PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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Introductory Rites

Gathering Song
When I needed a neighbour (**888**)

Greeting & Introduction

Penitential Act
Together we pray:
I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria
Please join in singing the refrain:

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
(Glory, glory, to God in the highest!)

Collect
O God,
help of those who suffer and comfort of the poor,
by following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ,
you call us to love our brothers and sisters,
to hear their cry,
and to be a sign of your hope that never disappoints.
Fill us with your merciful love,
so that we can respond generously to the needs
of those who knock on the door of our heart.
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 *(Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31)*
A reading from the book of Proverbs

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

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

Psalm 128

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 Blessed are you who fear the Lord,
who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork.
blessed shall you be and favoured.

2 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home.
Your children like olive plants
around your table.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel *(Matthew 25: 14-30)*
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 a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."

And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been

faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."



He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

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

Homily

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts
Hymn: In bread we bring you (**609**)

Prayer over the Offerings
Lord,
look upon our offering,
drawn from the good things you have given us;
it is a sign of your abundant life
and of our unity in love;
may it inspire us to share what we have
and to take responsibility for one another
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
Song: Take, O take me as I am – John Bell

Prayer after Communion *(St Teresa of Calcutta)*
Open our eyes, Lord,
so we can see you in our brothers and sisters.
Open our ears, Lord,
so we can hear the cries of those who are hungry,
cold, afraid and oppressed.
Open our hearts, Lord,
so we can learn to love one another as you love us.
Give us your Spirit again, Lord,
so we can become one heart and one soul,
in your name.
R. **Amen.**

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song
Brother, sister, let me serve you (**924**)

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