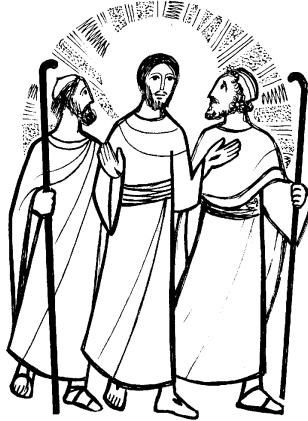


PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



3rd Sunday of Easter (A)

19 April 2026

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord (268)

Greeting & Penitential Act

Gloria

Mass of Christ the Saviour – Schutte (1013)

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth, peace on earth, peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.

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Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that,
rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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 2: 14, 22-33)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven,
lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of
Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known

to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a
man attested to you by God with mighty works and
wonders and signs that God did through him in your
midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered
up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of
God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless
men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death,
because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord
always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may
not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my
tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you
will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One
see corruption. You have made known to me the paths
of life; you will make me full of gladness with your
presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the
patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and
his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a
prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath
to him that he would set one of his descendants on his
throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of
the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did
his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and
of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at
the right hand of God, and having received from the
Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out
this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Please join in singing the response:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 24: 13-35)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus
were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven
miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each
other about all these things that had happened. While
they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself
drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept
from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this
conversation that you are holding with each other as
you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one
of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the
only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things
that have happened there in these days?' And he said to
them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning
Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in
deed and word before God and all the people, and how
our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be
condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had
hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and
besides all this, it is now the third day since these things
happened. Moreover, some women of our company
amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,
and when they did not find his body, they came back
saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who

said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Presentation of Children

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. They will also receive a small book of stories from the Bible.

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

Song: Now the green blade riseth (278)

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church, and,
as you have given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
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.**

Our Father

Notre père... Têve 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

Anthem: Awake, thou wintry earth – J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to
renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Battle is o'er (271)

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