

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## 5th Sunday of Easter (B)

2 May 2021

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### 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 congregational singing at this time, and the toilets must remain closed except in case of a genuine emergency.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

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### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

*Music:* Sing a new song – Dan Schutte, SJ

#### Greeting & Introduction

#### Gloria

*Music:* Little Organ Mass – J Haydn

#### Collect

O God,  
you graft us onto Christ, the true vine,  
and, with tireless care,  
you nurture our growth in knowledge and reverence.  
Tend the vineyard of your Church,  
that in Christ each branch may bring forth  
to the glory of your name

abundant fruits of faith and 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

*(Acts 9: 26-31)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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 15: 1-8)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit  
he prunes to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away –  
he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father  
that you should bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

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

*After each intention:*

Risen Saviour!

**R. Hear our prayer.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Gifts

*Music:* If ye love me – Thomas Tallis

### Prayer over the Offerings

O God,  
through the wonderful exchange of this sacrifice  
you have made us sharers in your own divine nature;  
grant that our daily lives

may faithfully reflect the knowledge of your truth.  
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:* Sound the trumpet – Henry Purcell

### Prayer after Communion

Lord,  
remain close to the people  
you have enriched with these heavenly mysteries,  
and grant that we may pass from our former ways  
to new life in the risen Christ.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing & Dismissal

#### Distribution of Communion

*Music:* I will be the vine – Liam Lawton

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### 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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