

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

World Day of Prayer for the Sick  
11 February 2024

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

Praise my soul the King of heaven (807)

#### Greeting & Introduction

#### Penitential Act

#### Gloria

*If sung:* Salazar (998)

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

#### Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide  
in hearts that are just and true,

grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace  
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.  
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

*(Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46)*

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 32

**I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

- 1 Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,  
whose sin is covered.  
Blessed the man to whom the Lord  
imputes not guilt,  
in whose spirit there is no guile.
- 2 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
my guilt I covered not.  
I said, "I confess my faults to the Lord,"  
and you took away the guilt of my sin.

#### Second Reading

*(1 Cor 10: 31-11: 1)*

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do  
at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything  
offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church  
of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times,  
not anxious for my own advantage but for the  
advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.  
Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Gospel

*(Mark 1: 40-45)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Homily

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Bidding Prayers

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Preparation of the Gifts

*Song:* Amazing grace (846)

#### Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse and renew us  
and may it become for those who do your will  
the source of eternal reward.  
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.**

#### Our Father

Notre père... Tève Mūsų... Vater unser... Ojczy nasz...

Padre nostro... 我們的天父

#### Sign of Peace

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

#### Communion

*Song:* Psalm 115 – How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me

#### Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,  
we pray, O Lord,  
so that we may always long  
for that food by which we truly live.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing & Dismissal

#### Final Song

Immaculate Mary (365) verses 1-5

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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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Ash  
Wednesday

**Wednesday 14 February 2024**

*Ashes will be blessed and distributed at:*

11.00 am Mass at St Benedict's

7.00 pm Mass at St Oswald's