

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Solemnity of All Saints

1 November 2023

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song (*Te Deum*)

- Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee.  
All on earth thy sceptre own,  
all in heaven above adore thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
everlasting is thy reign.**
- Hark! The loud celestial hymn,  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**
- All the apostles join the strain  
as thy sacred name they hallow;  
prophets swell the loud refrain,  
and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn to set of sun,  
through the Church the song goes on.**

#### Greeting & Introduction

#### Gloria

#### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration  
the merits of all the Saints,  
bestow on us, we pray,  
through the prayers of so many intercessors,  
an abundance of the reconciliation with you  
for which we earnestly long.  
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

*(Apoc 7: 2-4, 9-14)*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 24

**Lord, this is the people  
that longs to see your face.**

- The Lord's are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.  
For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.
- Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?  
or who may stand in his holy place?  
One whose hands are sinless,  
whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Gospel

*(Matthew 5: 1-12)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'Blest are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blest are the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Blest are those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Blest are those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.

Blest are the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Blest are the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Blest are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
Blest are those who are persecuted in the cause of  
right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blest are you when people insult you and persecute  
you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my  
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be  
great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Bidding Prayers

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Preparation of the Gifts

*Music:* O quam gloriosum – Tomás Luis de Victoria

O, how glorious is the kingdom,  
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ!  
Arrayed in white robes,  
they follow the Lamb, wherever he goes.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings we bring  
in honour of all the Saints  
be pleasing to you, O Lord,  
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints  
to be already assured of immortality,  
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

#### Eucharistic Prayer

*Please join in singing:*

**Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus.**

*Then after the consecration:*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,**

**and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Sign of Peace

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

### Communion

*Music:* Blest are they – David Haas

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

### Prayer after Communion

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy  
and wonderful in all your Saints,  
we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect  
holiness in the fullness of your love,  
we may pass from this pilgrim table  
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing & Dismissal

#### Final Song

- For all the saints  
who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith  
before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus,  
be forever blest.  
*Alleluia, alleluia!***
- Thou wast their rock,  
their fortress and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain  
in the well-fought fight;  
thou in the darkness drear  
their one true light.  
*Alleluia, alleluia!***
- O may thy soldiers,  
faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints  
who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them,  
the victor's crown of gold.  
*Alleluia, alleluia!***

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