

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

### Mass for Peace in Ukraine

27 February 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:* Christ be our light – Bernadette Farrell

##### Greeting & Introduction

##### Prayer for Peace

God of peace, God of mercy,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine.  
We lament the violence that has come to their country.  
We ask for comfort for those who mourn,  
hope for those who despair  
and compassion for all who suffer.  
We plead for an end to the violence and aggression  
in their land.

We pray for the people of Russia.  
We give thanks for those who have had the courage  
to protest the invasion of Ukraine.  
We ask for a change of heart  
in those who commit acts of aggression and war  
against their fellow citizens and neighbours.  
We pray for those Russians who will suffer  
because of sanctions and war.

We pray for leaders around the world.  
May they work together for an end to war

and for the establishment of peace.

We seek wisdom for those who are making decisions  
about how to respond to violence and war.

We ask for courage for those who campaign for peace.

We give thanks for the willingness of aid workers  
to work in situations of war and unrest.

We ask for safety, wisdom, and compassion for all  
working to alleviate suffering and heal the wounded.

We pray for journalists and media organisations  
reporting the situation in Ukraine and Russia.

We pray for peace.

We pray that you might give us a desire for peace  
and a willingness to work and hope and pray for peace  
this day and every day.

Amen.

*(Adapted from Rev Sharon Hollis, Uniting Church in Australia)*

#### Liturgy of the Word

##### First Reading

*(Ecclesiasticus 27: 5-8)*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where a tree grows  
is judged on the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

##### Psalm 92

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

- 1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praise to your name, Most High,  
to proclaim your kindness at dawn  
and your faithfulness throughout the night.
- 2 The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,  
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.  
They that are planted in the house of the Lord  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

##### Gospel Acclamation

##### Gospel

*(Luke 6: 39-45)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own?

Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.



'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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:* Hear my prayer, O Lord – Henry Purcell

#### Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. 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.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Sign of Peace

#### Communion

*Music:* Peace Prayer – John Foley, SJ

- 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

God of perfect peace,  
violence and cruelty can have no part with you.  
May those who are at peace with one another  
hold fast to the good will that unites them;  
may those who are enemies  
see beyond their hatred and be healed.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### Concluding Rite

#### Blessing & Dismissal

#### Recessional

*Music:* Dorian Toccata (BWV 538) – J.S. Bach

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