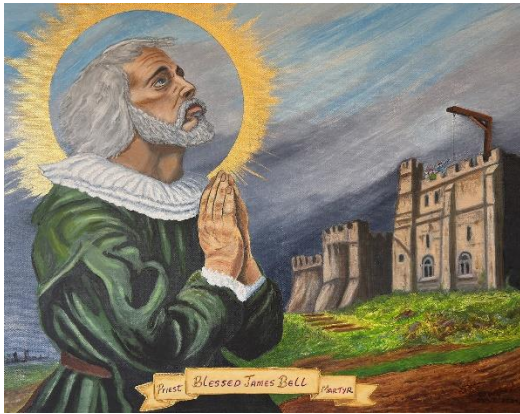


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Parish Feast of Blessed James Bell
Sunday 27 October 2024

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

By all your saints still striving (372)

Greeting & Introduction

Gloria

Music: Little Organ Mass – Joseph Haydn

Collect

Almighty God,
who in this country raised up martyrs
from every walk of life
to vindicate the authority of your Church
in teaching and worship,
grant through the intercession of Blessed James Bell,
that all people may be gathered once again
to celebrate the same sacraments
under the one Shepherd, 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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading

(Jeremiah 31: 7-9)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

**The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

- 1 When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.
- 2 Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

Second Reading

(Hebrews 5: 1-6)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Mark 10: 46-52)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him,

'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Blessing of the Picture of Blessed James Bell

Father in heaven,
you have called us all to be holy.
Through the prayers
and example of your martyr, James Bell,
help us to love you more fully
and serve you more faithfully.
Bless + this image of James Bell,
and let it remind us
of his love and devotion for you.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Prayer of Rededication

God our Father,
we, your pilgrim people,
gather in your presence and ask your blessing
as we seek to serve you and your people.

Under the patronage of Blessed James Bell,
and in communion with the whole Church,
form us into a community,
built on the fidelity of those who have gone before us.

May we take to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus
and go into the world
to proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
may your Word take root in our hearts inspiring us
to gather and give thanks in the eucharist,
to serve you in our love for one another,
and to reach out in welcome to all people,
especially those most in need.

United with other Christian communities in this area,
may our parish be a source of grace and blessing
for the local community,
and so help to build your kingdom of justice,
love and peace.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

At the 10.30 am Mass:

Commissioning of Hong Kong Coordination Group
Prayer of Blessing for a Ruby Wedding Anniversary

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Song: Lay your hands (432)

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with such serenity and kindness,

we pray, O Lord,
upon these present offerings,
that they may be filled
with the blessing of the Holy Spirit
and may stir in our hearts that powerful love
through which Blessed James Bell
overcame every bodily torment.
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, 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... Têve Mūsų... Vater unser... Ojcie 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: I watch the sunrise (956)

Prayer after Communion

Restored by the sustenance of the one Bread, O Lord,
in commemoration of the blessed Martyr, James Bell,
we humbly pray,
that you may confirm us ever in your charity
and make us walk in newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs (375)

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