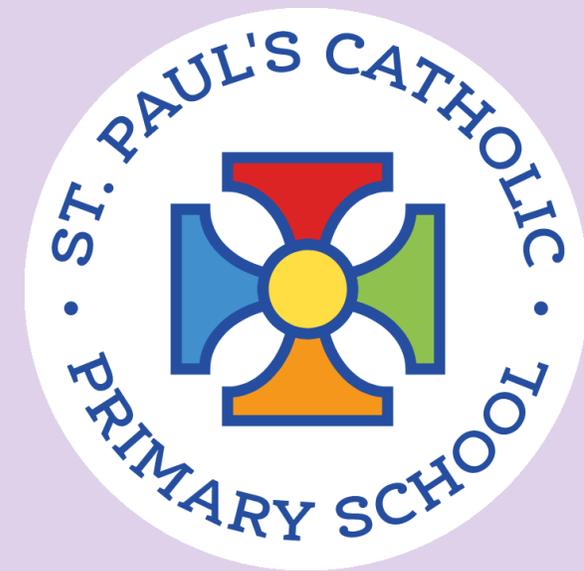
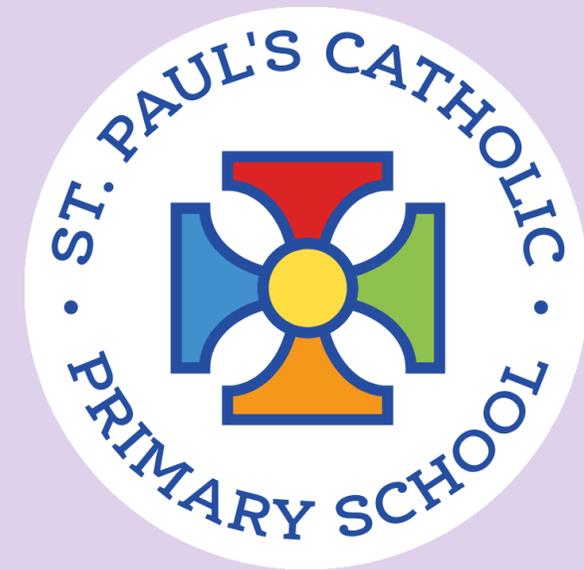


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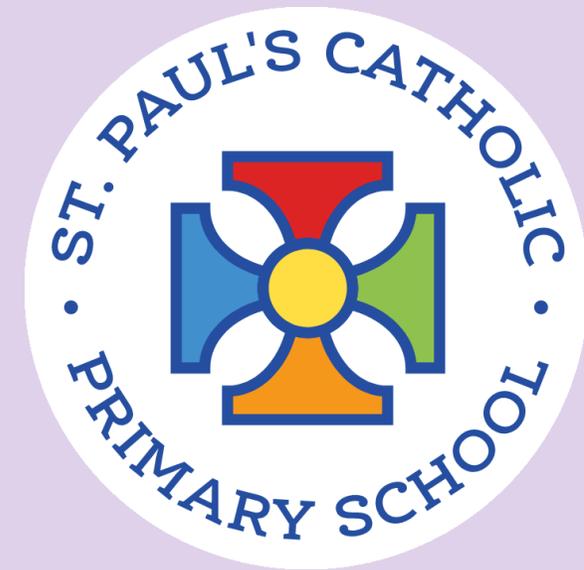
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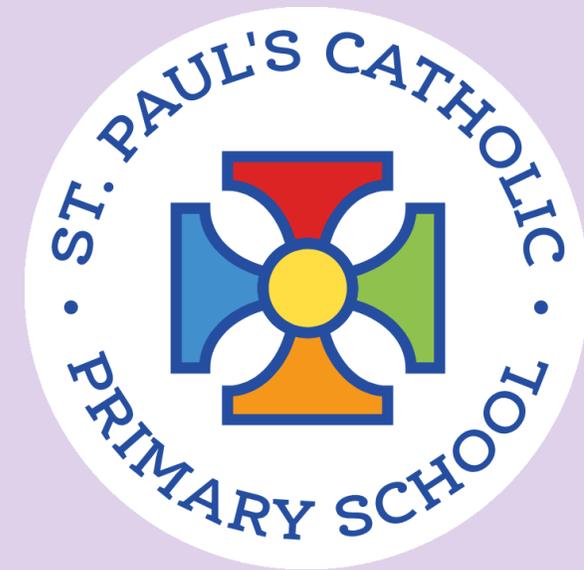
When is he coming,
When, oh when is he coming,
the Redeemer?
When will we see him,
When, oh when will
we see him,
the Redeemer?



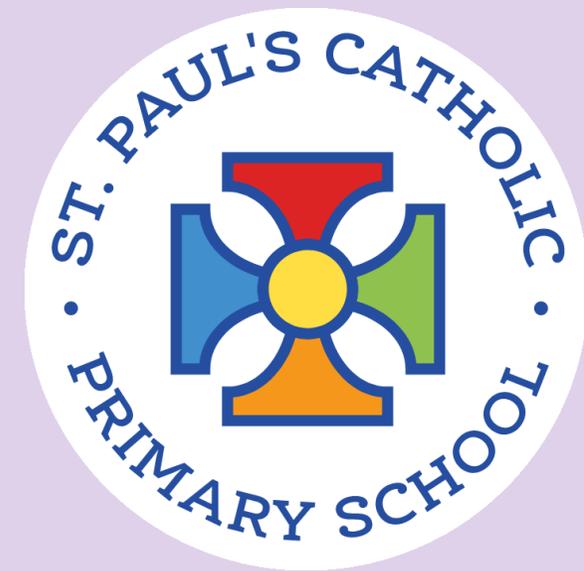
Come, oh come,
from your kingdom up there,
from your kingdom up there above!
Come, oh come,
to your people on earth,
to your people on earth bring love!
Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!



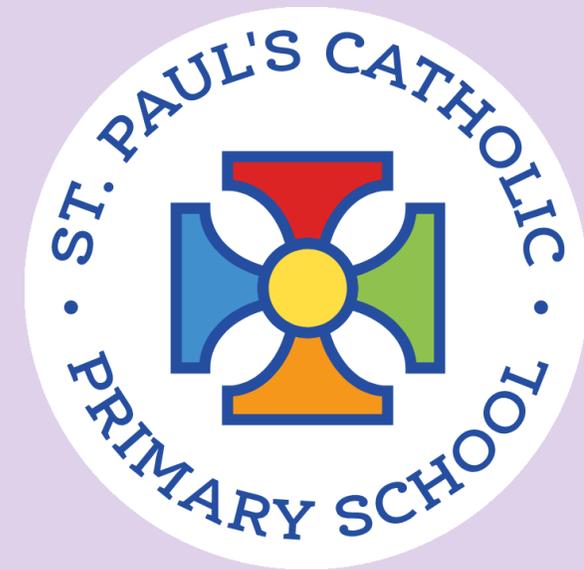
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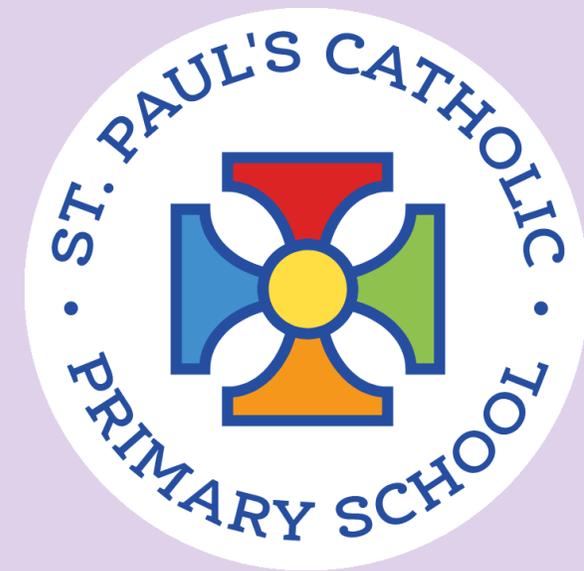
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from your kingdom up there,
from your kingdom up there above!
Come, oh come,
to your people on earth,
to your people on earth bring love!
Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!



