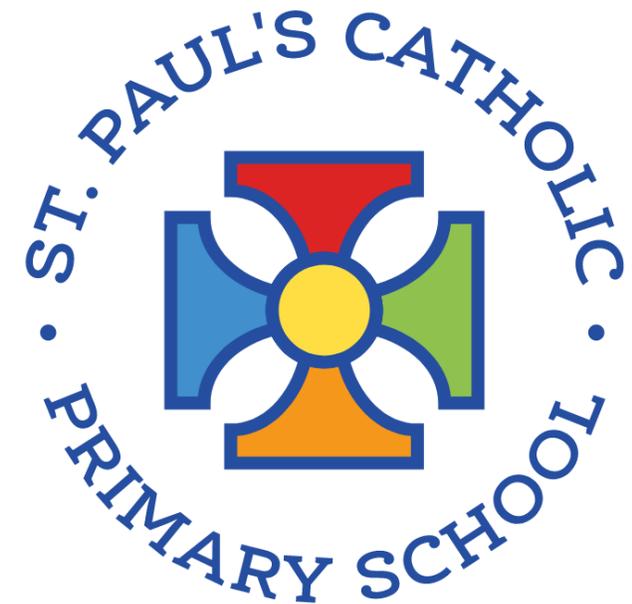




**Whole school Mass – Wednesday 3rd January
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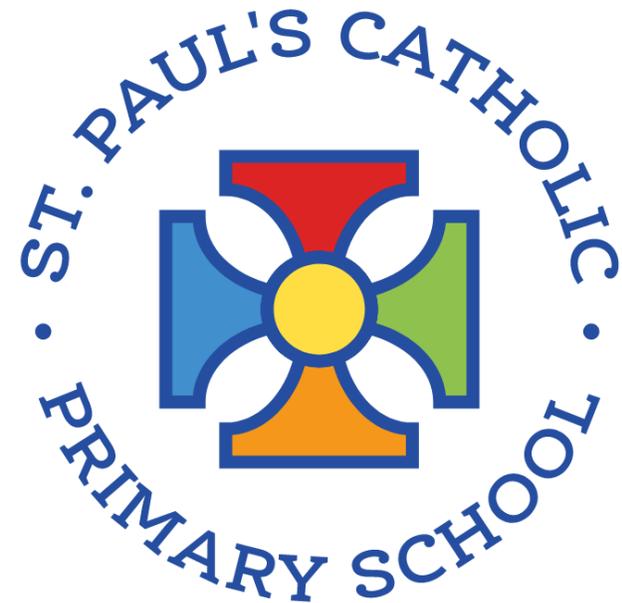
See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name.

O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was
the stable then,
the prince of glory
when he came.



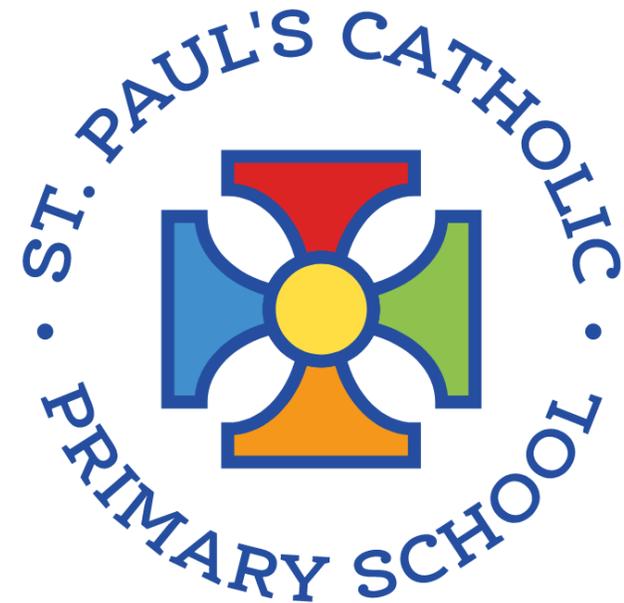
Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from
your stupor rise
to see the saviour
Of the world!

O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.



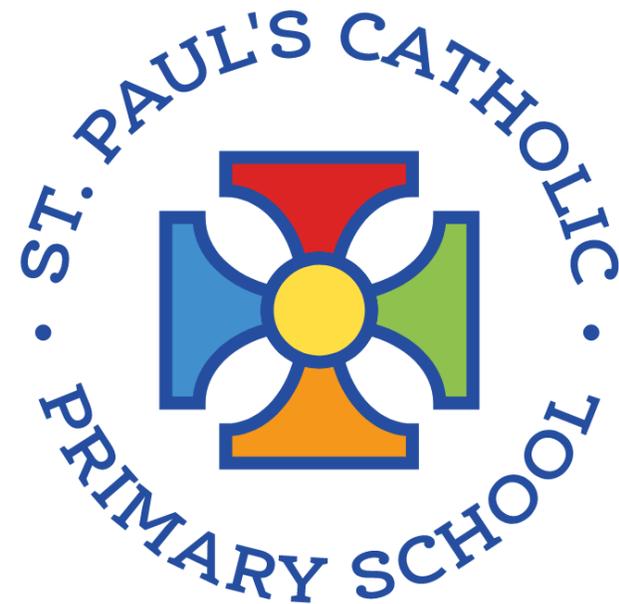
Angels, sing again the song you sang,
Bring God's glory to the heart of man,
Sing that Bethl'hem's little baby can
Be salvation to the soul.

O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.



Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for
my joy.

O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came. (x2)



Sign of the Cross

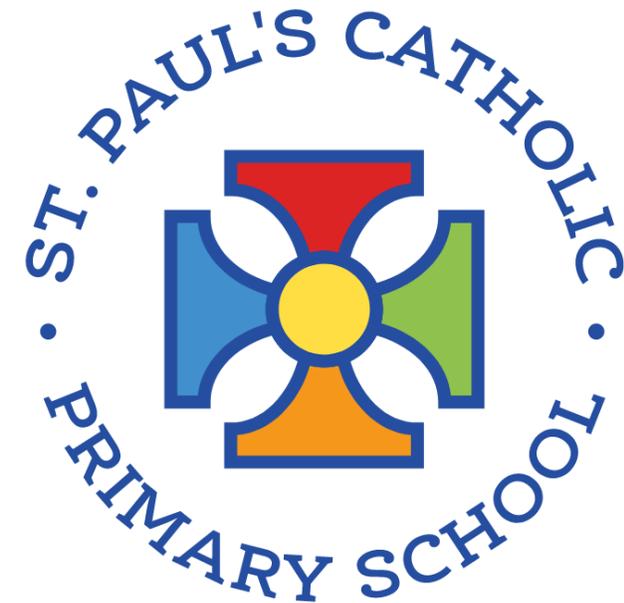
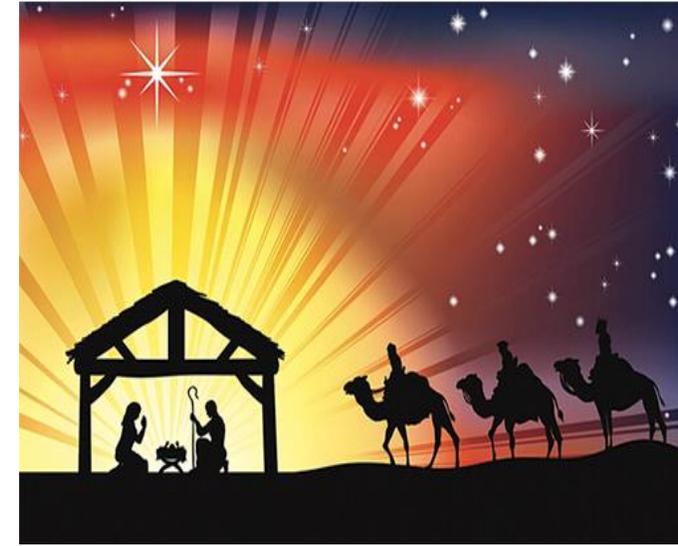
Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: 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.

All: And with your spirit.

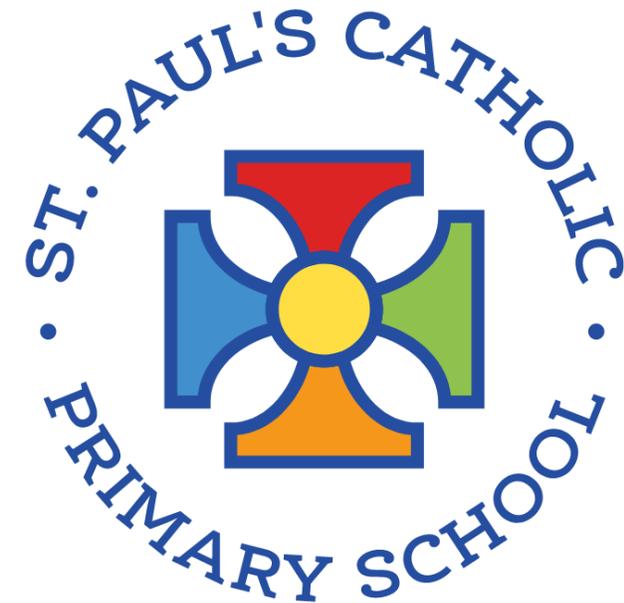
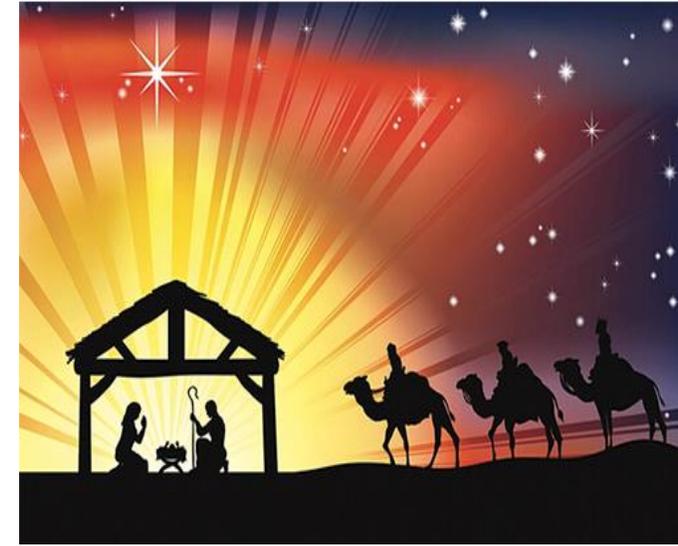


Introduction – Read by Rory.

