

## PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



### The Baptism of the Lord (A)

11 January 2026

#### Introductory Rites

##### Christmas Gloria

- 1 Joyful news to you I bring:  
Christ the Lord is here on earth,  
our redeemer and our King:  
sing with gladness at his birth.

***Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

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- 2 Joyful news to you I bring:  
Jesus Christ, a living sign,  
for our human ransoming  
comes to us through love divine.
- 3 Joyful news we sing today:  
incarnation, living bread,  
passion, taking sin away,  
resurrection from the dead.

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##### Greeting & Penitential Act

##### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who,  
when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.  
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

*(Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

'I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

##### Psalm 29

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

- 1 Give to the LORD, you sons of God,  
give to the LORD glory and praise,  
Give to the LORD the glory due his name;  
adore the LORD in holy attire.
- 2 The voice of the LORD is over the waters,  
the LORD, over vast waters.  
The voice of the LORD is mighty;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.

##### Second Reading

*(Acts 10: 34-38)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

##### Gospel Acclamation

##### Gospel

*(Matthew 3: 13-17)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now,

for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Do you believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth?

**R. I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**R. I do.**

Do you 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?

**R. I do.**

## Bidding Prayers

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Preparation of the Gifts

*Music:* And the glory of the Lord (*cf. Isaiah 40: 5*) – from George Frideric Handel's oratorio, 'Messiah'.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought  
to honour the revealing of your beloved Son,  
so that the oblation of your faithful  
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him  
who willed in his compassion  
to wash away the sins of the world.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

## Our Father

Notre père... Tève Mūsų... 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

*St O:* Christ is the Flower – Edward Chapman

## Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,  
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,  
we may be your children in name and in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

## Blessing & Dismissal

## Final Song

- 1 **Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary's Son —  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
living Lord.**
- 2 **Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
born as one of us, Mary's son —  
led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free;  
living Lord Jesus, help us see,  
you are Lord.**
- 3 **Lord Jesus Christ, we would come to you,  
live our lives for you, Son of God;  
all your commands we know are true;  
your many gifts will make us new;  
into our lives your power breaks through,  
living Lord.**

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