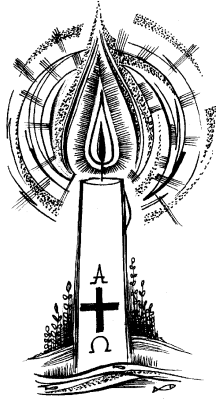


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
12 November 2023

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

O God our help in ages past (955)

Greeting & Introduction

Two Minutes Silence

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

R. We will remember them.

Collect

God of peace,
we pray for those who served our nation,
who laid down their lives
to protect and defend our freedom.

We pray for those who fought,
whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war
and whose nights are haunted by memories
too painful for the light of day.

We pray for those who serve us now,
especially for those in harm's way:
shield them from danger
and bring them home soon.

Turn the hearts and minds
of our leaders and our enemies
to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.
May the peace you left us,
the peace you gave us,
be the peace that sustains,
the peace that saves us.

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

(1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18)

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

- 1 O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched,
lifeless and without water.
- 2 Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory.
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Matthew 25: 1-13)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you

solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

War Memorials

A wreath is laid at the foot of the War Memorial in the porch at St Benedict's. At St Oswald's, Deacon Tony will lay a wreath at the War Memorial at Bennett's Recreation Ground.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.



Pious List

The names of those parishioners who have died during the last 12 months are read out.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Pie Jesu – Gabriel Fauré

Merciful Lord Jesus, give them rest.

Merciful Lord Jesus, give them everlasting rest.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O heavenly Father,
that the sacrifice of Christ,
who laid down his life for his friends,
may raise all those who have died in war
to the victory of eternal life.
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

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection**

until you come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Notre père... Têve Mūsų... Vater unser... Ojciec 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: In Paradisum – Gabriel Fauré

*May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs receive you at your arrival
and lead you to the holy city, Jerusalem.*

*May choirs of angels receive you
and with Lazarus, once a poor man,
may you have eternal rest.*

Prayer after Communion

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that we may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

(Attributed to St Francis of Assisi)

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

O Lord my God (721) omit verse 2

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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