During this time, after Christmas, we gather together as a whole school and we thank God for the wonder of Christmas. We have had time with our families and loved ones to reflect on the joy of the birth of Jesus. Many of us will have had Christmas lights on our Christmas trees and houses, symbolising Jesus as the light of the world. They also brighten up the darkness of the rather wet and windy Christmas we all faced.

As we celebrated in a time of peace in our country many of us may have been aware that Bethlehem, the place of Jesus' birth, is once again facing an unsettled period. Our Nativity stories told of the census enforced by Herod and how Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem for this, therefore Bethlehem was very busy at the time of Jesus' birth. This year, however, many people would have been trying to get away from Bethlehem due to war and conflict.

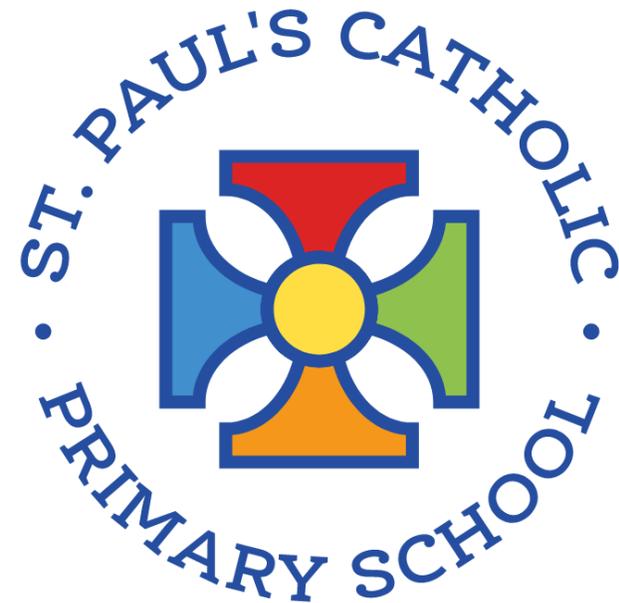
In a few days time we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. This part of God's story brings us hope. God included everybody in his story, the poor and the humble in the shepherds and the 'wise men from lands afar' as described by year 2. God welcomed people from all nationalities, religions and backgrounds to the birth of his son. This shows us that we too must be warm and welcoming to all people regardless of where they come from or what they have. We hope that this message is shared and understood not just within our school community, but also by all world leaders.



Penitential Act

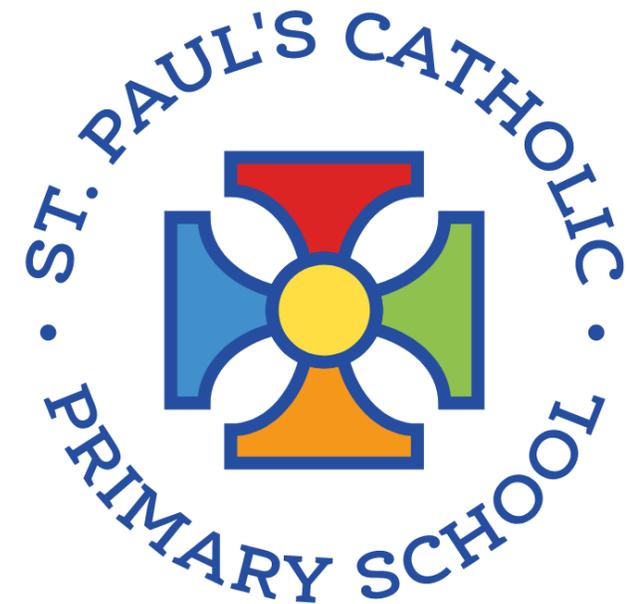
Priest: Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

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.

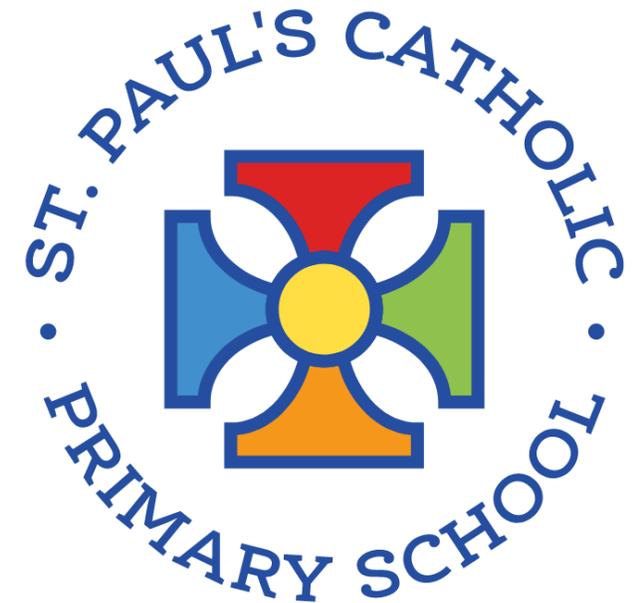
All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest. Lord, have mercy.

All. Lord, have mercy.



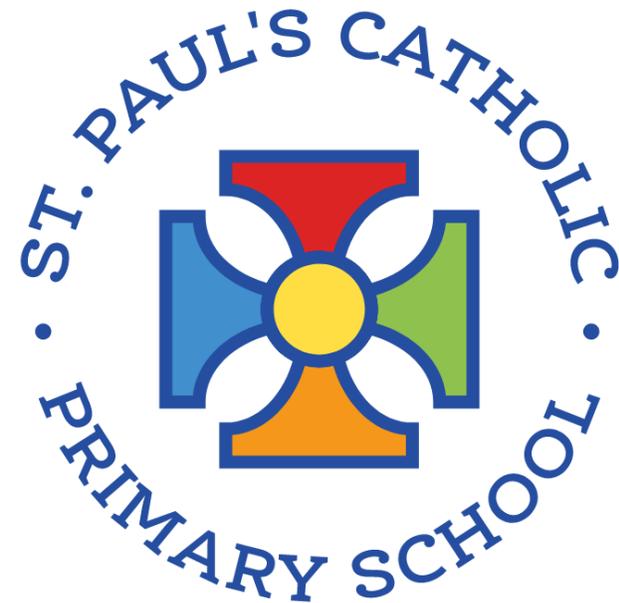
Collect

Let us pray.

Grant us, almighty God, that the bringer of your salvation, who for the world's redemption came forth with newness of heavenly light, may dawn afresh in our hearts and bring us constant renewal.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



