

## PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



### Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

*World Day for Grandparents & Older People  
St Oswald's – 24 July 2022*

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#### KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE

A new wave of Covid-19 continues to sweep the UK and cases are very high. Therefore, I recommend the wearing of face coverings during Sunday Mass to help reduce the level of transmission and to do what we can to keep one another safe. *Fr Dave*

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#### Introductory Rites

##### Gathering Song

Holy Virgin by God's decree (366)

##### Penitential Act

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

##### Collect

May the venerable intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes come to our aid, we pray, O Lord, and free us from every danger, so that we may rejoice in your peace. 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

*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

##### First Reading

*(Genesis 18: 20-32)*

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have

done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

##### Psalm 138

**Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.**

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.
- 2 Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me.

##### Second Reading

*(Colossians 2: 12-14)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

**Gospel** *(Luke 11: 1-13)*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,  
your kingdom come;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.  
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

### Homily

**Creed & Bidding Prayers**  
*Please join in singing the refrain:*

**Credo in unum Deum,  
Credo in unum Deum.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Preparation of the Gifts**  
*Music: Ave Maria – Simon Lindley (b. 1948)*

**Prayer over the Offerings**  
Receive, O Lord, we ask, the prayers of your people with the sacrificial offerings,  
that, through the intercession of Mary,  
the Mother of your Son,  
no petition may go unanswered,

no request be made in vain.  
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*  
**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

**Communion**  
When coming forward for communion, please give the person in front of you some space, and please try to avoid contact with the minister's hands by keeping your hands as flat as possible. Thank you.

*Music: Hail holy Queen enthroned above – Hermannus Contractus (11th century)*

- 1 Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!  
Hail, mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!  
**Triumph, all ye cherubim;  
sing with us, ye seraphim!  
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:  
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!**
- 2 Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!  
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!
- 3 And when our life-breath leaves us, O Maria!  
Show us thy Son, Christ Jesus. O Maria!

**Prayer after Communion**  
Renewed with this heavenly food,  
we humbly implore you, Lord,  
that, having received your Son, born of Mary,  
under sacramental signs,  
we may profess him in words  
and hold fast to him in deeds.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing & Dismissal

**Final Song**  
Immaculate Mary (365) verses 1-5

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