

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



1st Sunday of Advent (C)

1 December 2024

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

O Jesus Christ remember (982)

Greeting & Introduction

Blessing & Lighting of the Advent Wreath



Penitential Act

Music: Advent Wreath Service (65)

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. 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

Blessing of New Lectionary & Book of Gospels

The new books are presented to the Reader and the Deacon.

May the word of God proclaimed in this place unfold for us the mystery of Christ and achieve your salvation within the Church.

R. May the word of the Lord take root in our hearts and bring forth a rich harvest. Amen.

Everlasting God, when he read in the synagogue at Nazareth, your Son proclaimed the good news of salvation for which he would give us his life. Bless + this Lectionary and Book of Gospels. As they contain your words of life,

strengthen by them the faith of your people who, with conviction and boldness, put into practice in their lives what they hear in your word. We ask this through the Word-made-flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

First Reading

(Jeremiah 33: 14-16)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

- 1 Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my saviour, and for you I wait all the day.
- 2 Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

Second Reading

(1 Thess 3: 12-4: 2)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and

with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Apostles' Creed

Together, we say:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

After each intention:

Come, Lord Jesus! **R. Maranatha!**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Ad Te Levavi – Franz Xavier Witt

"To Thee, O Lord, I Have Lifted My Soul"

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. 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... Tève Mūsū... 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

Chant: Wait for the Lord – Taize

Prayer after Communion

Lord, may the celebration of these mysteries profit us, we pray,
since through them you teach us,
on our journey through this passing world,
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Like a sea without a shore (84)

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024

Christmas Eve

4.30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
11.30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass at St Benedict's

Christmas Day

8.30 am Christmas Dawn Mass at St Oswald's
10.30 am Christmas Day Mass at St Benedict's