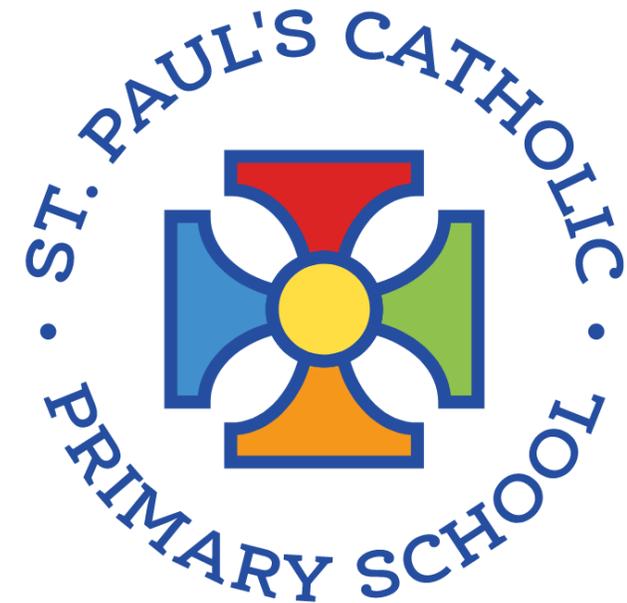
First reading

1 John 2:29-3:6 - Everyone must try to be as pure as Christ

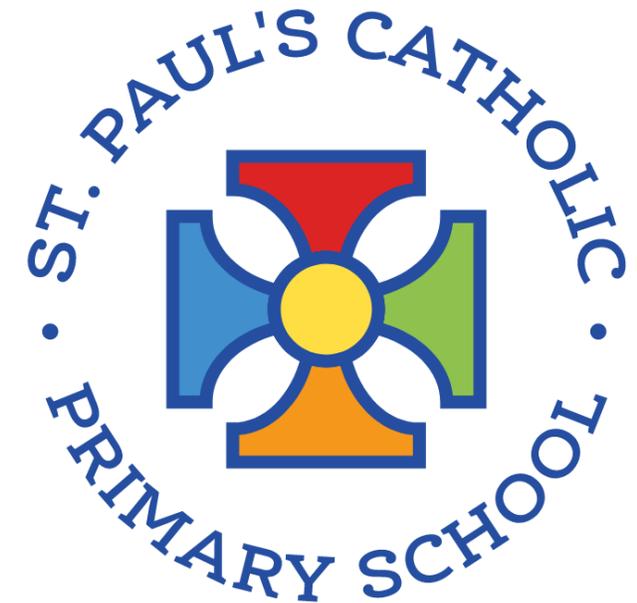
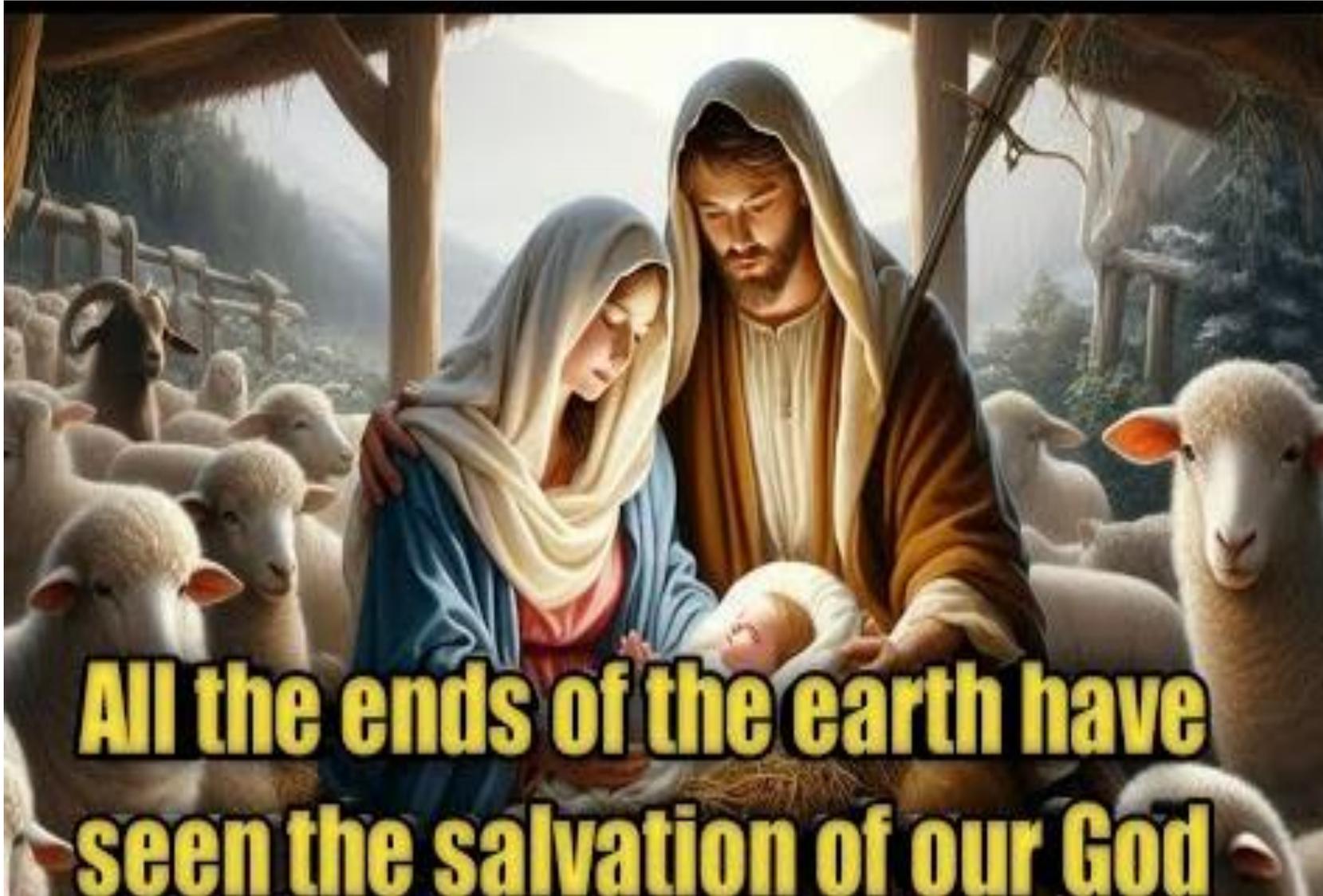


The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

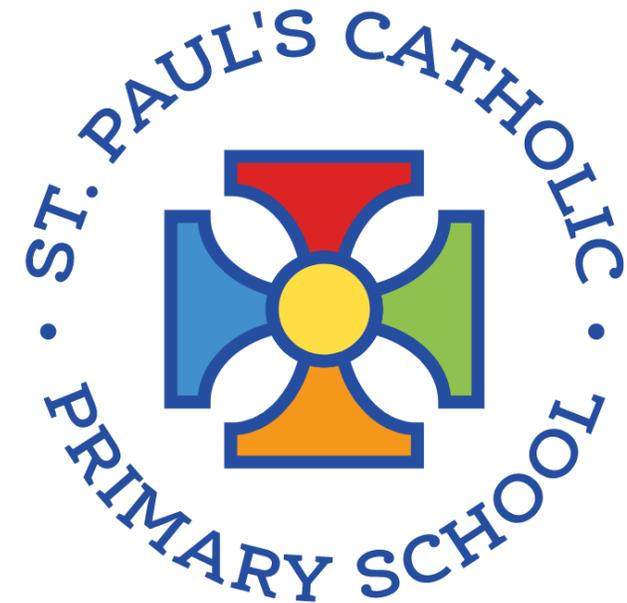
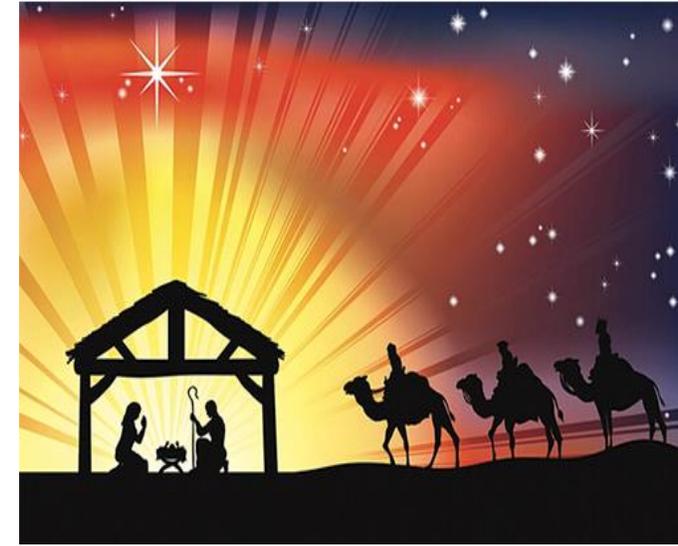


Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.
To all who received him he gave power to
become children of God.

Alleluia!

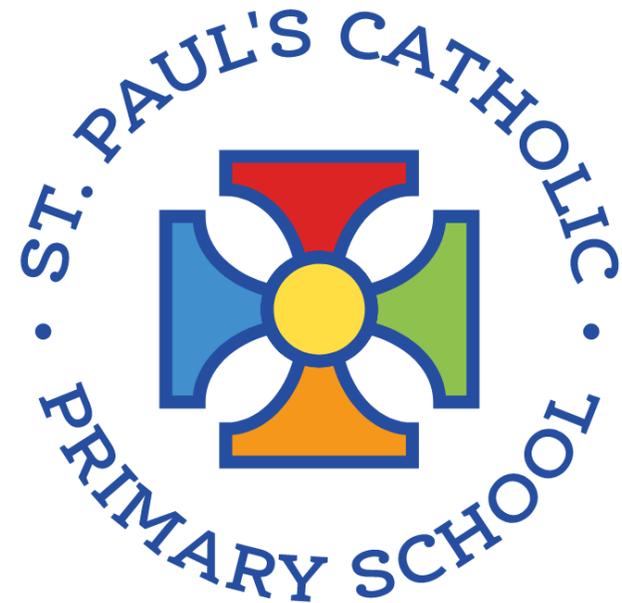


Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.



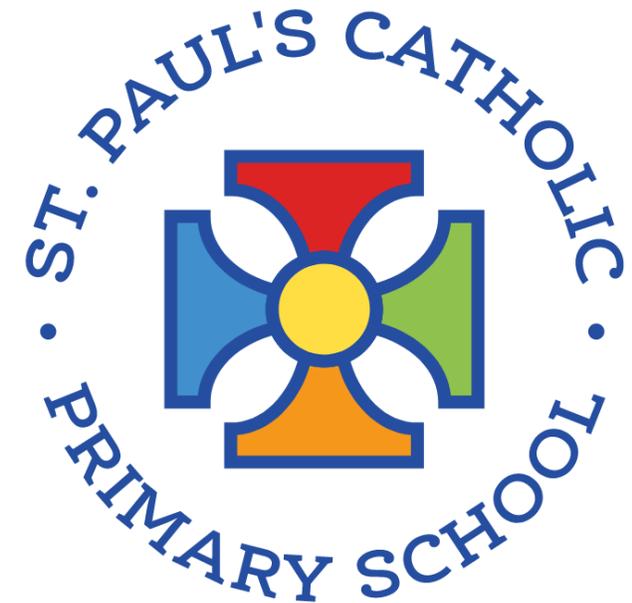
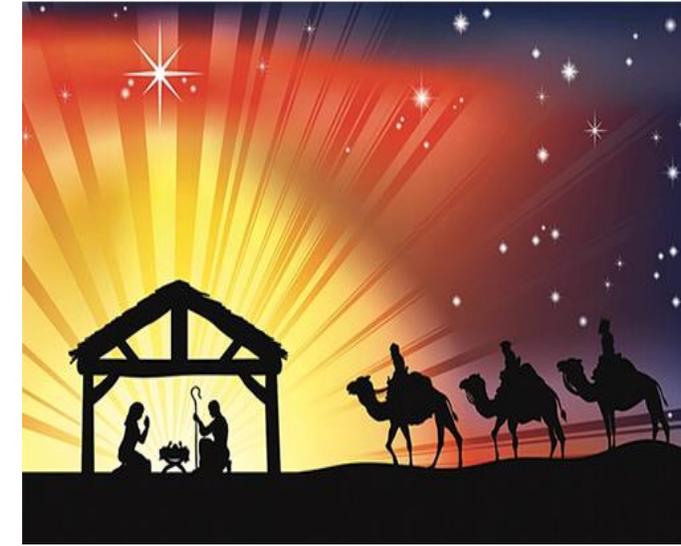
Gospel

