

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



3rd Sunday of Advent (C)

Gaudete Sunday – 15 December 2024

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

On Jordan's bank (94)

Greeting & Introduction

Lighting of the Advent Wreath



Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice! (x2)

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice! (x2)

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Penitential Act

Music: Advent Wreath Service (65)

Collect

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
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

(Zephaniah 3: 14-18)

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgements against you;

he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

'Fear not, O Sion;

let not your hands grow weak.

The LORD your God is in your midst,

a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm (Isaiah 12)

**Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you
is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

- 1 God indeed is my saviour;
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the Lord,
and he has been my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.
- 2 Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.

Second Reading

(Philippians 4: 4-7)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I
will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to
everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about
anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to
God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 3: 10-18)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: The crowds asked John, 'What, then, shall
we do?' And he answered them, 'Whoever has two
tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever
has food is to do likewise.' Tax collectors also came to
be baptised and said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we
do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than you
are authorized to do.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we,
what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Do not extort
money from anyone by threats or by false accusation,
and be content with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were
questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether

he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(All bow at the following words)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

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

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Song: Word made flesh (989)

Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be offered to you unceasingly,

to complete what was begun in sacred mystery
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
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 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

St O: Come, thou Redeemer of the earth – St Ambrose

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults
and prepare us for the coming feasts.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Our God reigns (768) verses 1-3

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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