

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

World Day of Migrants and Refugees  
29 September 2024

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

- 1 Help us accept each other  
as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother,  
each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us  
and bring us to believe:  
we are ourselves accepted  
and meant to love and live.**
- 2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,  
as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people,  
for all – not just for some,  
to love them as we find them  
or as they may become.**
- 3 Let your acceptance change us  
so that we may be moved  
in living situations  
to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance  
until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness  
and laughter's healing art.**
- 4 Lord, for today's encounters  
with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance,  
for justice and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing,  
new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit;  
Lord, free us, make us one!**

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### Greeting & Introduction

#### Gloria

- 1 Father, we adore you,  
lay our lives before you.  
How we love you.**
- 2 Jesus, we adore you...**
- 3 Spirit, we adore you...**

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#### Collect

O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger  
and from whose help no one is ever distant,  
look with compassion on refugees and exiles,  
on segregated persons and on lost children;  
restore them, we pray, to a homeland,  
and give us a kind heart  
for the needy and for strangers.

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

*(Numbers 11: 25-29)*

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 19

##### **The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

- 1 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
refreshing the soul;  
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.**
- 2 The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true,  
all of them just.**

## Second Reading

(James 5: 1-6)

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

### Gospel

(Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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 (x2)**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Gifts

With the gifts of bread and wine, the certificates we use for those asylum seekers learning English will be presented.

## Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord,

who willed that your Son should lay down his life to gather into one your scattered children, grant that this sacrifice of your peace may bring about a communion of minds and hearts and an increase in fraternal charity.

Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Holy, Holy – Mass of Christ our Saviour (Dan Schutte)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes,**

**who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**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

Be not afraid (964)

## Prayer after Communion (Pope Francis)

God, Almighty Father,

we are your pilgrim Church

journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.

We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners.

Every foreign place is our home,

yet every native land is foreign to us.

Though we live on earth,

our true citizenship is in heaven.

Do not let us become possessive

of the portion of the world

you have given us as a temporary home.

Help us to keep walking,

together with our migrant brothers and sisters,

toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.

Open our eyes and our hearts

so that every encounter with those in need

becomes an encounter with Jesus,

your Son and our Lord. Amen.

## Concluding Rite

**Final Song** O Lord, all the world (847)

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