

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Feast of the Holy Family (C) Opening of the Jubilee Year 29 December 2024

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

Once in royal David's city (128) verses 1-4

#### Greeting & Introduction

#### Litany of Praise

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary.

**R. Glory to God in the highest!**

Word made flesh, you have made us children of the Father.

**R. Glory to God in the highest!**

Word of God, you became human to share our life.

**R. Glory to God in the highest!**

Light of the world, you scatter the darkness that troubles us.

**R. Glory to God in the highest!**

Gift of the Father, you are with us and never leave us.

**R. Glory to God in the highest!**

#### Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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

*(1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28)*

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked for him from the LORD.'

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there for ever.'

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.' And he worshipped the LORD there.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 84

**Blessed are they, blessed are they  
who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!  
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
- 2 Happy they who dwell in your house!  
Continually they praise you.  
Happy the men whose strength you are!  
Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

### Second Reading

*(1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24)*

A reading from the First Letter of St John

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know

that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Gospel** *(Luke 2: 41-52)*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Homily

### Profession of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### Bidding Prayers



## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Gifts

*Carol:* See, amid the winter's snow (151) v 1-2, 5-6

### Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.  
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... Ojciec 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

*Carol:* In the bleak midwinter (144)

### Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing & Dismissal

### Final Song

God rest you merry gentlemen (129) verses 1-2, 7

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