

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Education Sunday – 10 September 2023

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Gather us in (475)

Greeting & Penitential Act

Gloria

If sung: Salazar (998)

**Glory 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

O God,
by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ

may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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

(Ezekiel 33: 7-9)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:
'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the
House of Israel. When you hear a word from my
mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked
man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not
speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways,
then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you
responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a
wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he
does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you
yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

**If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

- 1 Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.
- 2 Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
For he is our God, and we are the people he
shepherds, the flock he guides.

Second Reading

(Romans 13: 8-10)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual
love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out
your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not
commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal,
you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this
single command: You must love your neighbour as
yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your
neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of
the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Matthew 18: 15-20)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does
something wrong, go and have it out with him alone,

between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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: Make me a channel of your peace (898)

Prayer over the Offerings

O God,
who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Notre père	Téve Müsü
Vater unser	Ojczę nasz
Padre nostro	我們的父親

Sign of Peace

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

Communion

Song: Taste and see (618)

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Oh Lord, all the world (847)

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