

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



1st Sunday of Advent (A)

30 November 2025

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

O Jesus Christ remember (982)

Greeting & Introduction

Blessing & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Penitential Act

Music: Advent Wreath Service (65)

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.
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

(Isaiah 2: 1-5)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning
Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Sion shall go forth the law,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- 1 I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the Lord."
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 2 Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

Second Reading

(Romans 13: 11-14)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour
has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is
nearer to us now than when we first believed. The
night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast
off the works of darkness and put on the armour of
light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in
orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and
sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on
the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Matthew 24: 37-44)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the
days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
For as in those days before the flood they were eating
and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until
the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were
unaware until the flood came and swept them all away,
so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two
men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left.
Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be
taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do
not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know
this, that if the master of the house had known in what
part of the night the thief was coming, he would have
stayed awake and would not have let his house be
broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the
Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(All bow at the following words)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

After each intention:

Come, Lord Jesus! **R. Maranatha!**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Adam lay ybounden – Boris Ord (15th cent)

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,
gathered from among your gifts to us, and may
what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
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... Tève Mūsų... 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

Chant: Wait for the Lord – Taize

Prayer after Communion

Lord, may the celebration of these mysteries
profit us, we pray,
since through them you teach us,
on our journey through this passing world,
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Like a sea without a shore (84)

MARANATHA
Come, Lord Jesus!

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025



Christmas Eve

4.30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Oswald's
11.30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass at St Benedict's

Christmas Day

8.30 am Christmas Dawn Mass at St Oswald's
10.30 am Christmas Day Mass at St Benedict's