

New School Year

‘A new beginning’

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School**



25th September 2023

ENTRANCE HYMN — BIND US TOGETHER

**BIND US TOGETHER, LORD, BIND US TOGETHER
WITH CORDS THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN.
BIND US TOGETHER, LORD,
BIND US TOGETHER,
BIND US TOGETHER WITH LOVE.**

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD,
THERE IS ONLY ONE KING;
THERE IS ONLY ONE BODY,
THAT IS WHY WE SING:

**BIND US TOGETHER, LORD, BIND US TOGETHER
WITH CORDS THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN.
BIND US TOGETHER, LORD,
BIND US TOGETHER,
BIND US TOGETHER WITH LOVE.**

MADE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD,
PURCHASED BY HIS PRECIOUS SON;
BORN WITH THE RIGHT TO BE CLEAN,
FOR JESUS THE VICTORY HAS WON.

**BIND US TOGETHER, LORD, BIND US TOGETHER
WITH CORDS THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN.
BIND US TOGETHER, LORD,
BIND US TOGETHER,
BIND US TOGETHER WITH LOVE.**

YOU ARE THE FAMILY OF GOD,
YOU ARE THE PROMISE DIVINE;
YOU ARE GOD'S CHOSEN DESIRE,
YOU ARE THE GLORIOUS NEW WINE.

**BIND US TOGETHER, LORD, BIND US TOGETHER
WITH CORDS THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN.
BIND US TOGETHER, LORD,
BIND US TOGETHER,
BIND US TOGETHER WITH LOVE.**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Welcome and introduction to the Mass by Father Joseph

Priest: The Cross is a reminder to all of us that Jesus who saved us, was called Teacher when he walked on this earth. We are joined with him in baptism and so we begin. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

INTRODUCTION

READ BY

This is the Mass to begin our school year. In it we pray for each other, and for the whole school. We'll be asking God's help with our learning, our friendships, our sport, our hobbies and with everything that is part of our school.

We might feel a bit afraid of the coming year, especially if it's our final year or our first year. Some of us may be confident and excited to start again. No matter what, we put ourselves before God and ask for His help in the coming year.

We gather to give thanks for the blessings that marked our summer holidays and to ask the Lord's continuing blessing on this school year.

PRESENTATION OF THE SYMBOLS

Read by

At the start of a new school year we bring up symbols that help us focus on the year ahead.

We bring up our new class candles to represent all the children and staff in our school- we welcome any new pupils and new staff joining our school, especially our new Reception pupils and their families.

We bring a copy of our school mission statement. Our mission statement guides us to live out the fruits of the spirit, inspired by St Joseph.

We bring up a Bible. We use Bibles in our worship and assemblies and our lessons- may we always be guided by God's words and keep His words central to all we do.

Priest: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

All: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Priest: As we begin our Mass, we ask God's forgiveness for our faults and failings. You have come to bring us the life of love; Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You have come to bring us the light of truth. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You plead for us at the right hand of God our Father; Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you.
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

(Priest) Help us, Lord, at the beginning of our school year. Help us in our work and in our friendships.

We make our prayer through the same Jesus who lives and reigns....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (EPHESIANS 3:14-21)

Read by

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

This then is what I pray, kneeling before the Father: In the abundance of his glory may he, through his Spirit, enable your inner selves to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, with all God's holy people you will have the strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; so that knowing the love of Christ which is beyond all knowledge, you may be filled with the utter fullness of God. Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN —

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,

Near you it shall not come.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

We stand to greet the Gospel..

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

THE GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

A reading from the Gospel according to John (John 14: 23, 26)

Jesus said, "Those who love me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and my Father and I will come to them and live with them. The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and make you remember all that I have told you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily (sit)

CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(bow) And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will
have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL READ BY

We entrust this new school year to our loving God and pray... that all teachers, governors and parents may be blessed at this time. Lord hear us...

We pray that people who make decisions affecting our school may be generous and wise. Lord hear us...

We pray for all past pupils and staff, especially for those who left last year that they may be happy and flourish. Lord hear us...

We pray for new pupils and staff to our school; may they be happy here and find good friends. Lord hear us...

We pray that we may enjoy our learning and use our gifts and talents well. Lord hear us...

We pray that we may leave any difficulties of the past year behind and begin in a new way to accept and forgive others. Lord hear us...

We pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters affected by disasters around the world. We think of the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya. Lord hear us...

Mary, Jesus' mother, watched Jesus as he grew up. She took pride in his achievements and encouraged him as he tried new things. We ask her to offer our prayers of intercession to her beloved son as we say. . . **Hail Mary . . .**

(Priest) Let us pray:

Help us, Lord, to use well the talents you have given each of us. Help us bring them to our learning so that we work to the best of our ability. May all in this school community feel valued. May all we do and learn be in your service, and in the service of love, both now and in the future.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord (Amen)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord

**Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man
No more**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord
Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord
Of all

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord
We are one body in this one Lord

Priest: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his **HOLY** Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (AMEN)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

All: **It is right and just.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of **HOSTS**, heaven and earth are full of your
glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION RITE

Say : OUR FATHER

Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On the earth, as it is in heaven
Give us this day, our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil

Priest: DELIVER US, LORD, WE PRAY, FROM EVERY EVIL, GRACIOUSLY GRANT
PEACE IN OUR DAYS, THAT, BY THE HELP OF YOUR MERCY, WE MAY BE
ALWAYS FREE FROM SIN AND SAFE FROM ALL DISTRESS, AS WE AWAIT
THE BLESSED HOPE AND THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and forever,

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the
peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Priest: **BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, BEHOLD HIM WHO TAKES
AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. BLESSED ARE THOSE
CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.**

All: **LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY
ROOF, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE
HEALED**

COMMUNION HYMN

THIS IS MY BODY

This is my body, broken for you,
Bringing you wholeness, making you free
Take it and eat it and when you do
Do it in love for me

This is my blood poured out for you
Bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it and when you do
Do it in love for me

Back to my Father soon I shall go,
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you and you will know
You're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
You are alive in me.

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: Let us pray,

God of New Beginnings, may we, who have received the love of God at this Mass, spread this love wherever we are; we ask that in this coming year we spread the love, kindness and compassion of God in our school. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: We pray together the prayer of St Joseph

Prayer To Saint Joseph

To Saint Joseph we pray,

You felt the tribulation and worry of a parent
when the child Jesus was lost,
protect our dear children for time and eternity.
May we be their father and counsellor.
Let them, like Jesus,
grow in age as well as in wisdom

and grace before God and men.
Preserve them from the corruption of this world,
and give us the grace one day
to be united with them in heaven forever.

Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

**Priest: LET US GO IN PEACE AND JOY, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY
OUR LIVES.**

All: Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN

1. On this school your grace bestow,
On this school your blessing, Lord,
May it come and never go,
Bringing peace and joy and happiness,
Bringing love that knows no end.
On this school your blessing, Lord,
On this school your blessings send.
2. On this school your loving, Lord,
May, it overflow each day,
On this school your loving, Lord,
May it come and with us stay,
Drawing us in love and unity,
By the love received from you.
On this school your loving, Lord,
May it come each day anew.
3. On this school your calling, Lord,
May it come to us each day
On this school your calling, Lord,
May it come to lead the way,
Filling us with nobler yearnings, Lord,
Calling us to live in you
On this school your calling, Lord,
May it come each day a new.