

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## 1st Sunday of Advent (A)

27 November 2022

### Introductory Rites

#### Entrance Procession

O Jesus Christ remember (982)

#### Greeting & Introduction

#### Blessing & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#### Penitential Act

*Music:* Advent Wreath Service (65)

#### Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
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

*(Isaiah 2: 1-5)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah  
and Jerusalem.

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it;  
and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob

that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'



He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into plowshares,  
their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 122

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

- 1 I rejoiced because they said to me,  
"We will go up to the house of the Lord."  
And now we have set foot  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 2 Jerusalem, built as a city  
with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

#### Second Reading

*(Romans 13: 11-14)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now:  
our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were  
converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight  
soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do  
under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and  
appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in  
the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or  
licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your  
armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Gospel

*(Matthew 24: 37-44)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so  
will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those  
days before the Flood people were eating, drinking,

taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.



'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, 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.**

#### **Pastoral Letter**

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, OP

#### **Apostles' Creed**

*Together, we say:*

**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**

Come, Lord Jesus! **R. Maranatha!**

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

*Music:* Ad Te Levavi – Franz Xavier Witt

*"To Thee, O Lord, I Have Lifted My Soul"*

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. 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.**

### **Communion**

*Music:* Of the Father's heart begotten – Prudentius

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord, may the celebration of these mysteries profit us, we pray, since through them you teach us, on our journey through this passing world, to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## **Concluding Rite**

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

#### **Final Song**

Like a sea without a shore (84)

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