John 1:29-34

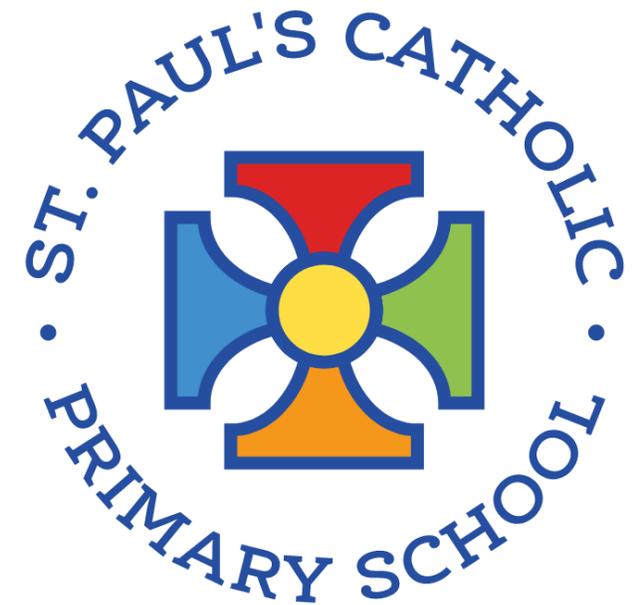


The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



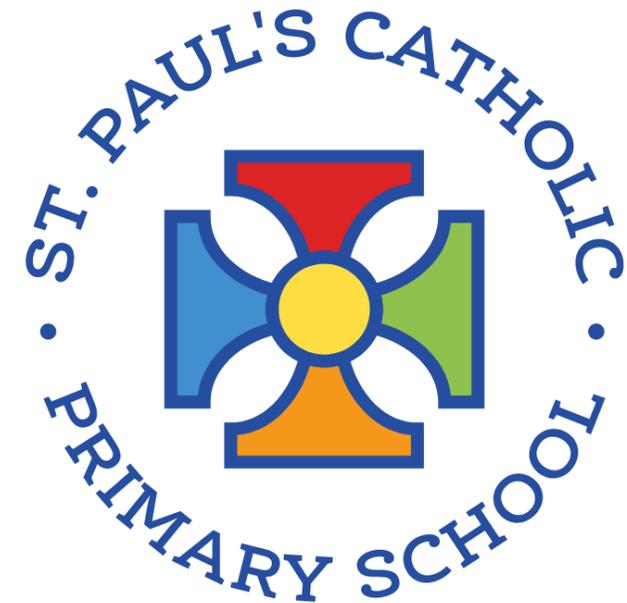
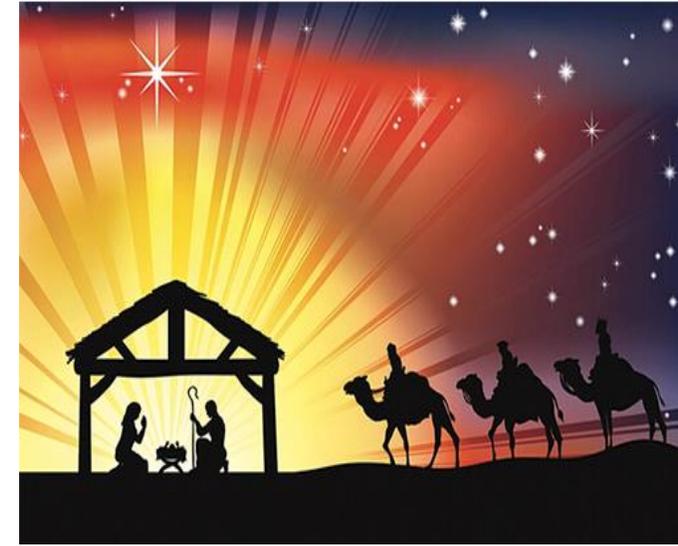
The Homily



The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

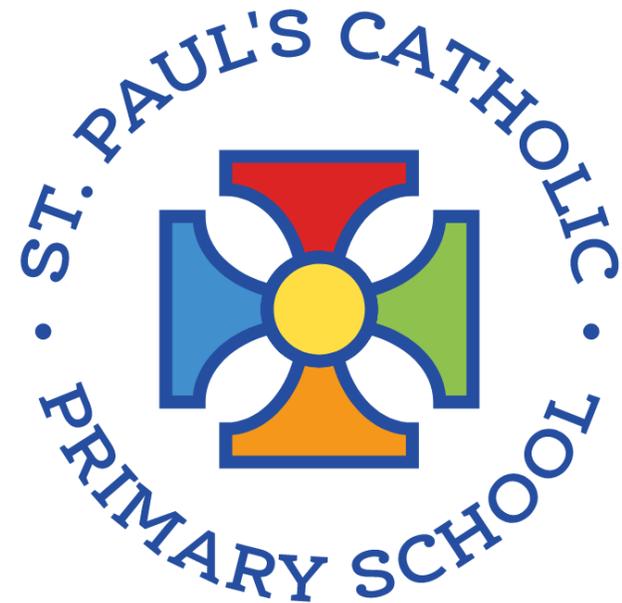
All: Hear our prayer.



The Offertory

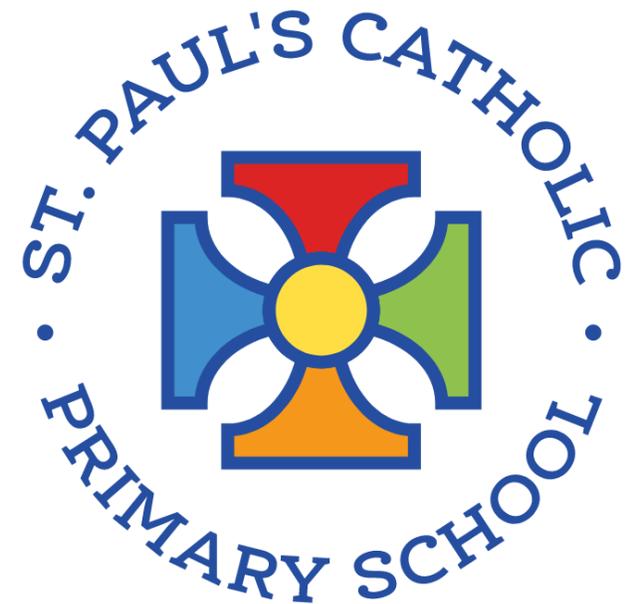
1. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this bread we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the bread of life.

Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!
Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!

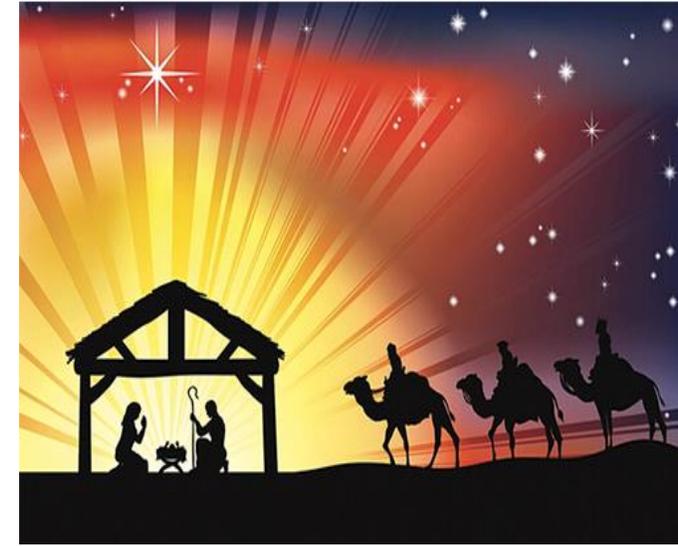


2. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this wine we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the cup of life.

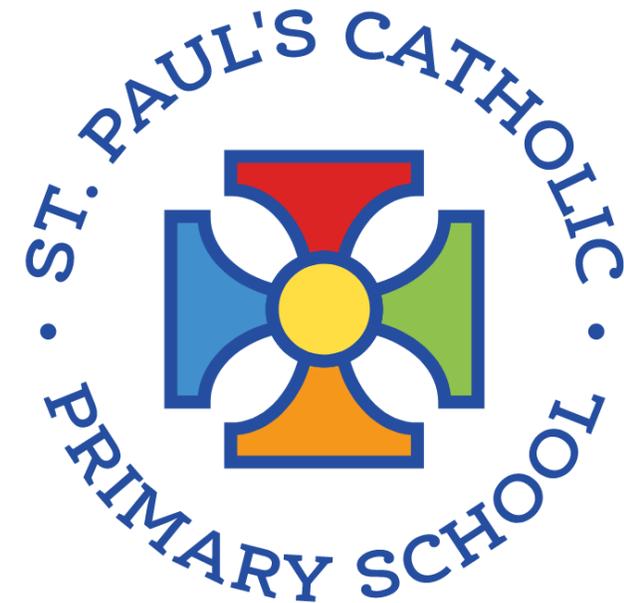
Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!
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Blessed be God forever! Amen!



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



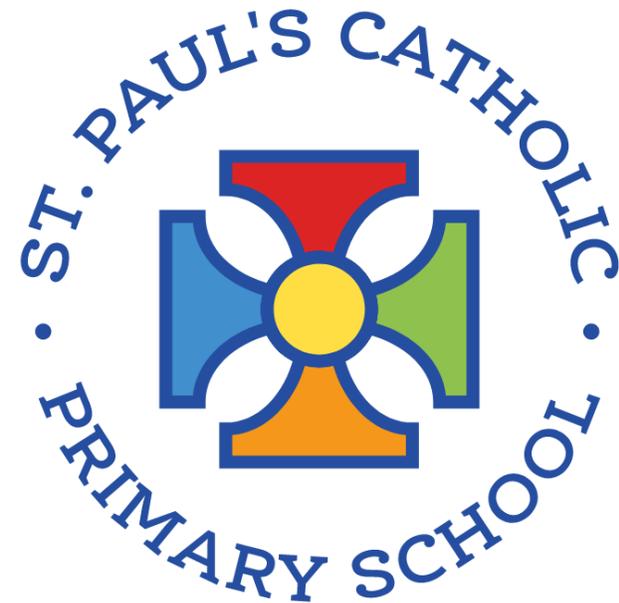
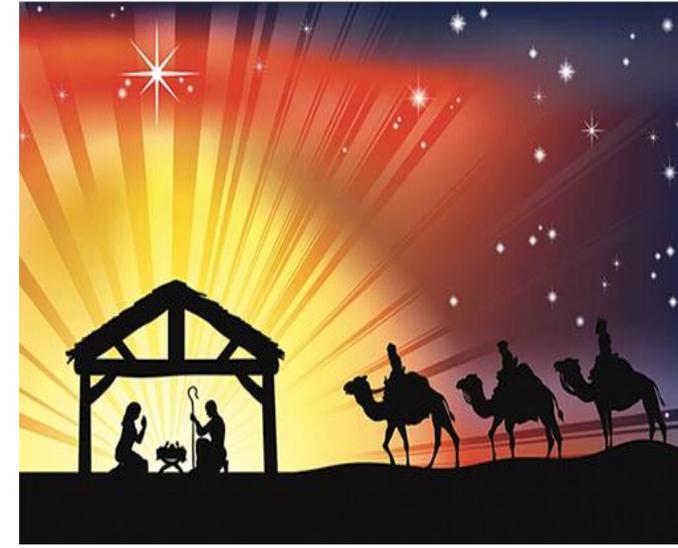
All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.



Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that, through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

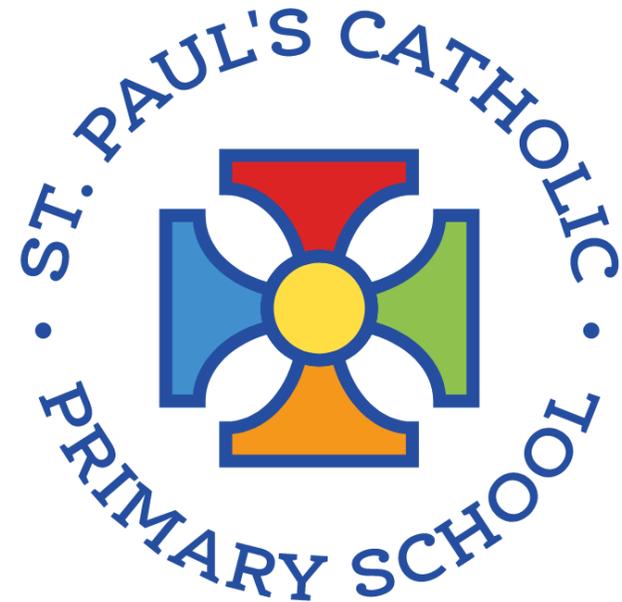
All: And with your spirit.

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.

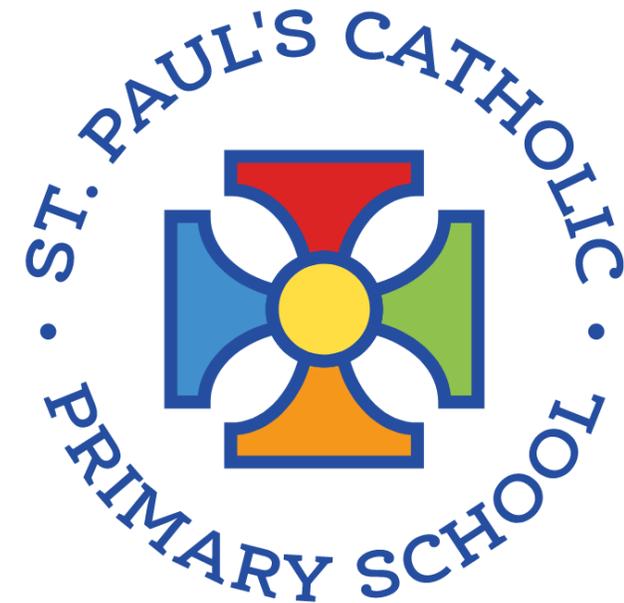


Preface

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, through Christ our Lord.

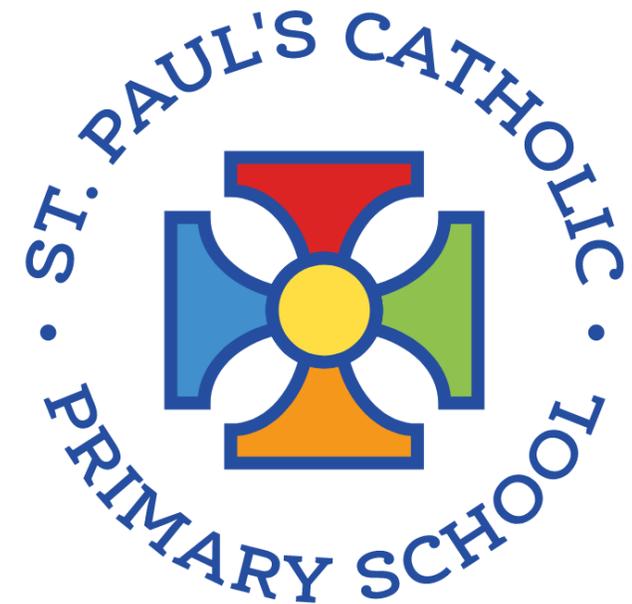
For on the feast of this awe-filled mystery, though invisible in his own divine nature, he has appeared visibly in ours; and begotten before all ages, he has begun to exist in time; so that, raising up in himself all that was cast down, he might restore unity to all creation and call straying humanity back to the heavenly Kingdom.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration 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.

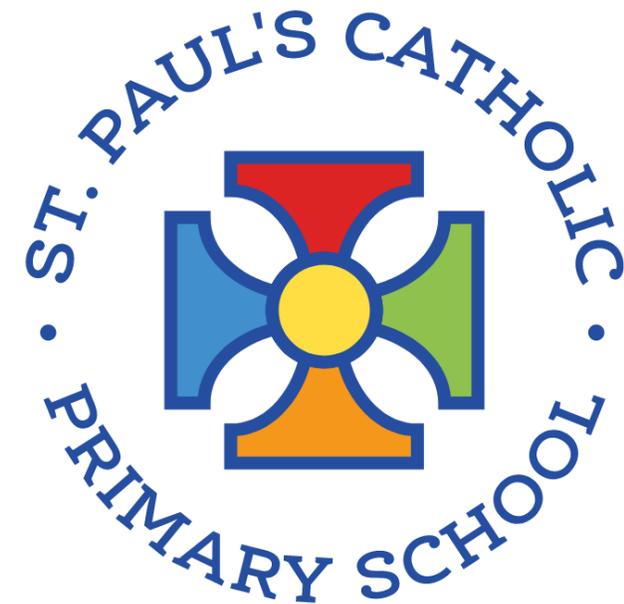


Eucharistic Prayer II

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.

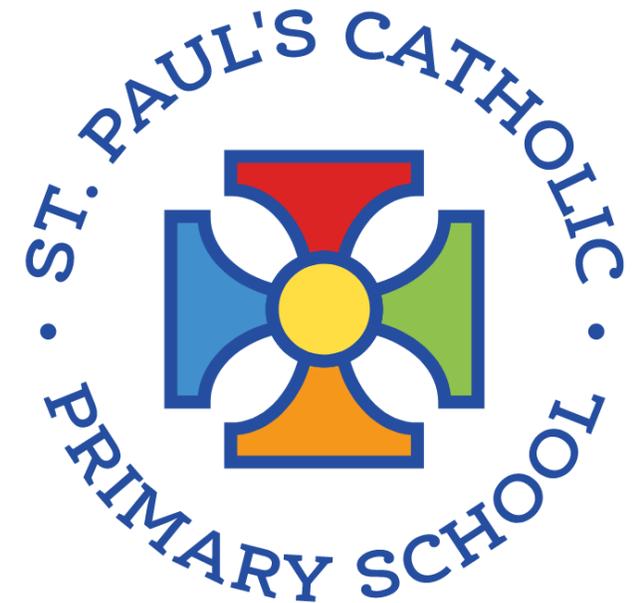
At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:



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

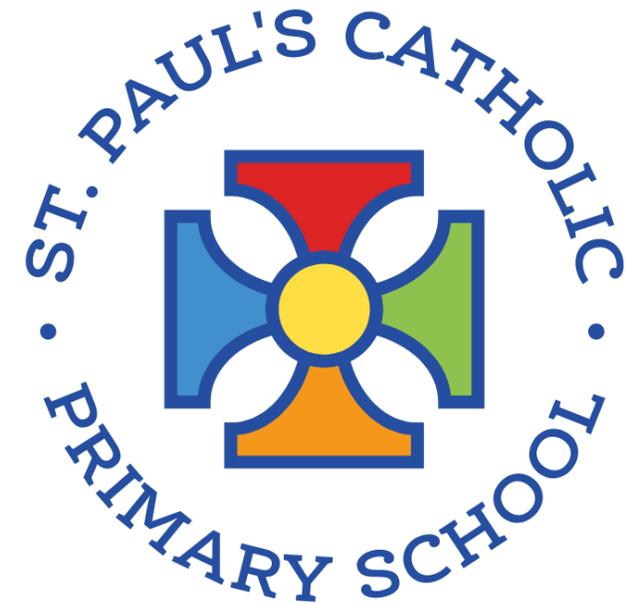
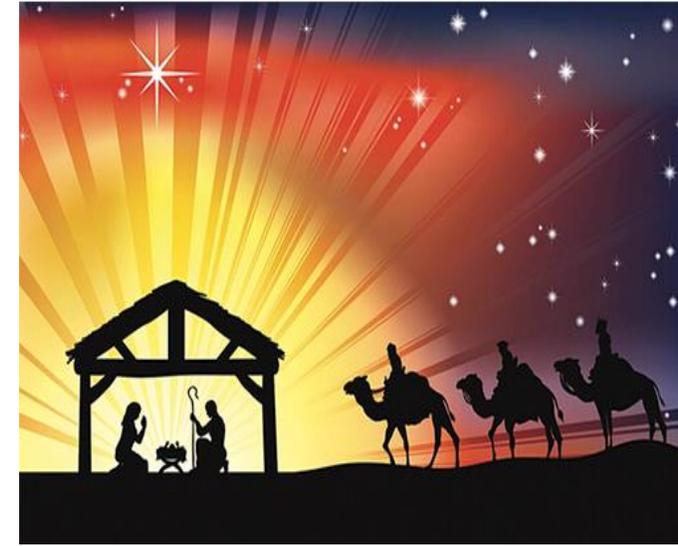
In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

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



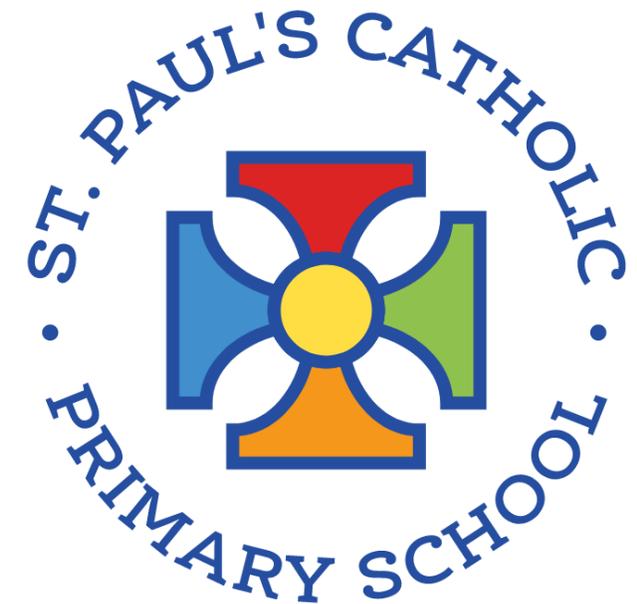
The mystery of faith.