Spare us from evil,
from the clutches of evil,
O Redeemer.
Though we are sinners,
We have known your forgiveness,
O Redeemer!



Come, oh come,
from your kingdom up there,
from your kingdom up there above!
Come, oh come,
to your people on earth,
to your people on earth bring love!
Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!

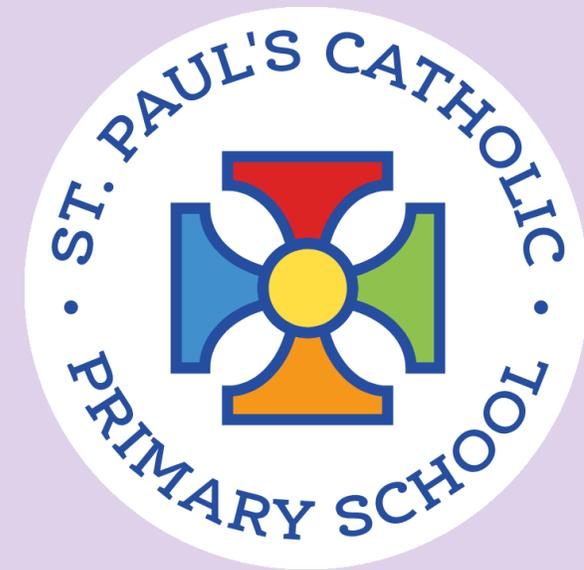


Sign of the Cross

All make the Sign of the Cross as
the Priest says:

In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

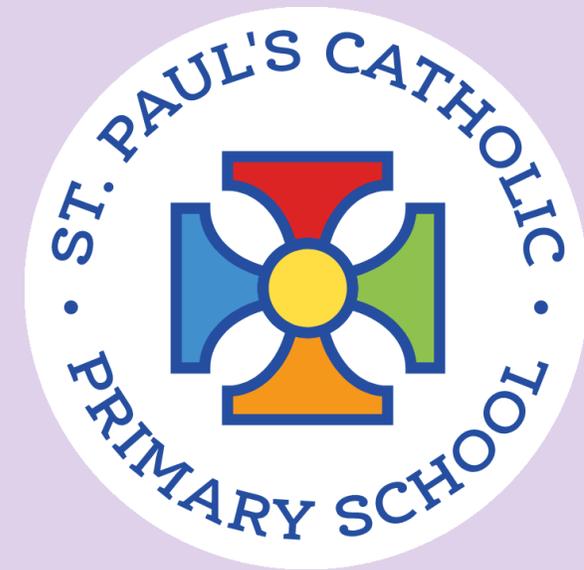
The people reply: **Amen.**



Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

The people reply: **And with your spirit.**

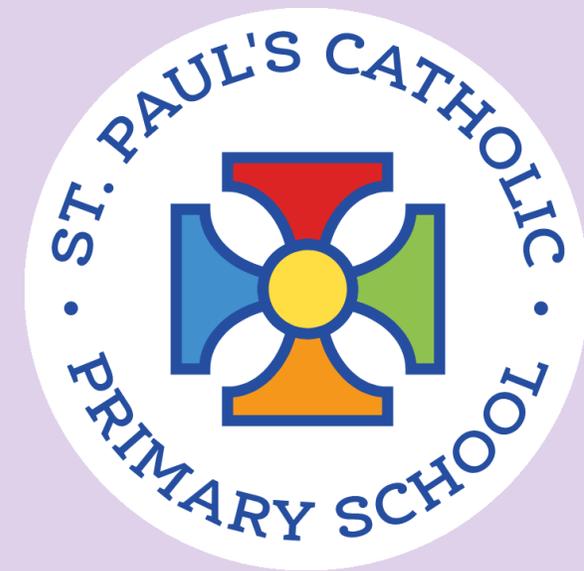


Welcome

Read by Rory.

As we come together as a community for Mass today we reflect on our journey towards Christmas. As a school we have been preparing for the birth of Jesus in many ways. Key Stage one and the Reception class have been preparing by learning the story and performing the story of the Nativity. Key Stage 2 have been learning Carols and practicing tableaux ready for the Christingle service. The Chaplaincy team been making Christmas cards for parishioners and the Cafod club have been corresponding with and Old Peoples home. We have also been raising money for world gifts instead of buying Christmas cards.

In our class Celebration of the Word each Thursday we have been reflecting as a school on how we are made in the image and likeness of God and how we should reflect this in our behaviour and actions. We have also listened to Gospel stories preparing us not only for the celebration of Jesus birth but asking us to be prepared and ready to meet Jesus at the end of our lives or when he comes again.



Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters),
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.

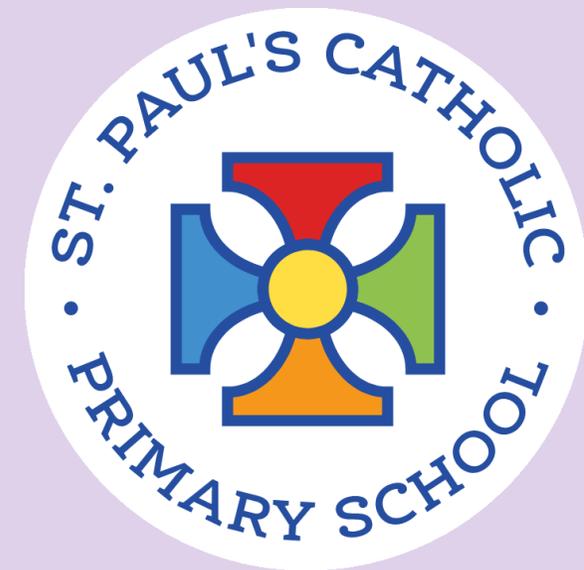
All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to
do,



through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

All: Amen.



Priest: Lord, have mercy.

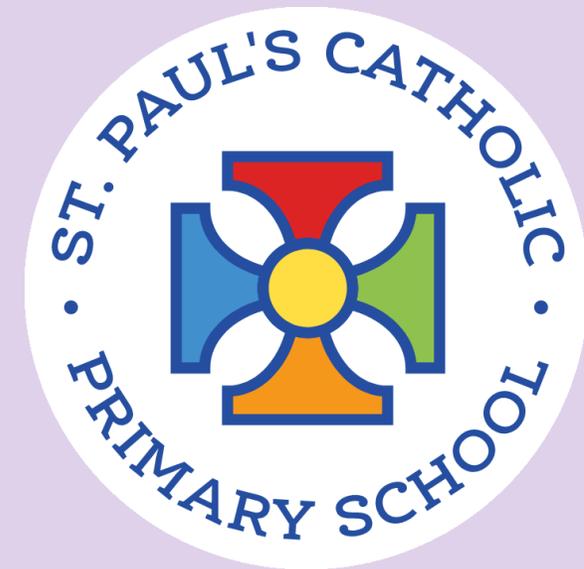
All. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

All. Christ, have mercy.

Priest. Lord, have mercy.

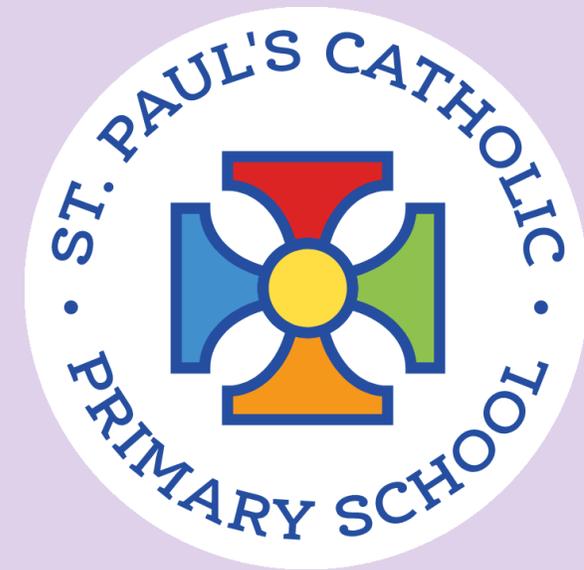
All. Lord, have mercy.



