

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



Solemnity of Pentecost

24 May 2026 at 10.30 am

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Come Holy Ghost (296)

Greeting & Introduction

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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Collect

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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: 1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each

one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104

**Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O Lord!
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 2 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the Lord.

Second Reading

(1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(John 20: 19-23)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said

to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Bidding Prayers

Some of the prayers will be in different languages.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

As the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward, we will hear a hymn in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus, sung in Polish: 'Serdeczna Matko'.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
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... Ojciec 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

During communion, a hymn will be sung to the Holy Spirit in Cantonese. This is an amateur translation:

Listen to the Holy Spirit
flowing through the babbling brook,
gently caressing the verdant forests
and towering peaks;

he dwells in the dawn's light.

Let his breath blow across the ends of the earth,
as you desire.

The gentle breeze awakens me;
God's breath warms me.

The tender grass whispers softly alongside the willows,
countless sheep wander aimlessly in the wilderness.
Holy Spirit, hear the lamentations of the world.
Blow your voice to the ends of the earth, as you please.
A gentle breeze awakens me; God's breath warms me.

I see the passing years, their traces lost and desolate;
I hear again the night bird's mournful cry, weeping.
Holy Spirit, behold the evening clouds
weeping at the heavens.
Blow your influence everywhere,
to the ends of the earth, as you desire.
A gentle breeze awakens me; God's breath warms me.

I beseech the Holy Spirit, with a heart full of devotion,
and eagerly await his return to his mercy.
Holy Spirit, my heart longs only to see you.
Blow your breath to the ends of the earth, as you desire.
The gentle breeze awakens me,
and the breath of God warms me.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her
may retain all its force
and that this spiritual food
may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.
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

This is the day (465)



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