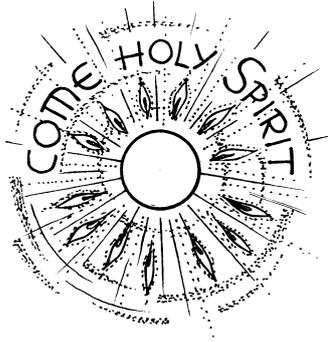


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



7th Sunday of Easter (B)

16 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 may be seated by a steward. We have to do this at some Masses 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 or mask 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: Come down, O Love divine – Bianco da Siena

Greeting & Introduction

Gloria

Music: Belmont Mass – Christopher Walker

Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we,
who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
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 1: 15-17, 20-26)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

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 17: 11-19)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
'Holy Father,
keep those you have given me true to your name,
so that they may be one like us.
While I was with them,
I kept those you had given me true to your name.
I have watched over them
and not one is lost
except the one who chose to be lost,
and this was to fulfil the scriptures.
But now I am coming to you

and while still in the world I say these things
to share my joy with them to the full.
I passed your word on to them,
and the world hated them,
because they belong to the world
no more than I belong to the world.
I am not asking you to remove them from the world,
but to protect them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth;
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

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:

We pray:

R. Come, Holy Spirit.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ – J S Bach

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
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: Be still and know – Keith Duke

Prayer after Communion

God our Saviour,
hear us,
and through this holy mystery give us hope
that the glory you have given Christ
will be given to the Church, his body,
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Distribution of Communion

Music: Alleluia sing to Jesus – William C Dix

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.

Many thanks

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