) 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.*

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### Introductory Rites

#### Entrance Procession

*Music:* The First Nowell – Anon (1833)

#### Greeting & Introduction

#### Collect

Father of light, unchanging God,  
today you reveal to all the nations  
your Son, the Word made flesh.  
Your light is strong, your love is near;  
draw us beyond the limits this world imposes,  
to the life where your Spirit makes all life complete.  
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

*(Isaiah 60: 1-6)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,

though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,  
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 72

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

- 1 O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
he shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.
- 2 Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Gospel

*(Matthew 2: 1-12)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go

and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Reflection

### Bidding Prayers

## Liturgy of the Eucharist



### Preparation of the Gifts

*Music:* Angel voices richly blending – James Quinn SJ

### Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour, Lord, we pray,  
on these gifts of your Church,  
in which are offered now  
not gold or frankincense or myrrh,  
but he who by them is proclaimed,  
sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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:* We Three Kings – John Henry Hopkins Jr

1) 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**.

2) 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

Father,  
guide us with your light.  
Help us to recognise Christ in this eucharist  
and welcome him with love,  
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing & Dismissal

### Recessional

*Music:* O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness – John S. B. Monsell

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## The Blessing of Homes



The Blessing of Homes is a time-honoured custom on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. It reminds us that Christ is with us in the love and care we show one another in our ordinary everyday lives together. Why not have a little celebration at home today? One custom is to trace the Cross together with the initials "CMB" and the numerals of the year on the doorway of your house (using chalk, holy water, or simply with your finger), and then share a family meal together. "CMB" stands for "Christus mansionem benedicat" – "May Christ bless this house!" It also represents the names given to the wise men – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. So this year's blessing would look like this:

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