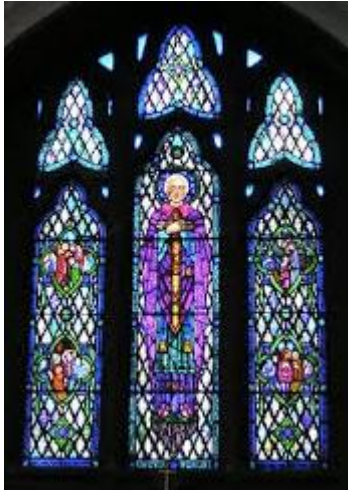


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell

30 October 2022

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- ➔ The wearing of face coverings is optional.
- ➔ Please give each other space when entering and leaving church, and at communion.
- ➔ Sanitising hands when entering church continues to be recommended.
- ➔ If you are displaying symptoms of Covid-19, then you should stay at home and not come to church.

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

By all your saints still striving (372)

Greeting & Introduction

Gloria

Music: Little Organ Mass – Joseph Haydn

Collect

Almighty God,
who in our country raised up martyrs
from every walk of life
to vindicate the authority of your Church
in teaching and worship,
grant through the intercession of Blessed James Bell,
that all our people may be gathered once again
to celebrate the same sacraments
under the one Shepherd, 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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

(Wisdom 11: 22-12: 2)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145

**I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

- 1 I will extol you, O my God and King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
- 2 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The Lord is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

Second Reading

(2 Thess 1: 11-2: 2)

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

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 19: 1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a

sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayer of Rededication

God our Father,
we, your pilgrim people,
gather in your presence and ask your blessing
as we seek to serve you and your people.

Under the patronage of Blessed James Bell,
and in communion with the whole Church,
form us into a community,
built on the fidelity of those who have gone before us.

May we take to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus
and go into the world
to proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
may your Word take root in our hearts inspiring us
to gather and give thanks in the eucharist,
to serve you in our love for one another,
and to reach out in welcome to all people,
especially those most in need.

United with other Christian communities in this area,
may our parish be a source of grace and blessing
for the local community,
and so help to build your kingdom of justice,
love and peace.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: O God, you search me – Bernadette Farrell

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with such serenity and kindness,
we pray, O Lord,
upon these present offerings,
that they may be filled
with the blessing of the Holy Spirit
and may stir in our hearts that powerful love
through which Blessed James Bell

overcame every bodily torment.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he
who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
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

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: God so loved the world – John Stainer

Prayer after Communion

Restored by the sustenance of the one Bread, O Lord,
in commemoration of the blessed Martyr, James Bell,
we humbly pray,
that you may confirm us ever in your charity
and make us walk in newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs (375)

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