

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

19 July 2026

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

Holy Virgin, by God's decree (366)

#### Penitential Act

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

#### 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

May the venerable intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes  
come to our aid, we pray, O Lord,  
and free us from every danger,  
so that we may rejoice in your peace.  
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

*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

#### First Reading

*(Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19)*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 86

**Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

- 1 You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.  
Hearken, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my pleading.
- 2 All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name.  
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;  
you alone are God.

#### Second Reading

*(Romans 8: 26-27)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Gospel

*(Matthew 13: 24-30)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

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