Collect

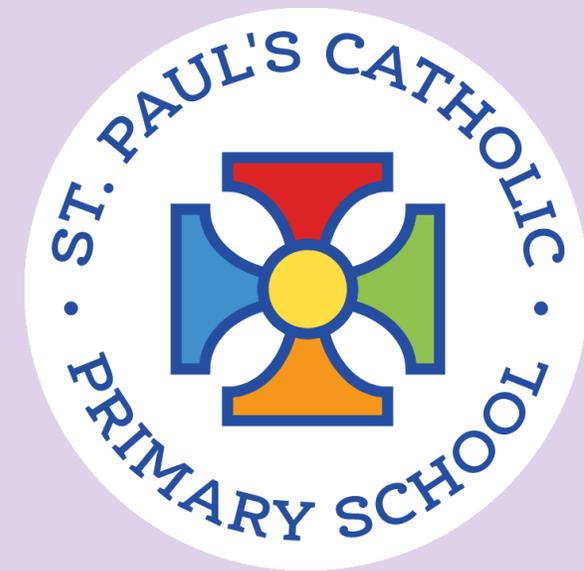
Let us pray.

May the glorious intercession
of the Virgin and Martyr Saint Lucy
give us new heart, we pray, O Lord,
so that we may celebrate her heavenly birthday
in this present age
and so behold things eternal.



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.

All: **Amen.**

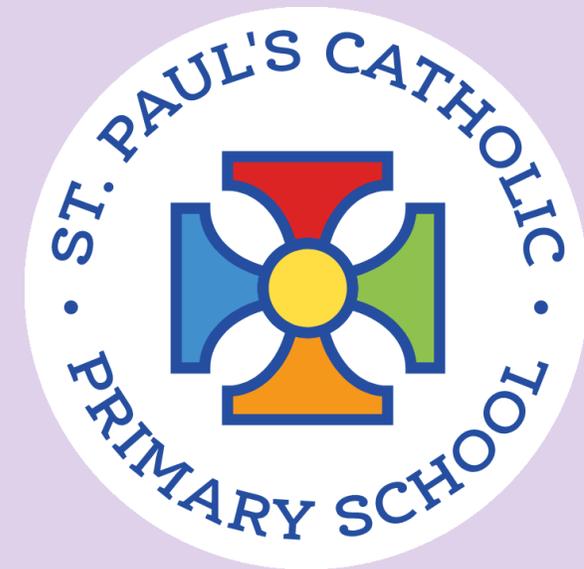


First reading Isaiah 40:25-31 ·



The word of the Lord.

All reply: **Thanks be to God.**



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10

Reader: My soul, give thanks to the Lord

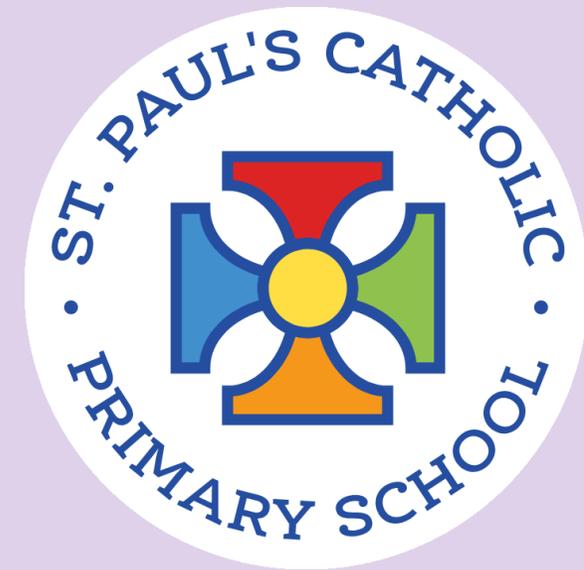
All: **My Soul gives thanks to the Lord**

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My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

All: **My soul, give thanks to the Lord.**

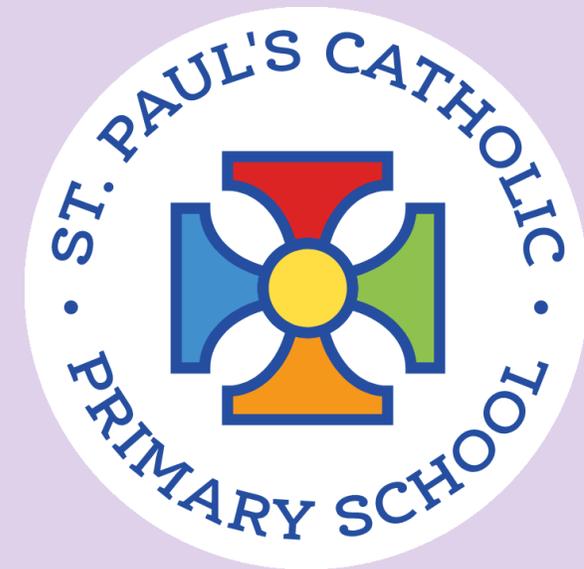


It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

All: **My soul, give thanks to the Lord.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

All: **My soul, give thanks to the Lord.**



Alleluia, alleluia!

Look, the Lord will come to save his
people.

Blessed those who are ready to meet him.

Alleluia!