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

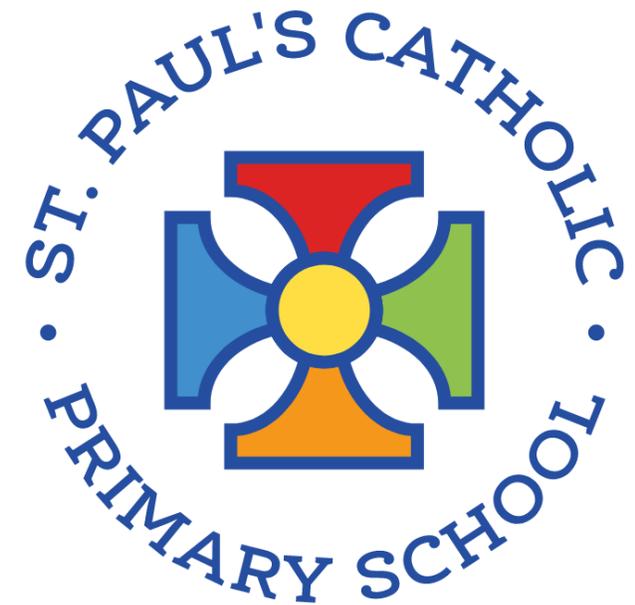


Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

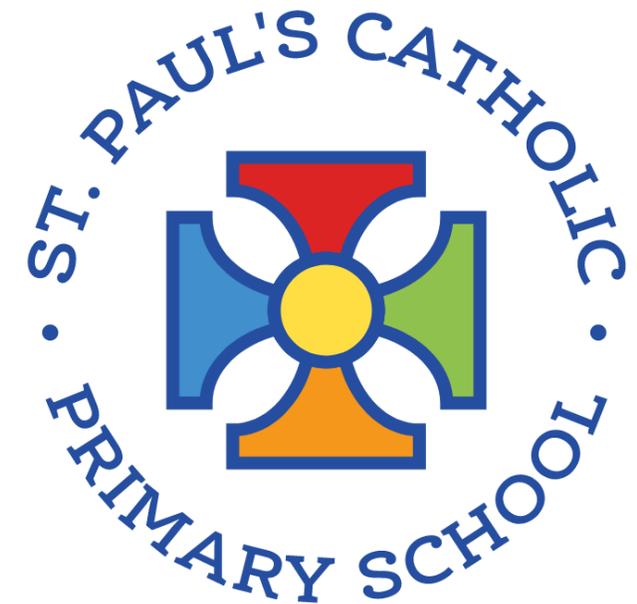
Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.



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.

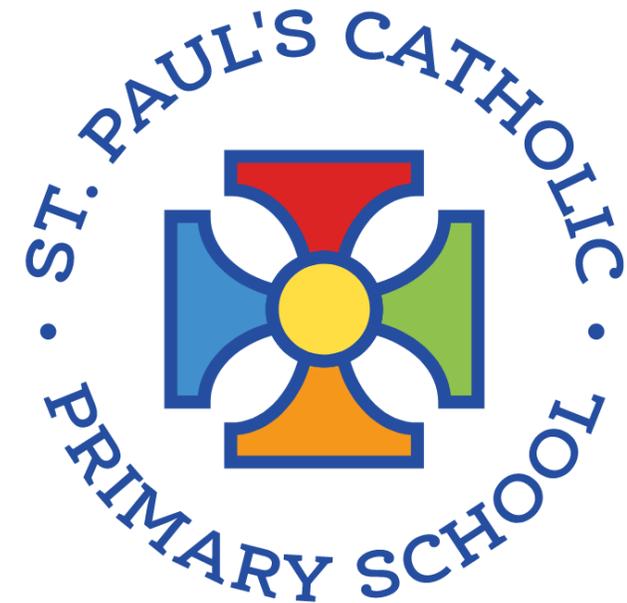


Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed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

All: Amen.



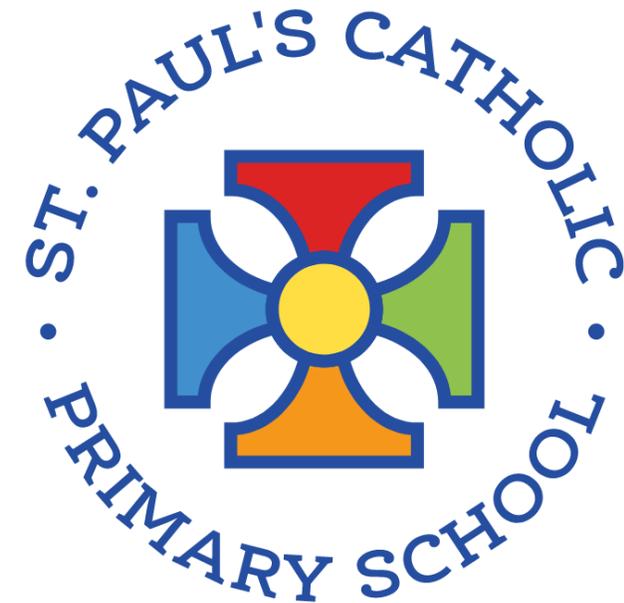
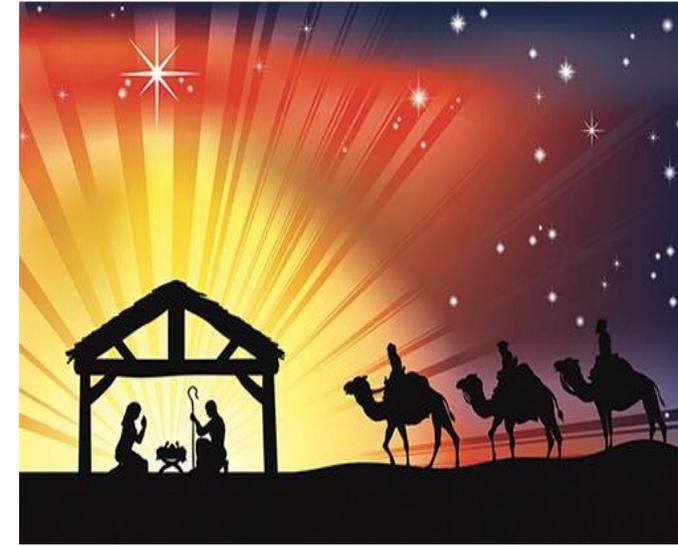
The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

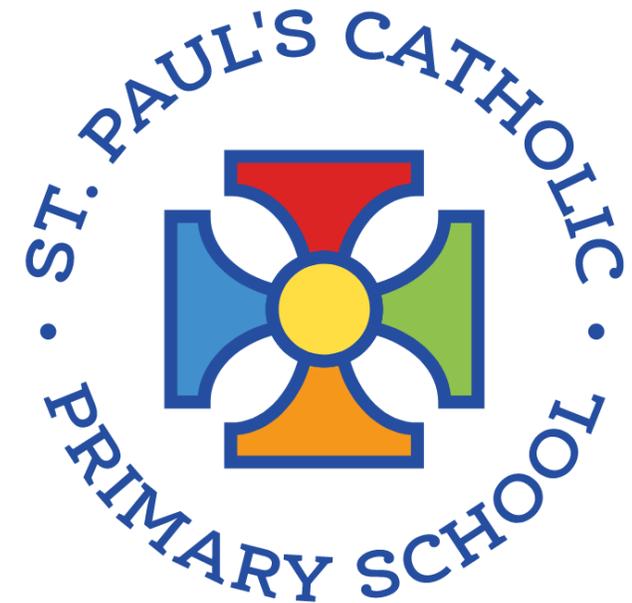
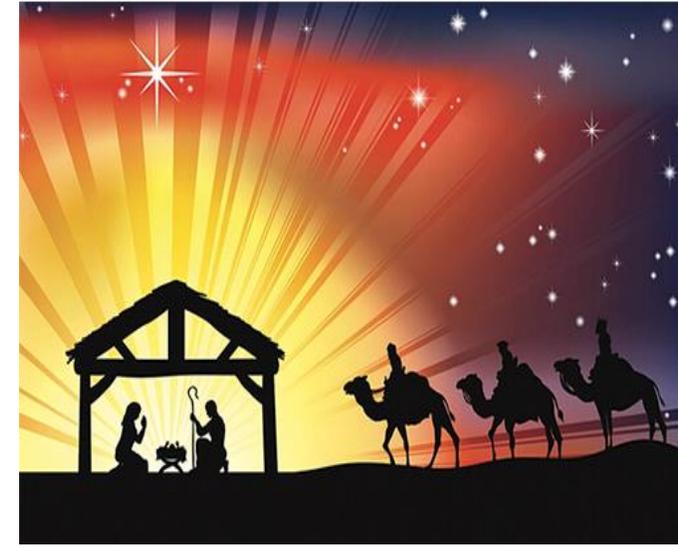
(All Stand)

Priest: 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.



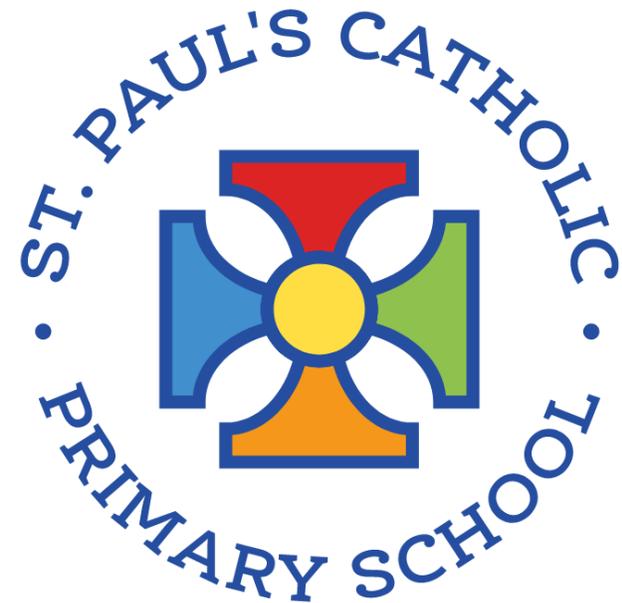
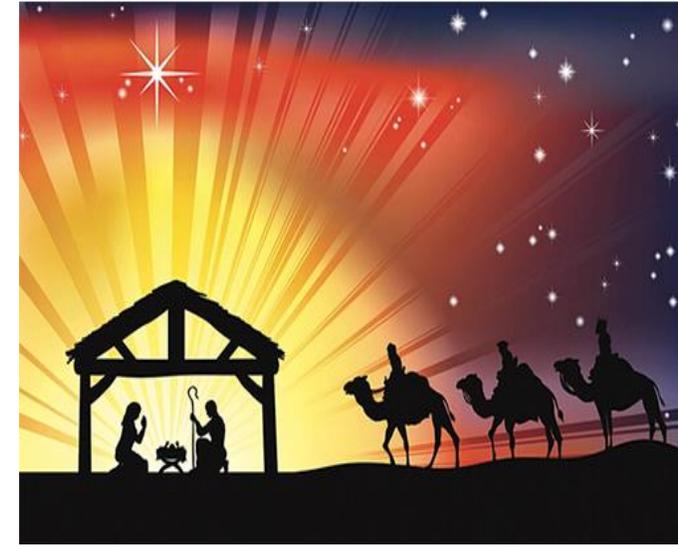
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



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

Priest :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.

