

Class 3 Mass

friends
ARE THE
family
WE
choose

'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.'

Peter 4:8-10

10th July 2023

ENTRANCE HYMN

Bind Us Together Lord

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:

Made for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean,
For Jesus the victory has won.

You are the family of God,
You are the promise divine;
You are God's chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine.

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

WELCOME

Read by: James and Robbie

God, our Father, our school year is nearly finished and for some of us a part of our school life is also coming to an end. We have come together to celebrate all the good and happy things that have happened to us this year and during our time at St Joseph's school. We think about the friends that we have made. A faithful friend is one of the best gifts that God has given us. We thank God for the happiness we can have with them.

Our friends are giving

Our friends are supportive

Our friends are forgiving

We have a friend in Jesus

Symbols for our Mass:

Read by – Effie, Ned, Ava, Reece and Talia-Rose

Offered up by – Lilly, Raya, Heidi, John and Scott

During this year in school, we have tried hard to let our light shine. We thank God for guiding us on our way as we offer up some special gifts.

- We bring up a map to remember that friendship is not just about the people near us.
- We bring up a football to show how friendship can form through many activities.
- We bring a tie. It is a symbol of how we all belong together. We offer Jesus our whole school.
- We bring up a class photograph to remember all of the friends we have in school.

Penitential Rite

C: At the beginning of Mass we say sorry to each other and to God our Father for the times we have not shown friendship to one another.

C: If we have been unkind

All: We are sorry

C: If we have not shared with one another

All: We are sorry

C: If we have not helped one another

All: We are sorry

C: We ask God for his mercy

C: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

C: Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

C: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

C: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life

All: Amen

OPENING PRAYER:

God our Father, we thank you for our friends. Help us to be true friends to each other and to love one another like real friends. We make our prayer through Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen

First Reading Phil 3:8, 10 read by Ernest and Meadow

Saint Paul is telling us, in this reading, that Jesus is a great friend to have, especially when we feel sorry for ourselves, or sad. We can be sure that Jesus will always understand our troubles and that he will be a real friend to us.

"Dear friends,
Nothing could be better than knowing Jesus!

I would give up everything, just to stay friends with him.
Remember how much he suffered and don't forget that we can always share our troubles with him when things go wrong."

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 15 You show your friends the path of life

Response: Show us Lord the path of life.

Read by: Blake, Ivy, Gracie and Freddy

Show us Lord the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. Oh Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my portion and prize'.

Show us Lord the path of life.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, whoever at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight; since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Show us Lord the path of life.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

Show us Lord the path of life.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever.

Show us Lord the path of life.



Second Reading Colossians 3:12–14 read by Blake

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Please ALL STAND- and stay standing...

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. x 4

THE GOSPEL

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:15-17

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Class 3: - Special thumb- *We think about Jesus, we talk about Jesus and we love Jesus.*

St John is telling us in this reading that Jesus wants us to be his friends. He doesn't want us just to work for him.

One day Jesus said:

"I don't want you just to work for me and do as you're told.

I want you to be my friends and be happy with me.

But remember, you did not choose me, I chose you to be my friends and I want you to be friends with each other."

C: *The Gospel of the Lord*

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Please sit

Homily

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL read by – Archie B, Thorin, Finn and Taylor

C: God our Father, Jesus your Son showed us what trues friendship is. Help us to be a sign of this same friendship in the lives of others.

Dear God our Father we pray that we may love and be kind to our friends. Help us recognise when others are in need.

C: Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

Dear God our Father please help us to be understanding and forgiving when our friendships are challenging. Help us to find patience and tolerance, putting others before ourselves.

C: Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

Dear God our Father we ask you to bless our friends because they love us very much and they help us. Help us to recognise that we are never alone in this world.

C: Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

Dear God our Father please help us to work together to look after your beautiful world and always remember to thank you for it. May we nurture the world you created.

C: Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

Emmie – Like Mary when she visited Elizabeth, let us recognise when our friends are in need as we say....Hail Mary

*Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

C: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

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.

**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: 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

One Bread, One Body

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

A TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION AND PRAYER

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 letting our light shine brightly for all to see. Through Christ our Lord.

REFLECTION

Read by: *Mrs Cole*

We thank God for helping the children of Class 3 to love and support one another.

You have learnt many new things, grown friendships, laughed and enjoyed the challenges of each new day.

Live joyously Class 3, and continue to help make this world a better place.

PLEASE GOD HELP OUR LIGHTS SHINE BRIGHTLY
FOR ALL TO SEE.



BLESSING OF CANDLES

Lord Jesus,
You are the Light of the world:
we praise You,
and ask You to guide our steps each day.
Help us to love You and let our light shine.

Bless these candles,
and let them always remind us
that You are our Light in darkness,
our Protector in danger,
and our saving Lord at all times.

Lord Jesus,
we praise You and give You glory,
for You are Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.



CONCLUDING RITE

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

C: May the Lord help us be shining lights for all to see.

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.

C: Be a light shining brightly, helping others and loving God.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

One More Step

One more step along the world I go
One more step along the world I go

From the old things to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

'Round the corners of the world I turn
More and more about the world I learn
And the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me

And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you
As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me traveling the way I should
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know

And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

Give me courage when the world is rough
Keep me loving though the world is tough
Leap and sing in all I do
Keep me traveling along with you

And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

You are older than the world can be
You are younger than the life in me
Ever old and ever new
Keep me traveling along with you

And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

