

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Solemnity of Christ the King (C)

World Youth Day – 23 November 2025

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

Hail Redeemer King Divine (320)

#### Greeting & Penitential Act

#### Gloria

*If sung:* Salazar (998)

**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

Almighty ever-living God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,  
grant, we pray,  
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,

may render your majesty service  
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.  
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

*(2 Samuel 5: 1-3)*

A reading from the second book of Samuel

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

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

*(Colossians 1: 12-20)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He 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 23: 35-43)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Pastoral Letter

### 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

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Preparation of the Gifts

*Musical:* Let all the world – Ralph Vaughan Williams

#### Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice  
by which the human race is reconciled to you,  
we humbly pray,  
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations  
the gifts of unity and peace.  
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... Têve Mûşu... 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:* Jesus remember me (253)

#### Prayer after Communion

Having received the food of immortality,  
we ask, O Lord,  
that, glorying in obedience  
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,  
we may live with him eternally  
in his heavenly kingdom.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

### Concluding Rite

#### Final Song

Majesty (767)

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