

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

21 June 2026

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Christ be our light (883)

Greeting & Penitential Act

Gloria

Mass of Christ the Saviour – Schutte (1013)

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth, peace on earth, peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.

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Collect

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
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 *(Jeremiah 20: 10-13)*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!

'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'
say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.

'Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him.'
But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

- 1 For your sake I bear insult,
and shame covers my face.
I have become an outcast to my brothers,
a stranger to my mother's children,
Because zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who blaspheme you
fall upon me.
- 2 "See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the Lord hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.
Let the heavens and the earth praise him,
the seas and whatever moves in them!"

Second Reading *(Romans 5: 12-15)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world
through one man, and death through sin, and so death
spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed
was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not
counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from
Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not
like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the
one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died
through one man's trespass, much more have the grace
of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man,
Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

The word of the Lord.

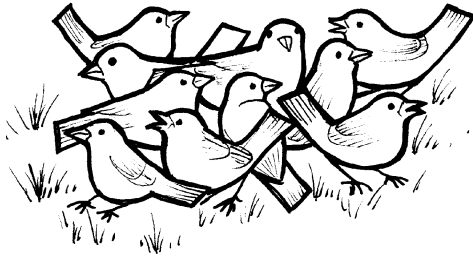
R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel *(Matthew 10: 26-33)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.



Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

The young people who are preparing for Confirmation are invited to come forward with their parents.

To the young people:

My dear young friends, we are delighted to see you here today as you prepare for Confirmation.

Having thought about the sacrament and joined in the preparation, do you want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation?

Young People: I do.

To the parents:

Thank you for all the love and support you have shown to your children. Your encouragement and example have brought them to this moment in their lives.

Are you willing to continue to give them all the help and support they need as they grow in the Christian life?

Parents: We are.

To the parish community:

Dear friends, are you ready to support these young people and their families, encourage them and help them by your prayers?

All: We are.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

St O: Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ – J.S. Bach

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make an offering of hearts pleasing to you. 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 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

Song: Jesus Christ you are my life – Marco Frisina

Jesus Christ, you are my life. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ, you are my life, you are my life, Alleluia!

Prayer after Communion

Renewed and nourished
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion
may be our sure pledge of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Walk with me, O my Lord (966) verses 1-2, 5

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