

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

21 September 2025

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Christ be our light (883) verses: as needed

Greeting & Introduction

Home Mission Day / Day of Prayer for Peace

Gloria

If sung, please join in singing the refrain:

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

(Glory, glory, to God in the highest!)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect

O God,
who founded all the commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.

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

(Amos 8: 4-7)

A reading from the prophet Amos

Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
saying, 'When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
that we may buy the poor for silver,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and sell the chaff of the wheat?'

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

- 1 Praise, you servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
both now and forever.
- 2 High above all nations is the Lord;
above the heavens is his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

Second Reading

(1 Timothy 2: 1-8)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all
people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that
we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and
dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing
in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people
to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the
truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator
between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave
himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony
given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I
am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the
Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every
place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without
anger or quarrelling.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 16: 1-13)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager." And the manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He said, "A hundred measures of oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty." Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" He said, "A hundred measures of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and write eighty." The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.' And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

10.30 am Mass – Baptism

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Song: In bread we bring you (609)

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
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

Notre père... Tève Müsü... 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: The Cry of the Poor (892)

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Oh Lord all the world (847)

*St. Augustine tells us that God made us to make the
times, not the times to make us, and unless we make the
times better with the light of Jesus Christ, then the times
will make us worse with the darkness of despair. This is
only possible when we say with honest and open hearts "I
believe." Hope is despair overcome and the way we
enkindle hope in the hearts of all is to believe.*

Abbot Hugh Allan, O'Praem

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