

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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Warrington*



Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

21 July 2024

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Holy Virgin, by God's decree (366)

Penitential Act

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Please join in singing the refrain:

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Collect

May the venerable intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes come to our aid, we pray, O Lord, and free us from every danger, so that we may rejoice in your peace. 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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading

(Jeremiah 23: 1-6)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.
- 2 He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

Second Reading

(Ephesians 2: 13-18)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Mark 6: 30-34)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must

come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Creed & Bidding Prayers

Please join in singing the refrain:

**Credo in unum Deum,
Credo in unum Deum.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Song: As I kneel before you (360)

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we ask, the prayers of your people with the sacrificial offerings, that, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of your Son, no petition may go unanswered, no request be made in vain. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Please join in singing the refrain:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus!

The Mystery of Faith

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

Our Father

Notre père... Têve 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

- 1 Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!
Hail, mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!

**Triumph, all ye cherubim;
sing with us, ye seraphim!
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!**

- 2 Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!
- 3 And when our life-breath leaves us, O Maria!
Show us thy Son, Christ Jesus. O Maria!

Hermannus Contractus (11th century)

Prayer after Communion

Renewed with this heavenly food,
we humbly implore you, Lord,
that, having received your Son, born of Mary,
under sacramental signs,
we may profess him in words
and hold fast to him in deeds.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Immaculate Mary (365) verses 1-3, 8

Mary, the Handmaid of the Father

There is a Marian "style" to the Church's work of evangelisation. Whenever we look to Mary, we come to believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness...

Mary is able to recognise the traces of God's Spirit in events great and small. She constantly contemplates the mystery of God in our world, in human history and in our daily lives...

We implore her maternal intercession that the Church may become a home for many peoples, a mother for all peoples, and that the way may be opened to the birth of a new world.

Pope Francis ('The Joy of the Gospel', 2013, # 288)

Prayer of a Poor Beggar to Jesus

Oh, Jesus, give me, I pray,
the bread of humility,
the bread of obedience,
the bread of charity,
the bread of patience,
the bread of seeing you alone
in all things and at all times.

St Bernadette Soubirous (Personal Notebook, 1873)

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