

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



4th Sunday of Lent (C) Mass for Peace in Ukraine

27 March 2022

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.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

Music: O the love of my Lord – Estelle White

Greeting & Introduction

Penitential Act

Music: Lord, have mercy – German Mass (Schubert)

Collect

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself
in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
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

(*2 Corinthians 5: 17-21*)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.
- 2 Glorify the Lord with me,
let us together extol his name.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel

(*Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.'

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this

place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily



Act of Consecration (see attached sheet)

On Friday, Pope Francis consecrated Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as a way of praying for peace and being close to those who are suffering in the conflict.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Virgo Maria – Anton Diabelli

Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them

and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy – German Mass (Schubert)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. (x2)

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Communion

Music: Father I have sinned – Eugene O'Reilly, CSsR

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

O God,
who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

A Blessing for Mother's Day

Blessing & Dismissal

Recessional

Music: Lascia ch'io pianga – G.F. Handel

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Happy Mother's Day!