

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell

29 October 2023

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

By all your saints still striving (372)

Greeting & Introduction

Gloria

Music: Little Organ Mass – Joseph Haydn

Collect

Almighty God,
who in our country raised up martyrs
from every walk of life
to vindicate the authority of your Church
in teaching and worship,
grant through the intercession of Blessed James Bell,
that all our people may be gathered once again
to celebrate the same sacraments
under the one Shepherd, 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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading

(Exodus 22: 20-26)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he

has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity".'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 18

I love you, Lord, my strength.

- 1 I love you, O Lord, my strength,
O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.
- 2 My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold!
Praised be the Lord, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.

Second Reading

(1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10)

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Matthew 22: 34-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayer of Rededication

God our Father,
we, your pilgrim people,
gather in your presence and ask your blessing
as we seek to serve you and your people.

Under the patronage of Blessed James Bell,
and in communion with the whole Church,
form us into a community,
built on the fidelity of those who have gone before us.

May we take to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus
and go into the world
to proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
may your Word take root in our hearts inspiring us
to gather and give thanks in the eucharist,
to serve you in our love for one another,
and to reach out in welcome to all people,
especially those most in need.

United with other Christian communities in this area,
may our parish be a source of grace and blessing
for the local community,
and so help to build your kingdom of justice,
love and peace.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Bidding Prayers



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: This is my will, my one command (921)

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with such serenity and kindness,
we pray, O Lord,
upon these present offerings,
that they may be filled
with the blessing of the Holy Spirit
and may stir in our hearts that powerful love
through which Blessed James Bell
overcame every bodily torment.
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... Tève Mūsū... Vater unser... Ojczy 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

Music: Panis Angelicus – Cesar Franck

Hymn: Soul of my saviour (938)

Prayer after Communion

Restored by the sustenance of the one Bread, O Lord,
in commemoration of the blessed Martyr, James Bell,
we humbly pray,
that you may confirm us ever in your charity
and make us walk in newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

St O: Trumpet Tune – Jeremiah Clarke

St B: Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs (375)

The **Offertory Collection** takes place as you leave
church – a basket will be available, or you can use the
'Tap & Go' facility. This collection is the main source
of income for the parish. Many thanks for your
generosity.

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