

## PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



### Feast of St Benedict, Abbot

Sea Sunday – 13 July 2025

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

- 1 **Our blessed father, Benedict,  
sure guide in dark and troubled days,  
has shown his countless children here  
the paths of peace, the Lord's own ways.**
- 2 **He dwelt in heaven while on earth,  
true man of God and man of prayer;  
for him, the love of Christ was all  
and God was present everywhere.**
- 3 **He left all things that bind the heart,  
in poverty to find release;  
unmoved among the things that change,  
he sought and found a lasting peace.**
- 4 **Now Benedict with all who knew  
and lived his holy Rule on earth,  
give praise to you, blest Trinity,  
in splendid light and time untold.**

*Adapted from the Benedictine Nuns of Stanbrook Abbey.*

#### Greeting & Penitential Act

##### Gloria

*Please join in singing the refrain:*

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**  
*(Glory, glory, to God in the highest!)*

##### Collect

O God,  
who established the Abbot Saint Benedict  
as a renowned master in the school of divine service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may prefer nothing to your love  
and run with open hearts  
in the way of your commandments.  
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

*15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

### First Reading

*(Deuteronomy 30: 10-14)*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people: 'Obey the voice of the LORD your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

'For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 69

**Turn to the Lord in your need,  
and you will live.**

- 1 I pray to you, O Lord,  
for the time of your favour, O God!  
In your great kindness answer me  
with your constant help.  
Answer me, O Lord,  
for bounteous is your kindness:  
in your great mercy turn toward me.
- 2 I am afflicted and in pain;  
let your saving help, O God, protect me.  
I will praise the name of God in song,  
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

### Second Reading

*(Colossians 1: 15-20)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

#### Gospel

*(Luke 10: 25-37)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit

eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How do you read it?' And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.'

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Apostles' Creed

**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

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Preparation of the Gifts

*Song:* A new commandment (920)

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Look kindly, Lord, upon these holy offerings,

which we make in honour of Saint Benedict,  
and grant that,  
by following his example in seeking you,  
we may merit the gifts of unity in your service  
and of peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

#### Eucharistic Prayer

*Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he  
who comes in the name,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*The Mystery of Faith*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

#### Our Father

#### Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

#### Communion

*Chant:* Introit for the Feast of St Benedict – Gregorian

#### Prayer after Communion

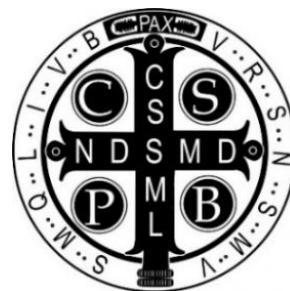
Having received this pledge of eternal life,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, attentive to the teaching of Saint Benedict,  
we may faithfully serve your designs  
and love one another with fervent charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### Concluding Rite

#### Final Song

City of God (824)



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