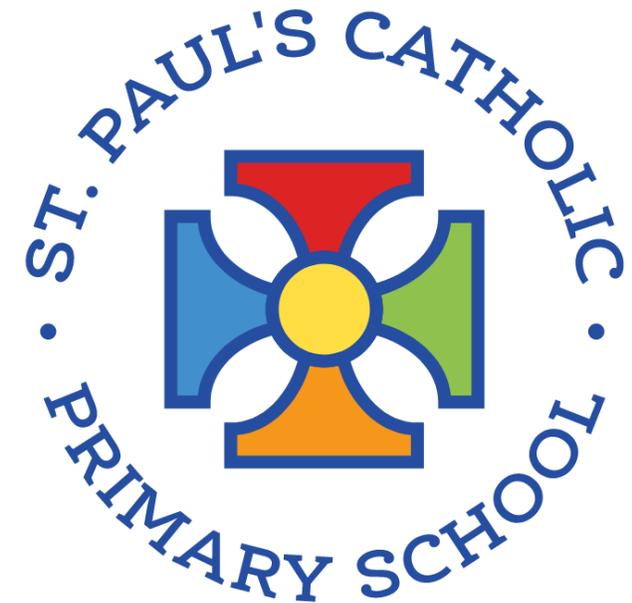
All: Amen



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.



Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

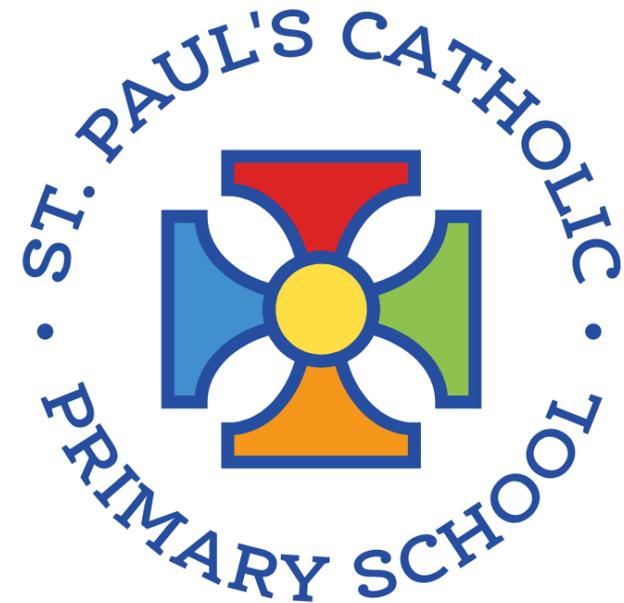
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

grant us peace.

(All kneel).

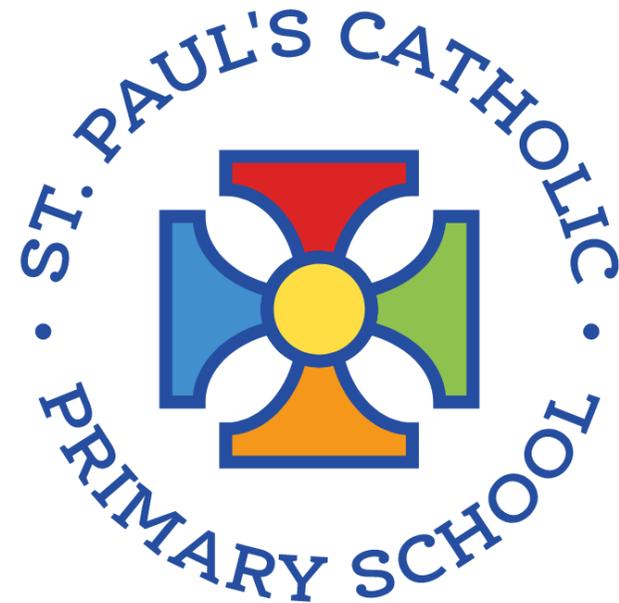


Invitation to Communion

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.

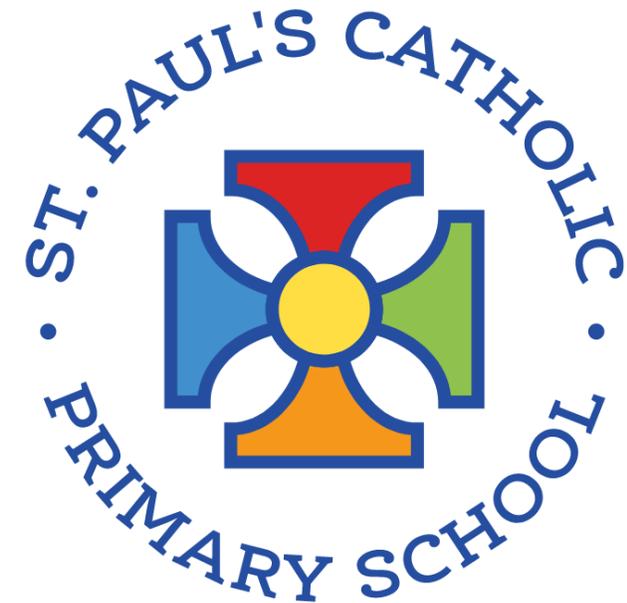
All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be
healed.



Communion Hymn 1

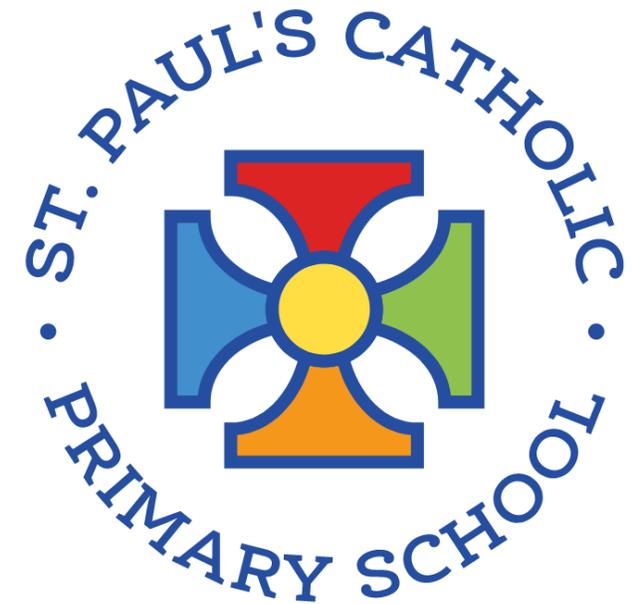
Hear the bells ringing
Angels are singing
Joy Jesus

For every nation
This is salvation
Joy Jesus



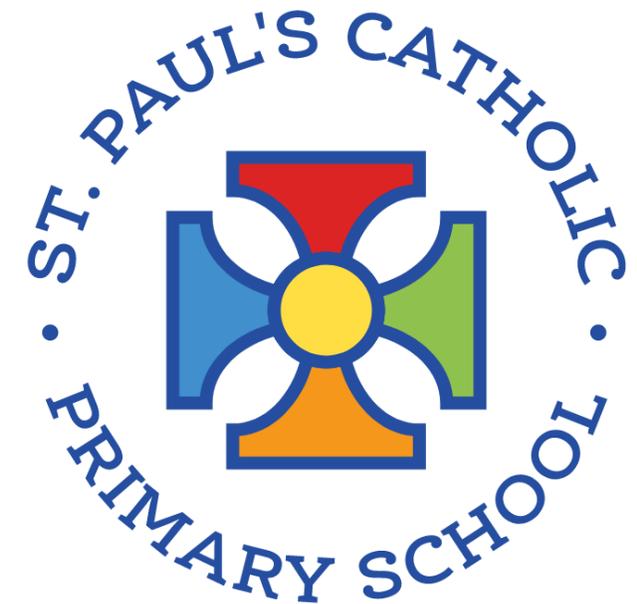
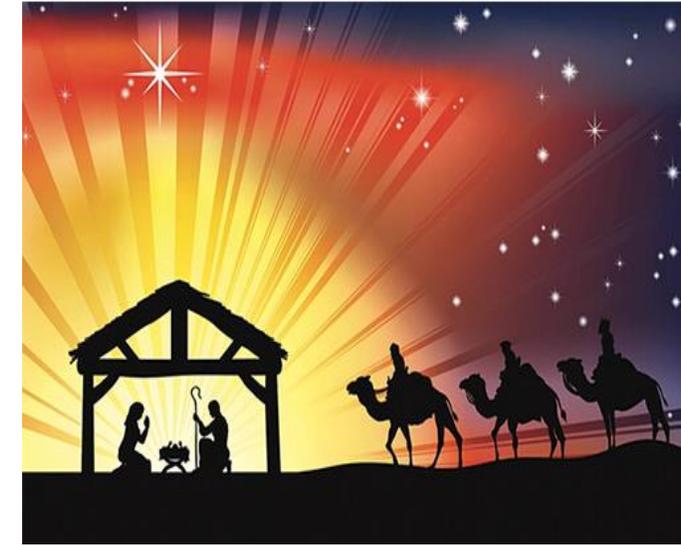
Our creator, God the author
Came into His world
All his glory, all his splendour
Laid aside for us