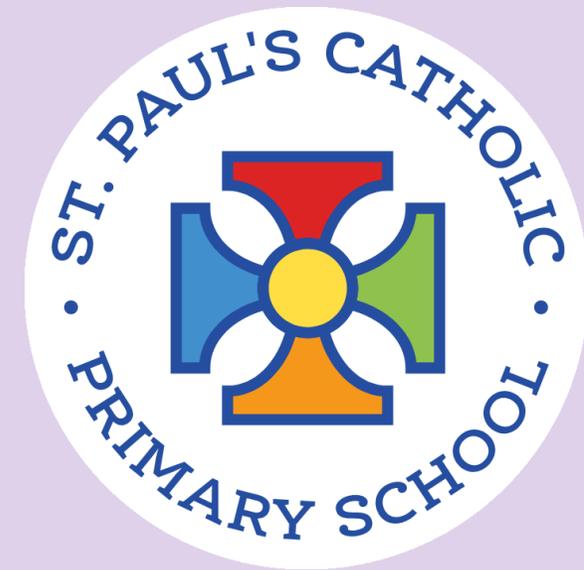


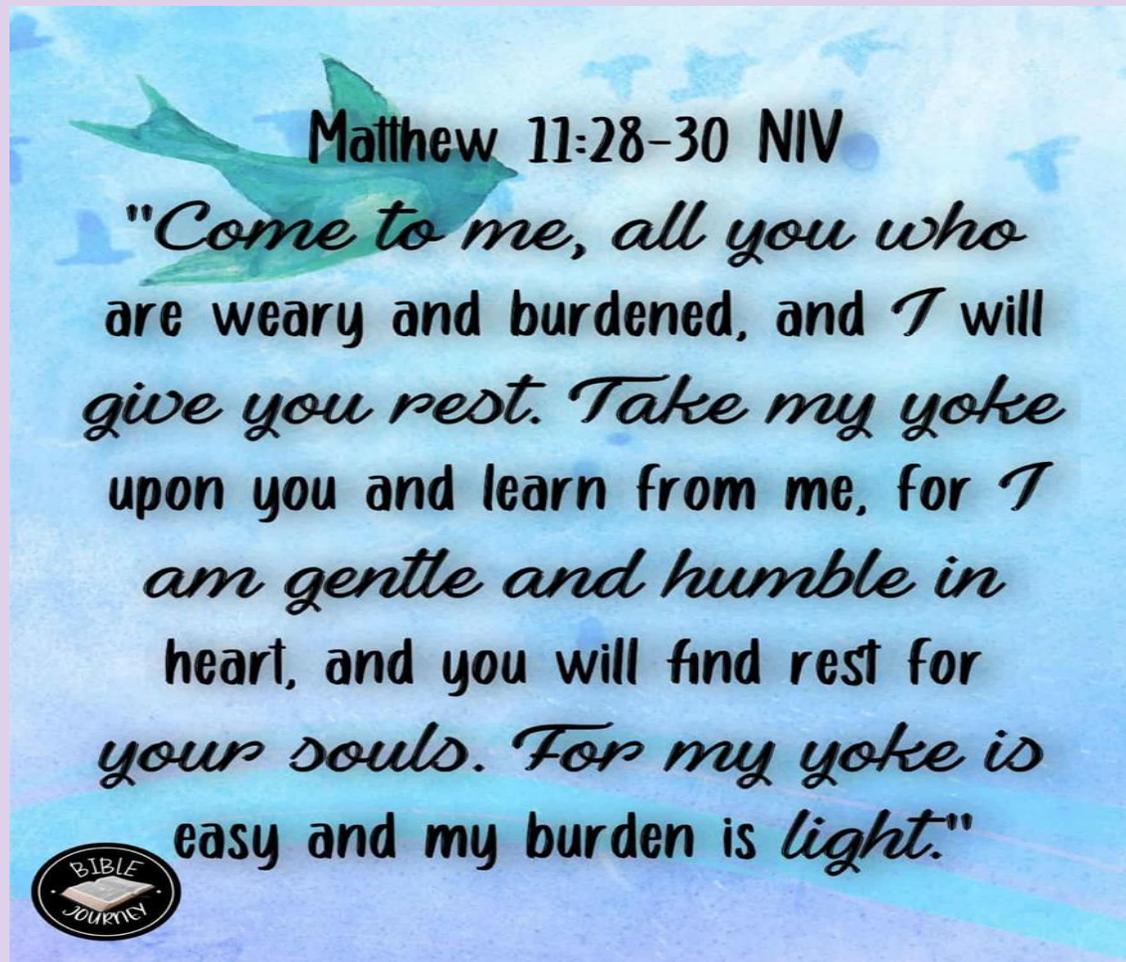
The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

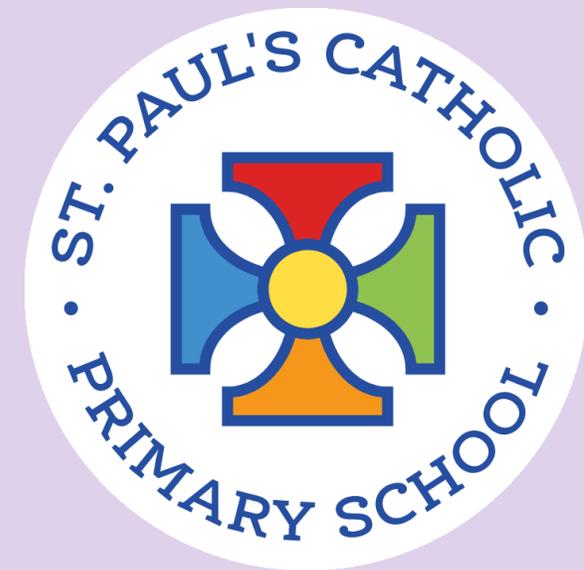
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**



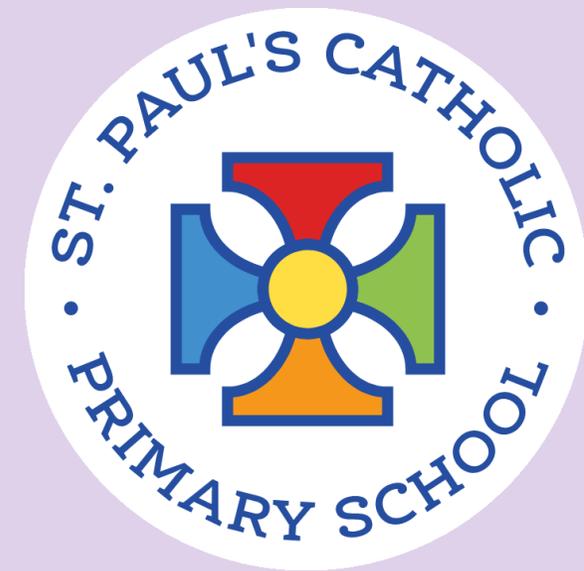


The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

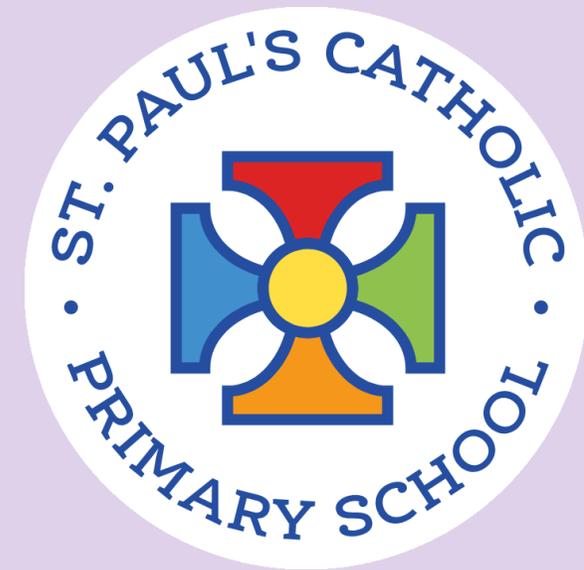


The Homily



The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)

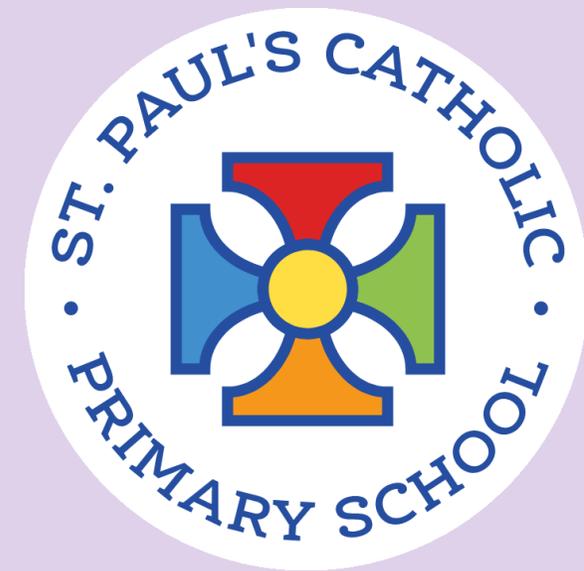
Written and read by Sienna, Owen and Lucas.



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory

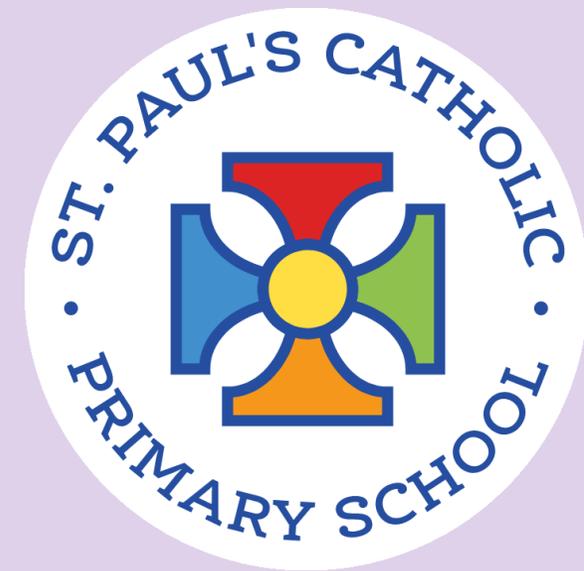
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.



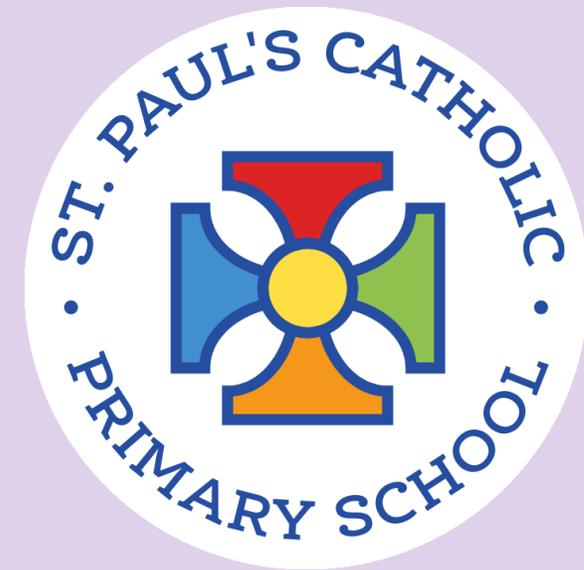
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.



Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to
flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

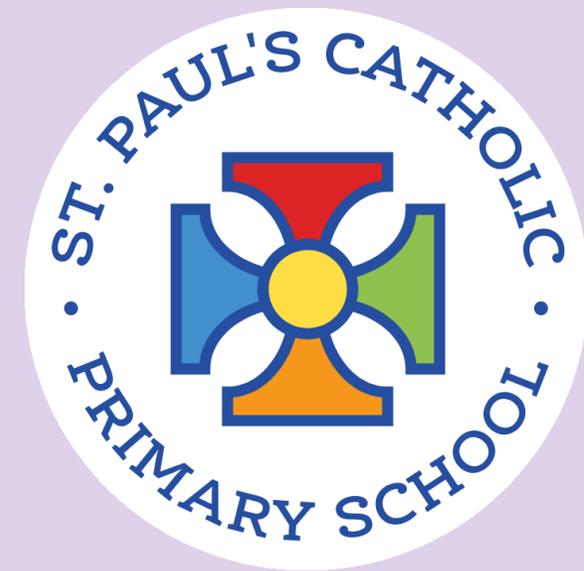


Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!



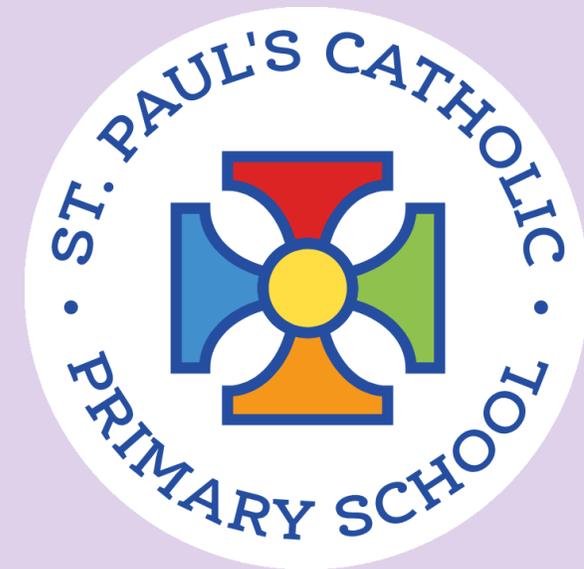
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have
received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human
hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have
received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human
hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

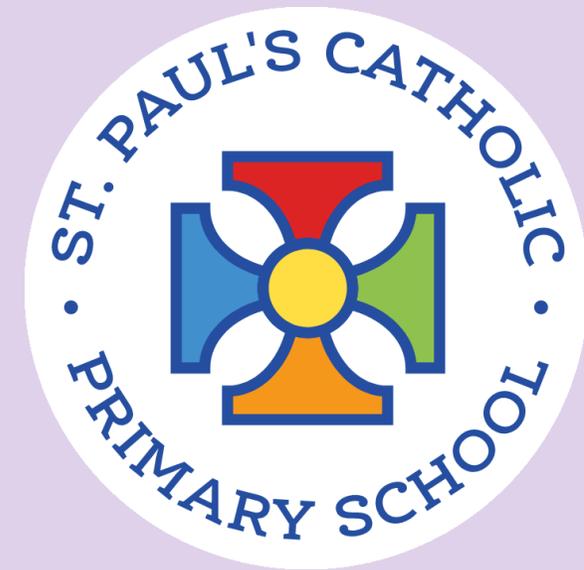
All: Blessed be God for ever.



Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.



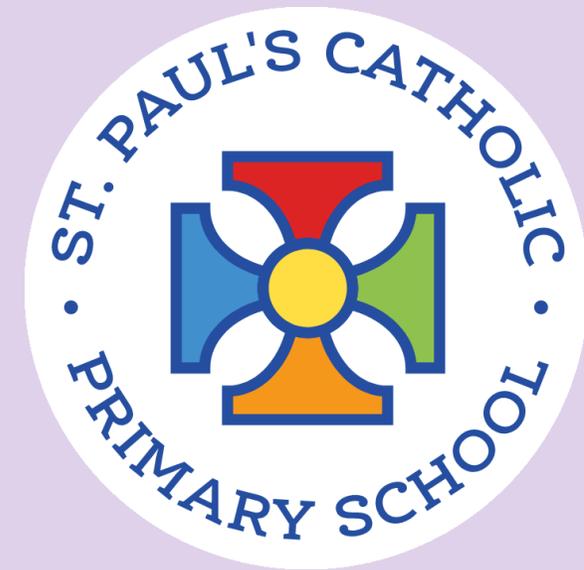
All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.



Prayer over the Offerings

May the offerings we bring in celebration of blessed St Lucy win your gracious acceptance, O Lord, we pray, just as the struggle of her suffering and passion was pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

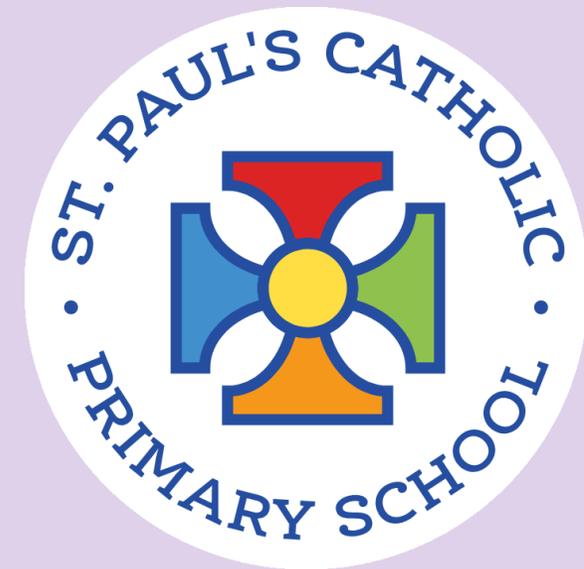
All: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

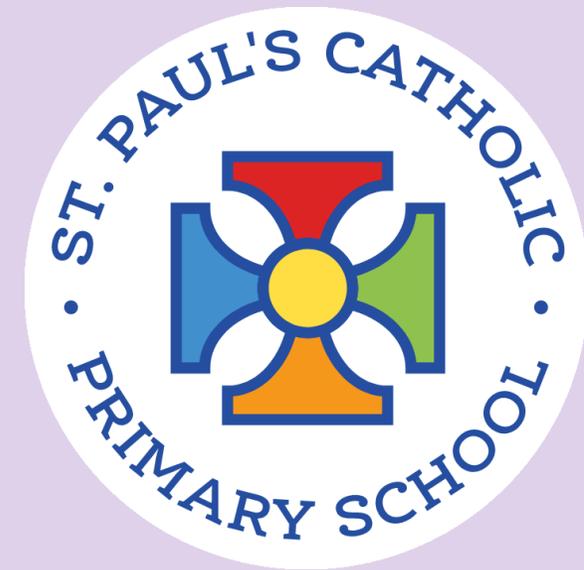
All: It is right and just.



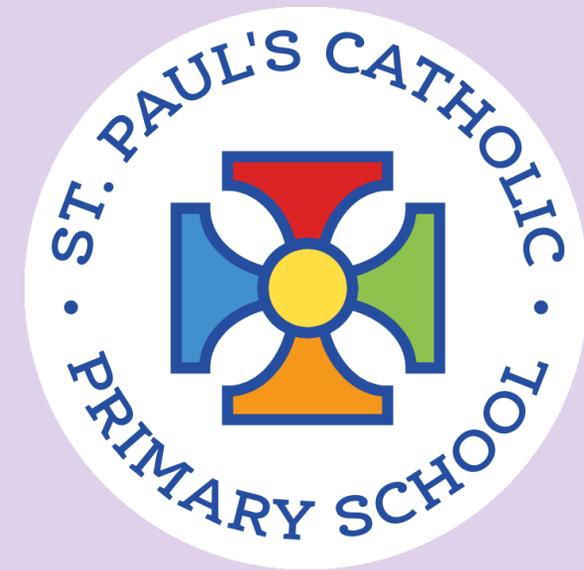
It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.



