

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (A) Corpus Christi – 7 June 2026

### Introductory Rites

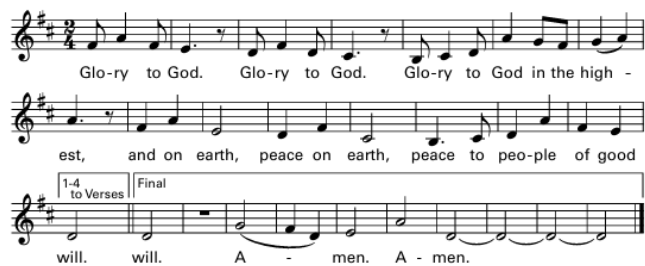
#### Gathering Song

I am the bread of life (629) verses 1-3

#### Greeting & Penitential Act

#### Gloria

Mass of Christ the Saviour – Schutte (1013)



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#### Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading

*(Deut 8: 2-3, 14-16)*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people: You shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you

would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Do not forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 147

##### Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. Alleluia!

- 1 Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.
- 2 He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word!

#### Second Reading

*(1 Cor 10: 16-17)*

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

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Gospel

*(John 6: 51-58)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the

bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Homily

### Rite of Welcome

On this first Sunday of the month, some of the children who are going to be baptised in the coming weeks are welcomed into the Christian community.

### Renewal of Commitment for Eucharistic Ministers

Those who help to distribute communion during Mass and take communion to those who are homebound are invited to renew their commitment to ministry.

## 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

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Preparation of the Gifts

*Song:* In bread we bring you (609)

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace,  
whose signs are to be seen in mystery  
in the offerings we here present.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

#### Eucharistic Prayer

*Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he  
who comes in the name,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*The Mystery of Faith*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
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 Song

*Motet at St O: Ave verum corpus – Mozart*

#### Thanksgiving

*Hymn: Soul of my Saviour (938)*

#### Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may delight for all eternity  
in that share in your divine life,  
which is foreshadowed in the present age  
by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing & Dismissal



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## PARISH CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

**Sunday 7 June**

Meet in St Mary's Shrine at 2.00 pm.

Then process through the Town Centre to St Alban's for Benediction at 3.00 pm. All are welcome.