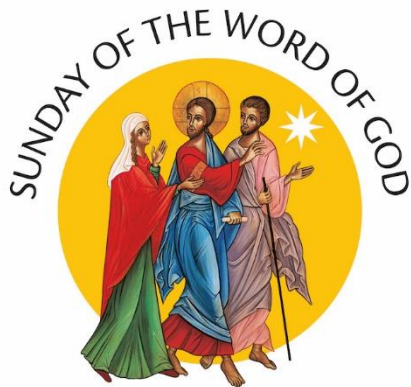


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

21 January 2024

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Dear Lord and Father of mankind (934)

Greeting & Introduction

Sunday of the Word of God

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class:

R. Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own:

R. Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth:

R. Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others:

R. Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee:

R. Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children:

R. Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God:

R. Father, forgive.

**Be kind to one another,
tender-hearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.**

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.

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



***“When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church,
God himself speaks to his people, and Christ,
present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel.”***

(General Instruction of the Roman Missal, No. 29)

First Reading

(Jonah 3: 1-5, 10)

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

- 1 Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my saviour.
- 2 Remember that your compassion, O Lord,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Second Reading

(1 Corinthians 7: 29-31)

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

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those

who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

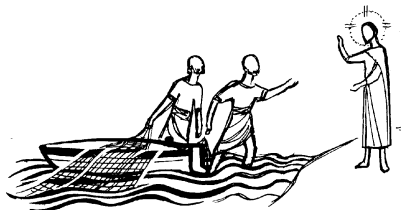
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel (Mark 1: 14-20)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.



Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Renewal of Commitment for Readers

Creed & Bidding Prayers
After each intention, please join in singing the refrain:

Credo in unum Deum.
Credo in unum Deum.

Liturgy of the Eucharist



Preparation of the Gifts
Song: All that I am (600)

Prayer over the Offerings

In your kindness, Lord,
accept our gifts and make them holy,
that they may become the sacrament of our salvation.
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... Tève Mūsų... 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

Song: Taste and see – James Moore

Prayer after Communion

Grant, all-powerful God,
that we who receive in this eucharist
your life-giving grace
may always delight in your blessings.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Final Song

Bring forth the Kingdom (854)

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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