

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



4th Sunday of Easter (B)

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations
25 April 2021*

KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE

When you arrive:

- 1) You will be asked for your details for the purposes of contact tracing (these details are kept confidential, secure and are destroyed after 21 days).
- 2) You will be asked to sanitise your hands.
- 3) You will be seated by a steward. We have to seat people at the moment because we have a limited number of places in church and don't want to have to turn anyone away.
- 4) You must wear a face covering at all times and keep to the one-way system.

During Mass:

- 1) Once seated, you are asked to remain in your place until invited to move at the end of Mass.
- 2) Unfortunately, there can be no singing at this time, and the toilets must remain closed except in case of a genuine emergency.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Music: Hail Redeemer King Divine – Patrick Brennan

Greeting & Introduction

Gloria

Let us give praise to God:

**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,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
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

(Acts 4: 8-12)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Easter Alleluia-Psalm 117

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
- 2 The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
- 3 The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Gospel

(John 10: 11-18)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.



'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Letter

Bidding Prayers

After each intention:

Risen Saviour!

R. Hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Sheep may safely graze – J.S. Bach

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy – Community Mass (Richard Proulx)

The Mystery of Faith

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Communion Rite

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion

Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass.

Music: Like a shepherd – Bob Dufford, SJ

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Distribution of Communion

Music: The King of love my shepherd is – Maranatha Celtic

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

- 1) Please do not move until you are invited to do so by a steward.
- 2) The words 'The Body of Christ' and the reply 'Amen' will only be said once at the beginning of communion.
- 3) Please maintain social distancing when you move and try to avoid contact with the minister's hands by keeping your hands as flat as possible.
- 4) When you have received the host, simply step to the side, lower your face covering and place the host in your mouth.
- 5) You will then be directed to leave church, so please bring any belongings with you, and please take this sheet home with you.

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He is Risen! Alleluia!