For you are glorified when your Saints are praised;
their very sufferings are but wonders of your might:
in your mercy you give ardour to their faith,
to their endurance you grant firm resolve,
and in their struggle the victory is yours,
through Christ our Lord.

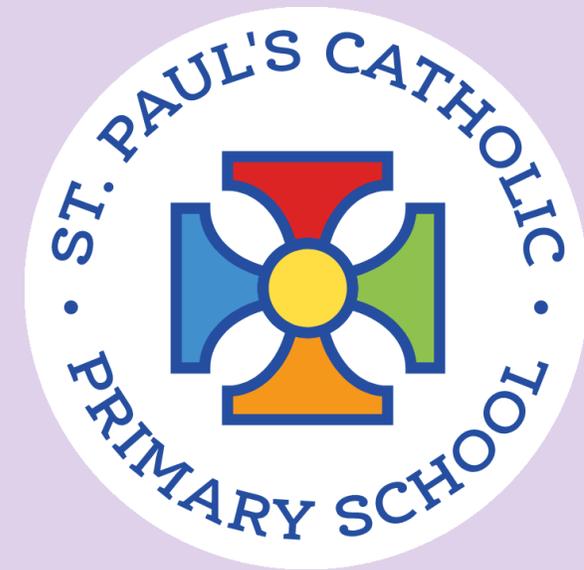


Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth
sing a new song in adoration,
and we, with all the host of Angels,
cry out, and without end we acclaim:



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.

All kneel.



You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the
dewfall,

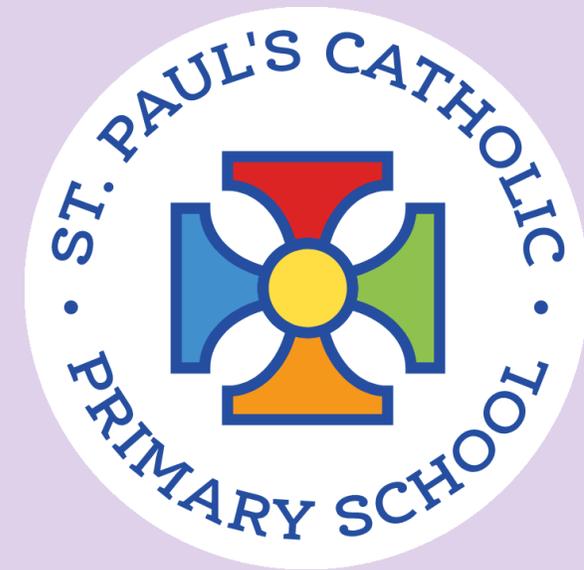
so that they may become for us
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

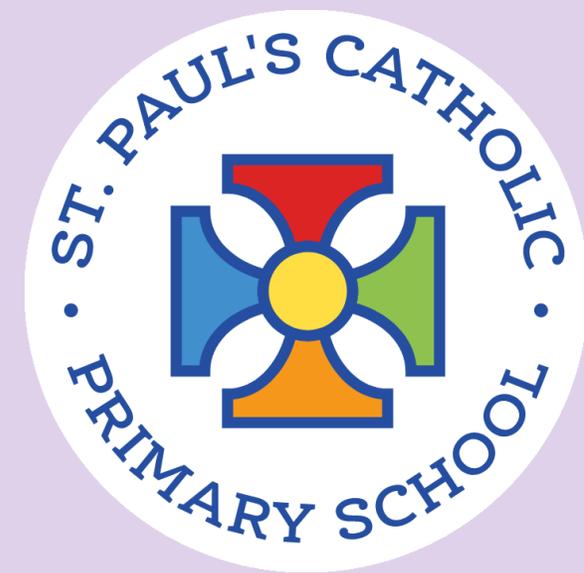


TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:



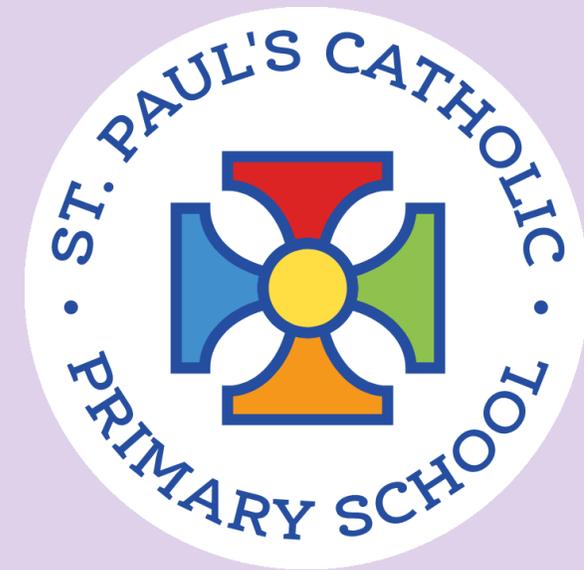
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL
COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND
FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.



All: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.



Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

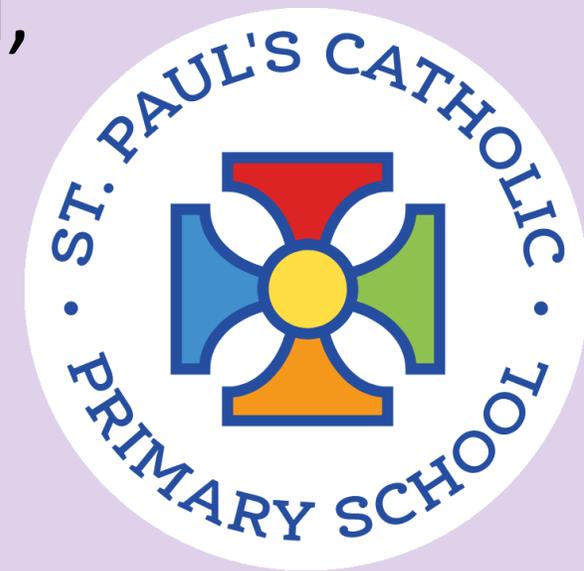


Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of
Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy
Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Francis. our Pope and Declan.
our Bishop and all the clergy.



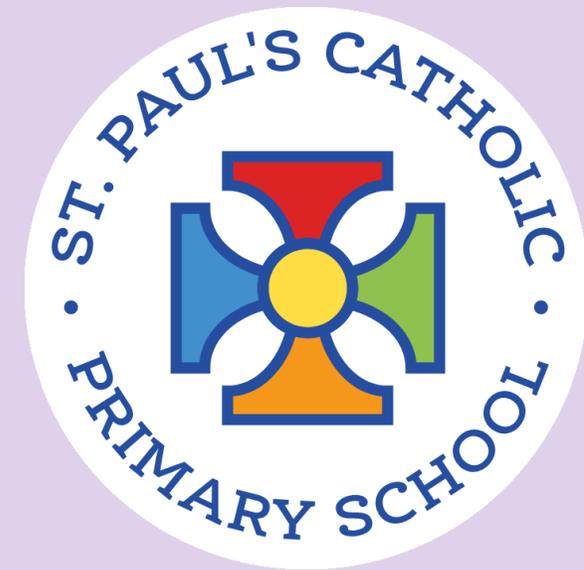
Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you
throughout the ages,



we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.



