

PARISH FEAST OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Let us pray to God our Father for our needs
and those of the Church and the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For those who founded and built our church communities,
especially the Benedictine monks from Ampleforth,
the Sisters of the Cross and Passion,
and the many parishioners who, through their fidelity to Christ,
handed on the faith to us.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For ourselves and all who come to this church.
May the Holy Spirit inspire us to become more and more a community
where everyone is welcome, and no one is judged or excluded.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For a deepening of our relationships –
with the children and their families who attend our schools,
with the other churches that make up our 'Family of Parishes',
with our sisters and brothers in the other Christian churches and faith groups,
and with the many agencies and groups who serve the local community.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 Let us pray that the fragile peace in Gaza will hold,
that protection will be afforded to the Palestinians living in the West Bank,
and that renewed efforts to secure peace and justice for Ukraine will bear fruit.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions;
for Maureen Floyd and Kath Edmonds who have died;
and for those we have been asked to remember today,
especially Vincent Lawton, Jean Molphy
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now, together with Blessed James Bell, let us ask Mary to pray for us all:
'Hail Mary...'

Presider: Prayer of Rededication
(see Mass sheet)