

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Feast of St Benedict, Abbot

Sea Sunday – 14 July 2024

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

- Our blessed father, Benedict,  
sure guide in dark and troubled days,  
has shown his countless children here  
the paths of peace, the Lord's own ways.**
- He dwelt in heaven while on earth,  
true man of God and man of prayer;  
for him, the love of Christ was all  
and God was present everywhere.**
- He left all things that bind the heart,  
in poverty to find release;  
unmoved among the things that change,  
he sought and found a lasting peace.**
- Now Benedict with all who knew  
and lived his holy Rule on earth,  
give praise to you, blest Trinity,  
in splendid light and time untold.**

*Adapted from the Benedictine Nuns of Stanbrook Abbey.*

#### Greeting & Penitential Act

#### Gloria

- Father, we love you,  
we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth.  
Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
glorify your name in all the earth.**
- Jesus, we love you,  
we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth...**
- Spirit, we love you,  
we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth...**

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#### Collect

O God,  
who established the Abbot Saint Benedict  
as a renowned master in the school of divine service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may prefer nothing to your love  
and run with open hearts  
in the way of your commandments.  
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

*15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

#### First Reading

*(Amos 7: 12-15)*

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 85

**Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.**

- I will hear what God proclaims;  
the Lord – for he proclaims peace.  
Near indeed is his salvation  
to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.
- Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

#### Second Reading

*(Ephesians 1: 3-10)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

**Gospel** (Mark 6: 7-13)  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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

*Chant:* Introit for the Feast of St Benedict – Gregorian

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Look kindly, Lord, upon these holy offerings, which we make in honour of Saint Benedict, and grant that, by following his example in seeking you,

we may merit the gifts of unity in your service and of peace.

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

#### Sign of Peace

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

#### Communion

*Song:* Oh, the word of my Lord (979)

#### Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal life, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, attentive to the teaching of Saint Benedict, we may faithfully serve your designs and love one another with fervent charity. Through Christ our Lord.

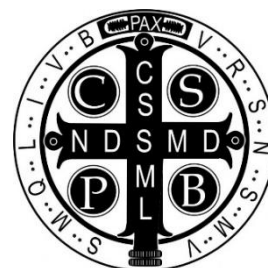
**R. Amen.**

### Concluding Rite

#### Blessing & Dismissal

#### Final Song

City of God (824)



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