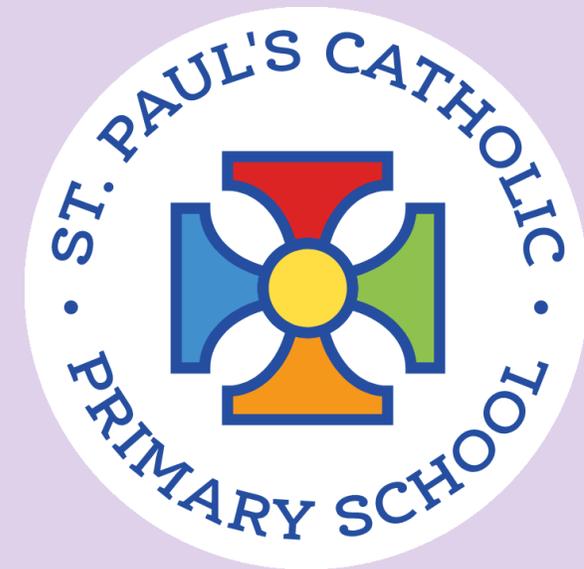
Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.
Amen.



All Stand

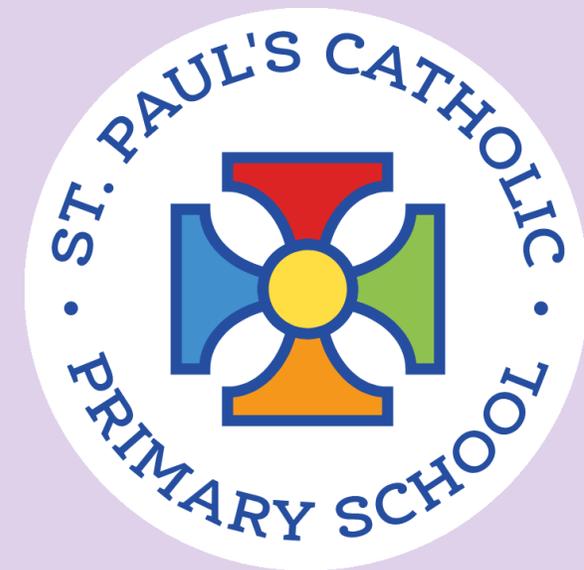
At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.



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.

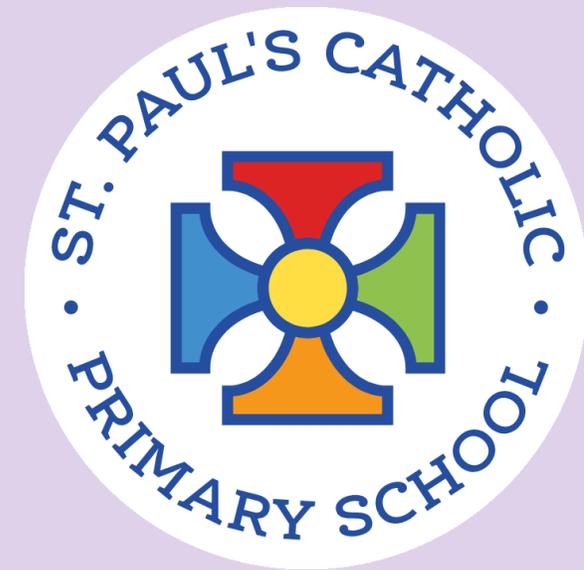
All: For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.



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.**



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



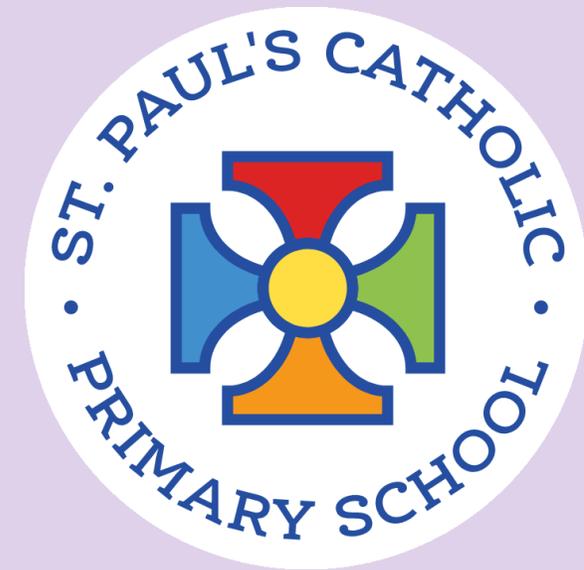
Breaking of the Bread

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.

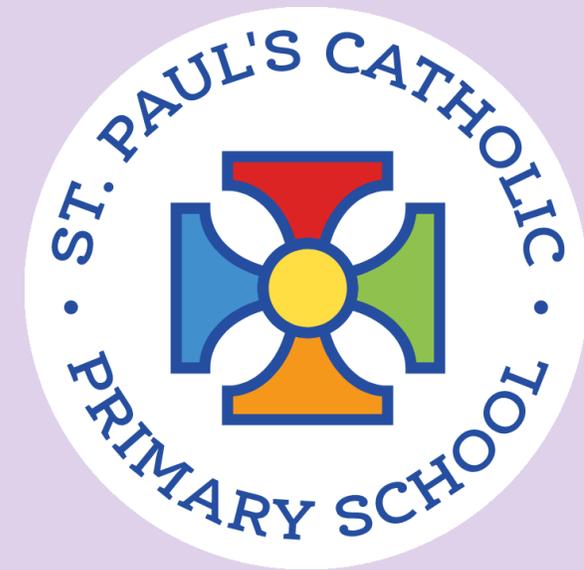
All Kneel



Invitation to Communion

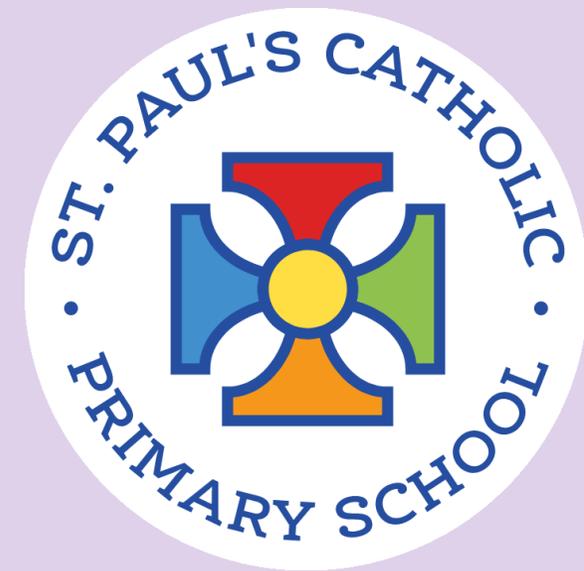
Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



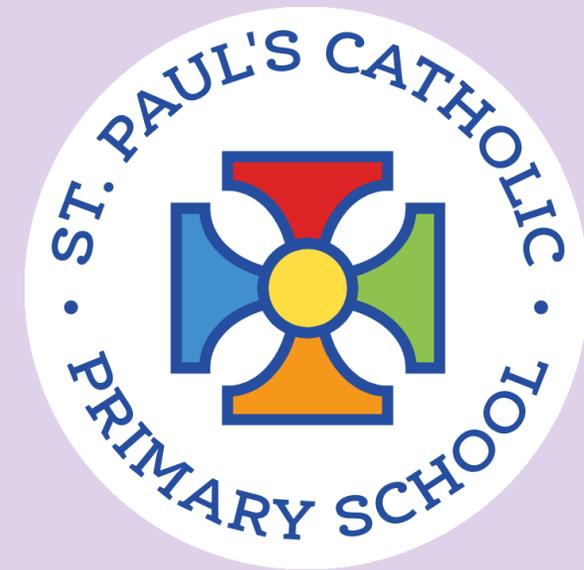
O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.



