

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday of the Word of God

22 January 2022

THINKING OF OTHERS

There's a lot of colds, flu and Covid-19 circulating in the community at present. So:

- 1) Please sanitise your hands when entering church.
- 2) At the Sign of Peace, please understand if others don't wish to shake hands just now.
- 3) If you are unwell, it's probably best to stay at home or at least wear a face covering in church.

Thank you for your kindness.

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Dear Lord and Father of mankind (934)

Greeting & Penitential Act

Gloria

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

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Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.

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 8: 22-9: 3)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor –
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?
- 2 One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord
and contemplate his temple.

Second Reading

(1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel *(Matthew 4: 12-23)*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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

Homily

Profession of Faith
Please join in singing the refrain:

Credo in unum Deum. (x2)

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts
Song: The light of Christ (747)

Prayer over the Offerings
In your kindness, Lord,
accept our gifts and make them holy,
that they may become the sacrament of our salvation.
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: 'Agnus Dei' from Mozart's Coronation Mass

Prayer after Communion
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song
St Oswald's: The day thou gavest (679)
St Benedict's: Song for Chinese New Year

Kung Hei 中国新年快乐

On this Chinese New Year
We all come together
Meeting brothers, sisters
Blessing one another
God will bless you this New Year (x2)

May the grace of Jesus Christ
And the love of our Father
May the Holy Spirit
Always present with us
God will bless you this New Year (x2)

We have Christ the King of Peace
He's the great and mighty God
Trust in Him we'll sure have peace
New life and new hope in Him
God will bless you this New Year (x2)

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