

PARISH FEAST OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Let us pray to God our Father for our needs and those of the Church and the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For those who founded and built our church communities, especially the Benedictine monks from Ampleforth, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, and the many parishioners who, through their fidelity to Christ, passed on the faith to us.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 Let us pray that we will become more and more a community where everyone is welcome, and no one is judged or excluded.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For a deepening of our relationships – with the children and their families who make up our schools, with the other churches that make up our new 'Family of Parishes', with our sisters and brothers in the other Christian churches and faith groups, and with the many agencies and groups who serve the local community,
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Frank O'Brien, Andy McDonagh and John Shaw. May they rest in peace and live in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions and for those we have been asked to remember today, especially Teresa Moss, Bill Moss, Mark Hastry and all the people of this parish of Blessed James Bell.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now, together with Blessed James Bell, let us ask Mary to pray for us all:
'Hail Mary...'

Presider: **Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land**
God of justice and peace,
we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by war.
We remember especially those who have died,
those who are grieving, the injured, those held hostage,
and those without food, shelter or medical supplies.
May those who have the power to bring peace
be inspired to dialogue rather than to fight.
Through Christ our Lord.