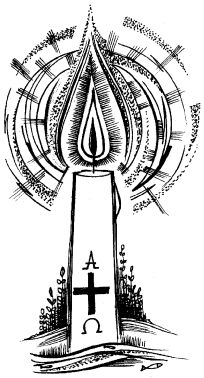
PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8 November 2026

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession
O God, our help in ages past (**955**)

Greeting & Introduction

Two Minutes Silence
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.
R. **We will remember them.**

Prayer of Remembrance
God of peace,
we remember the men and women
who gave their lives in the violence of war
that we might live in freedom today.
We honour them, thank them and remember them.

We pray for the members of our armed forces
who are in danger this day,
and for their families who pray for their safe return.

We pray for the civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity.

We pray for peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep the world secure and free.

For the leaders of nations,
we pray for the gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace.

O God of truth and justice,
help us to do all we can to live in peace with one another and so bring hope to our broken world.

We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace,
Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.
R. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *(Wisdom 6: 12-16)*
A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1 O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched,
lifeless and without water.

2 Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory.
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

Second Reading *(1 Thess 4: 13-18)*
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel *(Matthew 25: 1-13)*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
R. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of

them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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

Homily

War Memorials
A wreath is laid at the foot of the War Memorial in the porch at St Benedict's. At St Oswald's, Deacon Tony will lay a wreath at the War Memorial at Bennett's Recreation Ground.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R. **And let perpetual light shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace.
R. **Amen.**

Pious List
The names of those parishioners who have died during the last 12 months are read out.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. **Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts
Music: Pie Jesu – Gabriel Fauré

Merciful Lord Jesus, give them rest.
Merciful Lord Jesus, give them everlasting rest.

Prayer over the Offerings
Grant, O heavenly Father,
that the sacrifice of Christ,
who laid down his life for his friends,
may raise all those who have died in war
to the victory of eternal life.
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… Tėve Mūsų… Vater unser… Ojcze 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
Music: "In Paradisum" from 'Requiem' by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs receive you at your arrival
and lead you to the holy city, Jerusalem.
May choirs of angels receive you
and with Lazarus, once a poor man,
may you have eternal rest.

Prayer after Communion
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

(Attributed to St Francis of Assisi)

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song
O Lord my God (**721**) omit verse 2

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