

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Feast of St Oswald, King & Martyr

6/7 August 2022
(Transferred from 5 August)

KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE

While the number of Covid-19 infections remains high in the community, 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*

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs (375)

Gloria

- 1 **Father, we adore you,
lay our lives before you.
How we love you.**
- 2 **Jesus, we adore you,
lay our lives before you.
How we love you.**
- 3 **Spirit, we adore you...**

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Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
who so kindled the faith of St Oswald with your Spirit
that he set up the sign of the Cross in his kingdom
and turned his people to the light of Christ:
grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit,
may always bear our cross before the world
and be found faithful servants of the Gospel.
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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

(Wisdom 18: 6-9)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33

**Blessed the people the Lord has chosen,
chosen to be his own.**

- 1 Exult, you just, in the Lord;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.
- 2 See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness.
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

Second Reading

(Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-12)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 12: 35-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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: Praise to God in the Highest – Sidney Campbell

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Most merciful God,

pour out your blessing upon these offerings

and confirm us in the faith

that St Oswald professed by the shedding of his blood.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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: Be not afraid (964)

Prayer after Communion

As we celebrate the heavenly banquet,

we beseech you, Lord,

that, in following such a great example of faith,

we may be encouraged by the remembrance

of the Martyr, St Oswald,

and led on by his gracious intercession.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

For all the saints (371) verses 1-3, 8

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