

PARISH FEAST OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Let us pray to God our Father for our needs
and those of the Church and the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For those who founded and built our church communities,
especially the Benedictine monks from Ampleforth,
the Sisters of the Cross and Passion,
and the many parishioners who, through their fidelity to Christ,
handed on the faith to us.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 Let us pray that we will become more and more a community
where everyone is welcome, and no one is judged or excluded.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For a deepening of our relationships –
with the children and their families who make up our schools,
with the other churches that make up our 'Family of Parishes',
with our sisters and brothers in the other Christian churches and faith groups,
and with the many agencies and groups who serve the local community,
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 With ever greater urgency, let us pray for the people of Palestine, Israel and Lebanon,
Ukraine and Russia – that leaders will enter into negotiations for a ceasefire, the
release of hostages and prisoners, and humanitarian aid where it is needed most.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember today,
especially Catherine & Joanna Eason, Carol Worsley, those who are sick
at home or in hospital, and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now, together with Blessed James Bell, let us ask Mary to pray for us all:
'Hail Mary...'

Presider: We place these prayers into your presence,
God our loving Father,
and we ask you to grant them
through Christ our Lord.