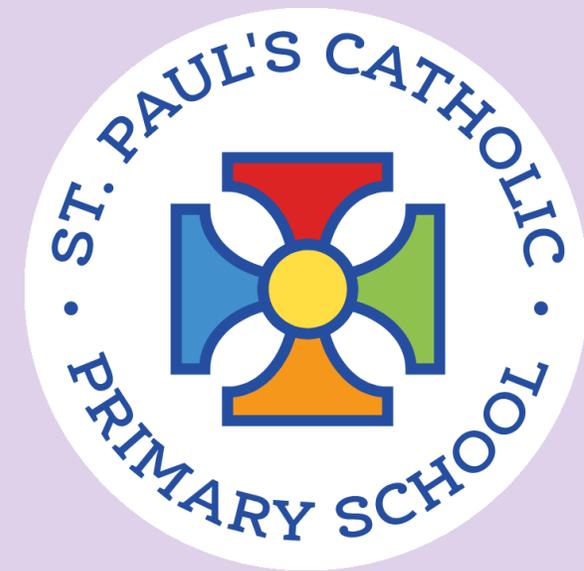
O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel



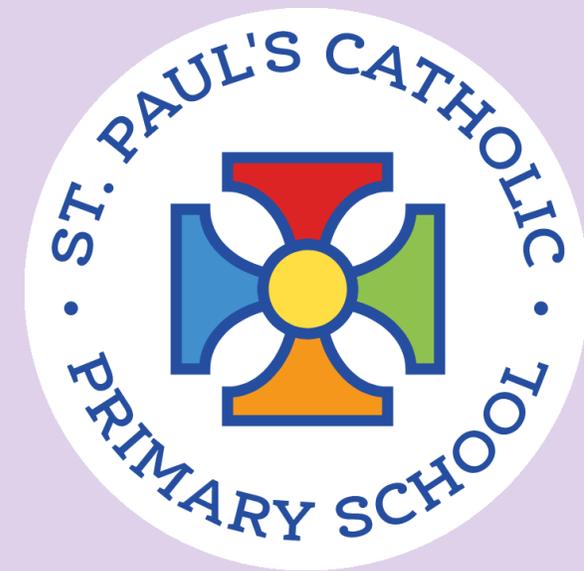
O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel



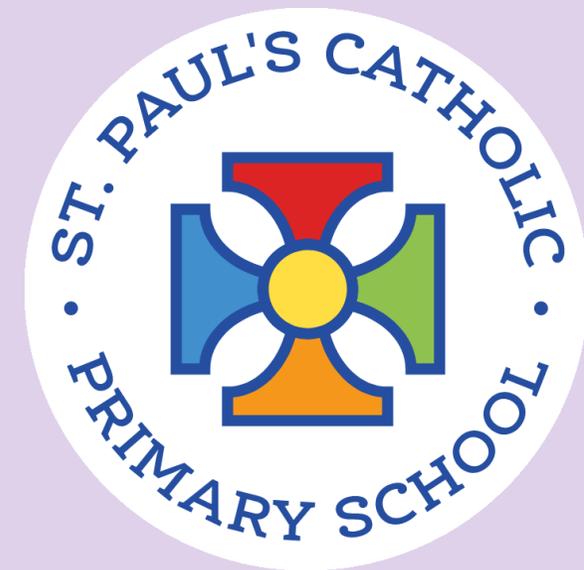
O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel



Hymn 2

Wait for the Lord, his day is near
Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart
Prepare the way for the Lord
Make a straight path for Him
The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed
All the Earth will see the Lord
Rejoice in the Lord always
He is at Hand
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord

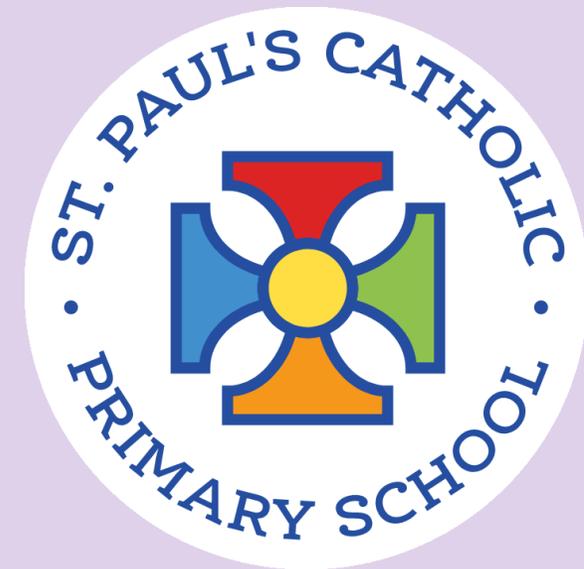


Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God, who bestowed on blessed Lucy a crown among the Saints for her twofold triumph of virginity and martyrdom, grant, we pray, through the power of this Sacrament, that, bravely overcoming every evil, we may attain the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



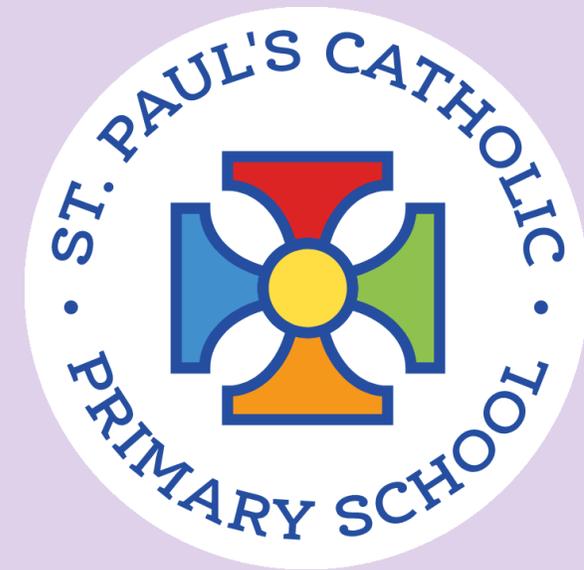
The Concluding Rites

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

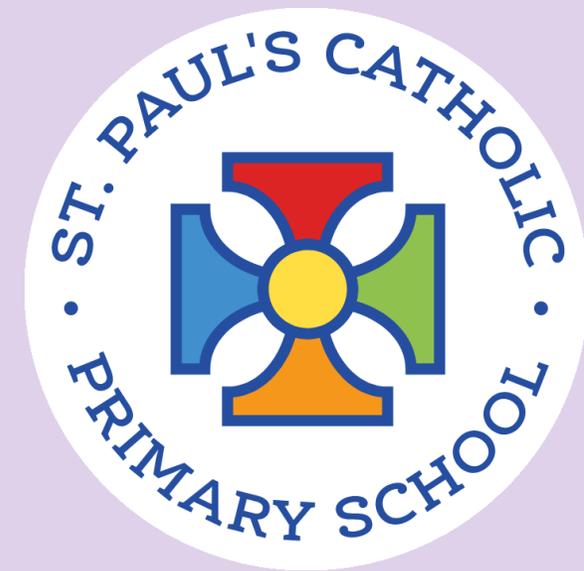
May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God



In deepest night, shadows are lifted
Now let your servant go forth in peace
Your Word fulfilled, your promise honored
Love that will never cease!



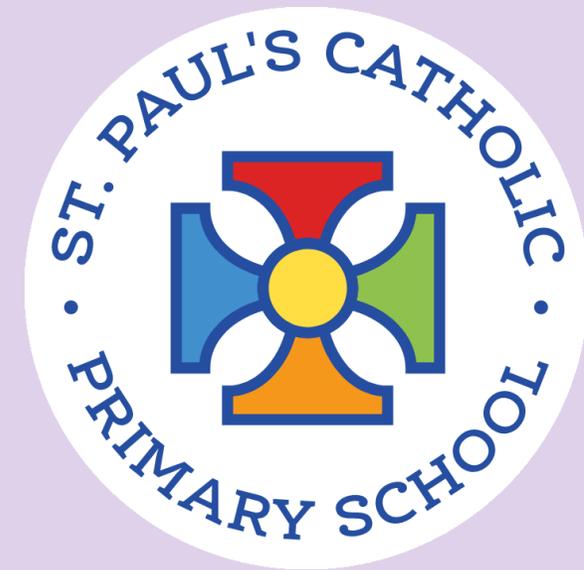
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Shine through the darkness
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Shine in your church gathered today



With our own eyes, we see salvation
Within our hearts, we are set free
Your Word made flesh, hope of the
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Light for the world to see!



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Christ, be our hope! Christ, be our purpose!
Christ, be our vision, radiant and bright!
Christ, be our Way, shatt'ring our blindness
Gifting us with your sight!



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