

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



6th Sunday of Easter (B)

9 May 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 congregational 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 Thee Festival Day – Fortunatus

Greeting & Introduction

Gloria

Music: Belmont Mass – Christopher Walker

Collect

Ever-living God,
help us to celebrate our joy
in the resurrection of the Lord
and to express in our lives
the love we celebrate.

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 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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: 9-17)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me:
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

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: Love one another – Samuel S Wesley

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,
accept our prayers and offerings.
Make us worthy of your sacraments of love
by granting us your forgiveness.

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: This is my will – James Quinn, SJ

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and ever-living Lord,
you restored us to life
by raising Christ from death.
Strengthen us by this Easter sacrament;
may we feel its saving power in our daily life.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Distribution of Communion

Music: Greater Love Hath No Man – John Ireland

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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