

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## 6th Sunday of Easter (B)

5 May 2024

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

This is my will, my one command (921)

#### Greeting & Penitential Act

#### Gloria

*If sung:* Salazar (998)

**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

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion  
these days of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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.**

#### Psalm 98

**The Lord has revealed to the nations  
his saving power.**

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.
- 2 The Lord has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations  
he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness  
and his faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.

#### Second Reading

*(1 John 4: 7-10)*

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and  
knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

**Gospel** *(John 15: 9-17)*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

*At the 10.30 am Mass, the children at non-Catholic schools who are preparing for First Communion will be presented to the parish community.*

### CDA Hollywood Creed

**I believe in God the Father,  
I believe in God the Son,  
I believe in God the Holy Spirit.  
Each is God,  
yet God is One.**

### Bidding Prayers

*After each intention:*

Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Gifts

*Song: A new commandment (920)*

### Prayer over the Offerings

Let our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that we, being purified by your kindness,  
may be made ready to receive  
the sacraments of your great love.

**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*

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

### Our Father

Notre père... Têve Mûşu... Vater unser... Ojczy 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: This is my body (627)*

### Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life  
in the Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray,  
the fruits of this paschal Sacrament  
and pour into our hearts  
the strength of this saving food.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing & Dismissal

### Final Song *(for the month of May)*

Immaculate Mary (365) verses 1-4, 8

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