

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

*Thank you for your kindness.*

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### Introductory Rites

#### Entrance Procession

*Music:* Thou whose almighty Word – John Marriott

#### Greeting & Penitential Act

#### Gloria

**Glory! Glory! Glory to God!**  
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- 1 Glory to God in the heights of the heavens.  
Peace to God's people, all people on earth.
- 2 Son of the Father, all glory and worship;  
praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God.
- 3 You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, receive our prayer.
- 4 Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,  
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.
- 5 And with the Spirit of love everlasting,  
reigning in glory for ever. Amen.

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#### Collect

Lord God,  
whose compassion embraces all peoples,  
whose law is wisdom, freedom, and joy for the poor,  
fulfil in our midst your promise of favour,  
that we may receive the gospel of salvation with faith  
and, anointed by the Spirit, freely proclaim it.  
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

#### Preparing to Listen to the Word of God

Pilgrim God,  
you walk alongside us  
and speak to us through the Scriptures:  
in the message of the prophets,  
the songs of David, and the vision of St Paul.  
Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
listens to our hopes and fears  
and shows us how to live:  
in our love of neighbour, our desire for justice,  
and in our dying and rising each day.  
Send us your Holy Spirit  
to open our hearts and minds  
so that we may be your witnesses  
throughout the world:  
in our protection of the vulnerable,  
our words and actions,  
and in our communion with the earth.

#### First Reading

*(Neh 8: 2-6, 8-10)*

A reading from the prophet Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared

ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19

**Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

- 1 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
- 2 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Gospel** *(Lk 4: 14-21)*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Bidding Prayers

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Preparation of the Gifts

*Music:* Love is his word – Luke Connaughton

#### Prayer over the Offerings

In your kindness, Lord, accept our gifts and make them holy, that they may become the sacrament of our salvation. 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*

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

#### Communion

*Music:* Taste and see – James Moore

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- 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.
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#### Prayer after Communion

Grant, all-powerful God, that we who receive in this eucharist your life-giving grace may always delight in your blessings. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

### Concluding Rite

#### Recessional

*Music:* Toccata from Symphony No 5 – C. M. Widor

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