

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## The Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

6 August 2023

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

Be still for the presence of the Lord (720)

#### Gloria

*If sung:* Mass of St Bernadette – Mike Stanley

**Glorify to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

#### Collect

Lord God,  
in the transfiguration of your only-begotten Son  
you confirmed the mysteries of faith  
by the witness of your prophets,  
and wonderfully foreshadowed  
our full adoption as your children.  
Grant that we, your people,  
heeding the voice of your beloved Son,  
may become heirs with him to eternal glory  
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

*(Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14)*

A reading from the book of Daniel

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place  
and one of great age took his seat.  
His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.  
A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.  
A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
A court was held  
and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages  
became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 97

**The Lord is king, the Most High  
over all the earth.**

- 1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.  
Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.
- 2 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The heavens proclaim his justice,  
and all peoples see his glory.

#### Second Reading

*(2 Peter 1: 16-19)*

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Gospel** *(Matthew 17: 1-9)*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

### 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

*Song:* The love I have for you, my Lord (808)

### Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,  
through the transfiguration of your only Son  
sanctify the gifts we offer,  
and by his radiant glory  
cleanse us from sin.  
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*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

### Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

### Communion

*Music:* Cantique de Jean Racine – Fauré

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, Lord God,  
that the bread from heaven which we have received  
may transform us into the likeness of Christ,  
whose splendour you revealed  
when he was transfigured in glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Final Song

Immortal, invisible, God only wise (725)

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The **Offertory Collection** takes place as you leave church – a basket will be available, or you can use the 'Tap & Go' facility. Many thanks for your support.

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