

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
28 September 2025

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

When I needed a neighbour (888)

Greeting & Penitential Act

Gloria

- Father, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**
- Jesus, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth...**
- Spirit, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth...**

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Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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 6: 1, 4-7)

A reading from the prophet Amos

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those
who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure
on the mountain of Samaria.

'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch
themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from
the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who
sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David
invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink
wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest
oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go
into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch
themselves out shall pass away.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, my soul!

- The God of Jacob keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets captives free.
- The Lord gives sight to the blind;
the Lord raises up those who were bowed down.
The Lord loves the just;
the Lord protects strangers.

Second Reading

(1 Timothy 6: 11-16)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith,
love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of
the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you
were called and about which you made the good
confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge
you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things,
and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before
Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the
commandment unstained and free from reproach until
the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will
display at the proper time — he who is the blessed
and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of
lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in
unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or
can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion.
Amen.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 16: 19-31)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a
rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and
who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate
was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with
sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the
rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and

licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." ' "

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: Take my hands (608)

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you

and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.

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... Têve Mûşq... 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

Song: A Touching Place (882)

*To the lost Christ shows his face;
to the unloved he gives his embrace;
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Tell out my soul (880)

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