

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

## Easter Sunday

Sunday 5 April 2026 at 10.30 am

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

- Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!**
- Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!**
- But the pains that he endured, alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia!**

#### Greeting & Introduction

#### Lighting of the Easter Candle

#### Collect

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
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: 34, 37-43)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: '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. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Easter Alleluia-Psalm

- The Lord is alive: **Alleluia!**  
He dwells in our midst: **Alleluia!**  
Give praise to his name  
throughout all the world: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- He brings us great joy: **Alleluia!**  
He fills us with hope: **Alleluia!**  
He comes as our food,  
he gives us our life: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- So let us rejoice: **Alleluia!**  
Give praise to the Lord: **Alleluia!**  
He showed us his love,  
by him we are saved: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- The Lord is alive: **Alleluia!**  
So let us proclaim: **Alleluia!**  
The Good News of Christ  
throughout all the world: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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#### Gospel

*(John 20: 1-9)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Homily

### Renewal of Baptismal Promises

### Baptisms

### Sprinkling with Blessed Water

*Please join in singing the refrain:*

**Water of life, cleanse and refresh us,  
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

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### Explanatory Rites

The newly baptised are anointed with the Oil of Chrism, clothed in a White Garment and presented with a lighted candle.

### Bidding Prayers

*After each intention:*

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

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Gifts

- This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.**
- This is the day, this is the day  
when he rose again, when he rose again...**
- This is the day, this is the day  
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came...**

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### Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,  
we offer the sacrifice  
by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**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.**

## Communion Song

- He is Lord, he is Lord.  
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- He is King, he is King.  
He is risen from the dead, and he is King.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is King.**
- He is love, he is love.  
He is risen from the dead, and he is love.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is love.**

### Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing

### Solemn Dismissal



Deacon/Priest  
Go in peace, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All  
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Final Song

- Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

- Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hast lost its sting.
- No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conq'rors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Edmond Budry (1854–1932) trans. Richard B Hoyle*

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