



Class 1 and 2 Mass

Friday 7th July 2023

"Love each other as much as brothers and sisters should." *Romans 12:9-18*

Entrance Hymn

If I were a butterfly....

Welcome

Read by:

Today we celebrate our achievements this year at school- some of us joined school for the very first time in Reception this September, some of us are in Year 1 and some of us are in Year 2- but we have all grown.

Read by:

We remember all the wonderful work we have done. We thank God for the friends we have made and the happy times we have had.

Read by: Mrs Varley

Friendship is what we all need, long for and hope for. It is what causes the greatest joy in our lives, and can also cause the greatest hurts. In friendship we share secrets with another, develop loyalties that are often intense and make relationships that sometimes last long throughout our lives. It may mean moments of just being together, of shared humour, of discovering the mystery and exciting uniqueness of another person. It's important at all ages; without it life can be lonely, empty, isolated. It's the best gift we can give one to another.

Read by: Mrs Smith

It's also how Jesus describes his relationship with each of us. He says 'I do not call you servants, I call you friends.' It's a way of experiencing what God is like. When we try to be true friends to each other we have some glimpse of what God himself is like. In our Mass today we thank God for friends, pray for them and welcome Jesus into our lives as a friend. As you came in today, you may have noticed the children holding a 'friend'. The children made these 'friends' to remember how much they are loved and cared for.

Prayer of the Gifts

- Read by:
We bring up a candle, thank you God for helping our friends to shine bright like Jesus.
Offered up by:
- Read by:
We bring a bunch of flowers to remember each of our friends are special.
Offered up by:

Introductory Rites

Welcome and introduction to the Mass by Father Joseph,

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

C: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Penitential Rite

C:

We call to mind that we are selfish and sinful and that we need God's forgiveness, the forgiveness of Christ, a friend. We ask for forgiveness especially for ways in which we don't spread friendship.

C:

Lord Jesus, you call us friends:

All: Lord have mercy.

C:

Christ our Lord, you are a friend of sinners and of everyone:

All: Lord have mercy.

C:

Lord Jesus, you show us God as a friend and a father:

All: Lord have mercy.

Opening Prayer

God, Father, you are the source of all life, and the source of all love. You have created and formed each person here with the loving hand of care and the caring heart of friendship. We ask you now to strengthen our belief in the value and worth we each have in your sight. Help us believe that each of us delights you, each of us worth the death of you Son. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

First Reading *Romans 12:9-18*

Read by:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers and sisters should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit.

Read by:

If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

Read by:

Bless those who persecute you: never curse them, bless them. Rejoice with those who rejoice and be sad with those in sorrow. Treat everyone with equal kindness; never be condescending but make real friends with the poor.

Read by:

Do not allow yourself to become self-satisfied. Never repay evil with evil but let everyone see that you are interested only in the highest ideals. Do all you can to live at peace with everyone.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Here I Am Lord (Sung)

Please stand to greet the Gospel...

Gospel Acclamation

Come and join the circle,
come and take my hand.

Come and join the circle,
come and be my friend.

Gather round and see
what the world can be.

Come and join the circle,
come and share God's word with me.

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The Gospel

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19:1-10

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Special Thumb: We think about Jesus, we speak about Jesus and we love Jesus...

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and was a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house,' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'look, sir, I am going to give half my property back to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay them back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of the Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

C: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

Prayers of the Faithful

C: We pray now to God about the gift of friendship. We remember people we'd like to pray for.

Read by:

For our friends, we ask you Lord to bless them, especially any of them who

are in trouble.

C: Lord hear us

All: Lord in your friendship, hear our prayer

Read by:

We ask that we'll always value the gift of friendship, that we don't do anything by gossip or lies to ruin it for others or for ourselves.

C: Lord hear us

All: Lord in your friendship, hear our prayer

Read by:

For those who find it hard to make friends, because of shyness or insecurity or embarrassment, or because of problems at home. Lord make us sensitive to them, and let's offer our friendship to them.

C: Lord hear us

All: Lord in your friendship, hear our prayer

Read by:

For friendship between nations, for peace and justice in our own countries, and that developed countries may not abuse the poverty of other nations.

C: Lord hear us

All: Lord in your friendship, hear our prayer

Read by:

God our Father, increase in us the desire to make friends, both to be a friend and to receive friendship. Thank you for this gift, and for giving yourself to us a friend. We pray through Jesus our Lord.

C: Lord hear us

All: Lord in your friendship, hear our prayer

We ask Mary to pray with us and for us as we say...

Hail Mary

Offertory Hymn
Whole World in His Hands

*C: Pray, brethren that my sacrifice and yours
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

Eucharistic Prayer

C: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And with your spirit

C: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

C: *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.

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Rite

OUR FATHER (please stand)

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On 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.

C: *Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, graciously grant us 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,

C: *Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously
grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and
reign for ever and ever.*

All: Amen.

C: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

All: And with your spirit

C: *Let us offer each other the sign of peace.*

*Peace Hymn
Make me a channel of your 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.

Invitation to Communion

C: This is the Lamb of God, Jesus who calls us friend, who says to each person here, 'Today I am going to come to your house.' We are happy to be called to this Eucharist.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Hymn

Be Still

Prayer after Communion

God our Father we thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to show us what you are like. May we be His children forever. Help us to be more like you and live as you want us to, loving one another and following the right path. Through Christ our Lord.

Reflection

Read by:

Guests of my life you came in the early dawn, and you came in the night.
Your name was uttered by the spring flowers and yours by the shower of rain.

Read by:

You brought the harp into my life and you brought the lamp.

Read by:

After you had taken your leave I found God's footprints on the floor.

Read by:

Now when I am at the end of my pilgrimage I leave in the evening flowers
of worship my salutations to you all.

Concluding Rite

C: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And with your spirit.

C: *May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.*

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.

C: *As we await our new beginning with Jesus the Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

You shall go out with joy...