

PARISH FEAST OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Let us pray to God our Father for our needs
and those of the Church and the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For those who founded and built our church communities,
especially the Benedictine monks from Ampleforth,
the Sisters of the Cross and Passion,
and the many parishioners who, through their fidelity to Christ,
passed on the faith to us.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 Let us pray that we will become more and more a community
where everyone is welcome, and no one is judged or excluded.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For a deepening of our relationships –
with the children and their families who make up our schools,
with our sisters and brothers in the other Christian churches and faith groups,
and with the many agencies and groups who serve the local community.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead,
especially Fr John Gildea, Arthur Peers, Jack Skelland and Alan Leigh.
May they rest in peace and live in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember today,
especially Laurence & Agnes O'Connor, Margaret Lomax, Jack Whittaker
and all the people of this parish of Blessed James Bell.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now, together with Blessed James Bell, let us ask Mary to pray for us all:
'Hail Mary...'

Presider: We place these prayers into your presence,
God our loving Father,
and we ask you to grant them
through Christ our Lord.