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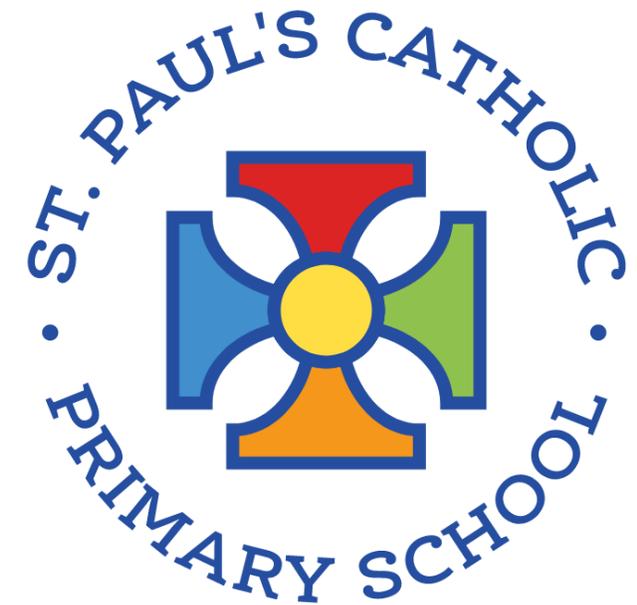
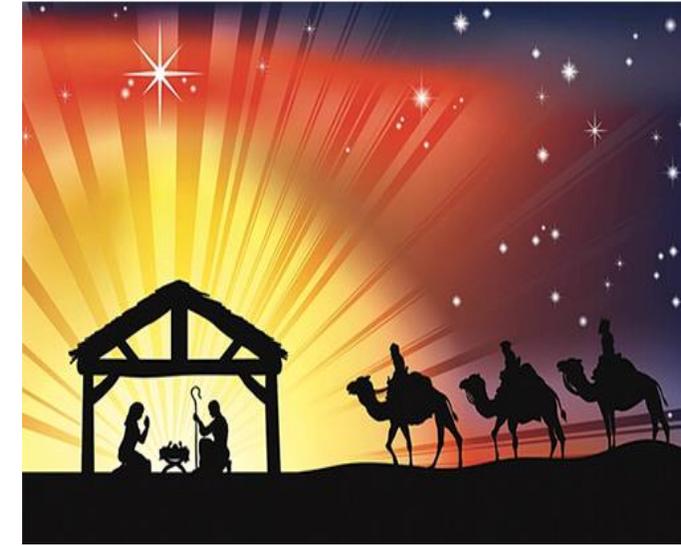
To the poorest, in the darkness
Came our King of light
To the humble, in a stable
On that starry night

Come and sing with me
And celebrate
The Saviour's day
Come and give your heart
And worship
On the Saviour's Day



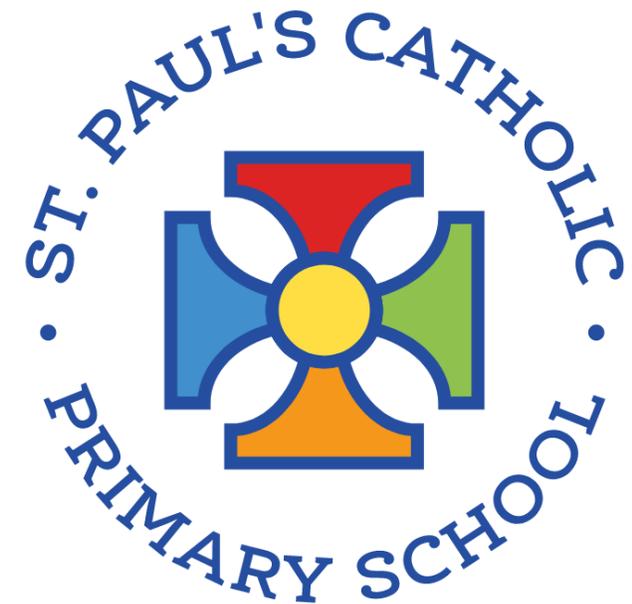
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Wake up world and join the singing
Stars light up the sky.
Mountains bow down
Voices cry out
Jesus reigns on high



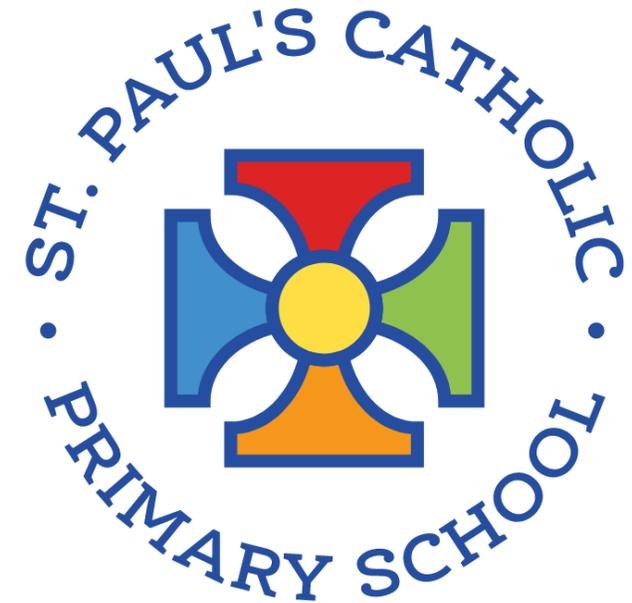
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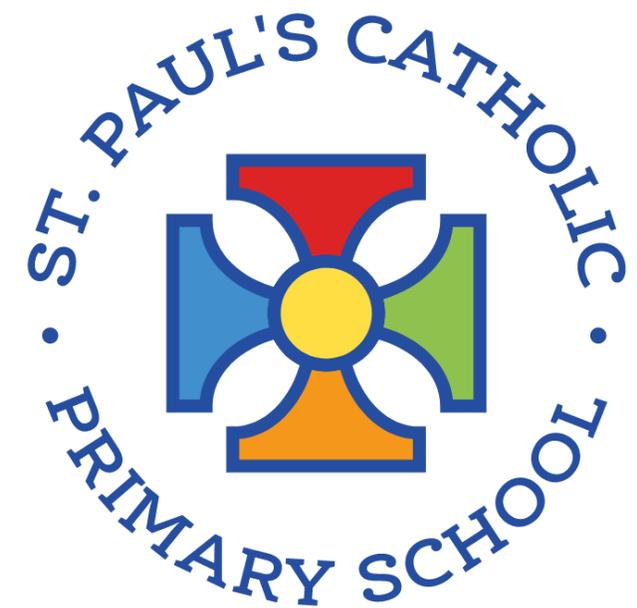
Come and sing with me
And celebrate
The Saviour's day

Come and give your heart
And worship
On the Saviour's Day



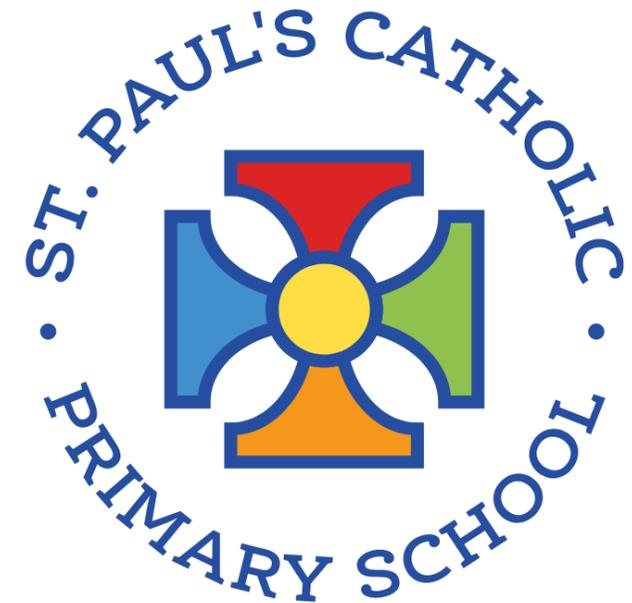
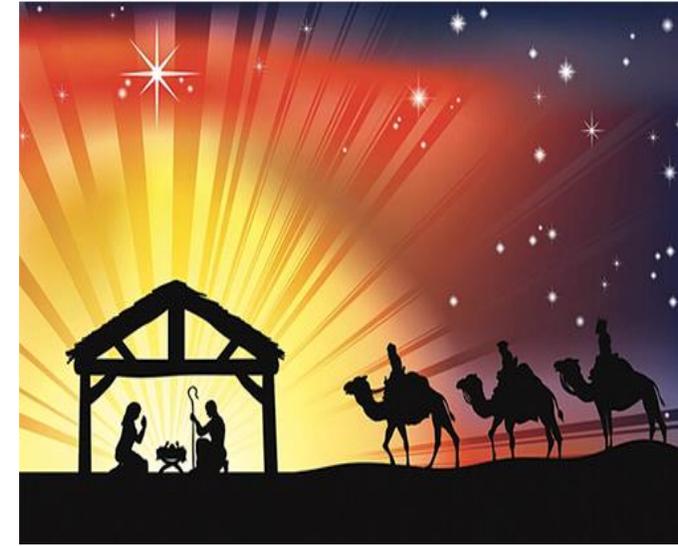
Hear the bells ringing
Angels are singing
Joy Jesus

For every nation
This is salvation
Joy Jesus

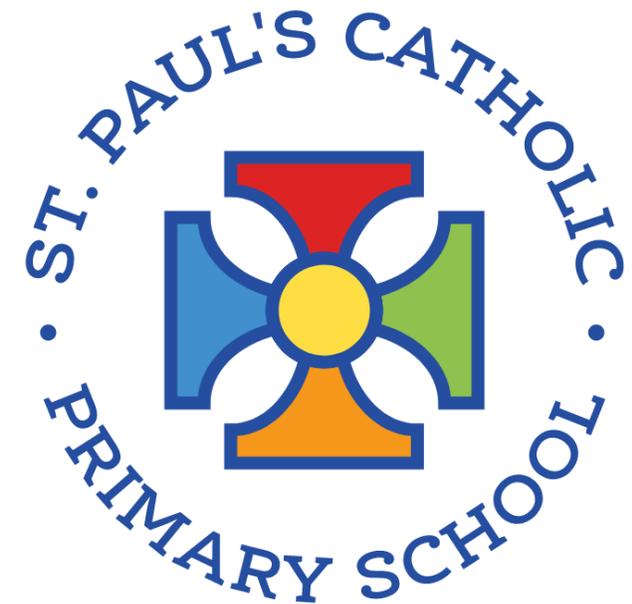


Communion Hymn 2

Long time ago in Bethlehem
so the Holy Bible say
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ
was born on Christmas Day.

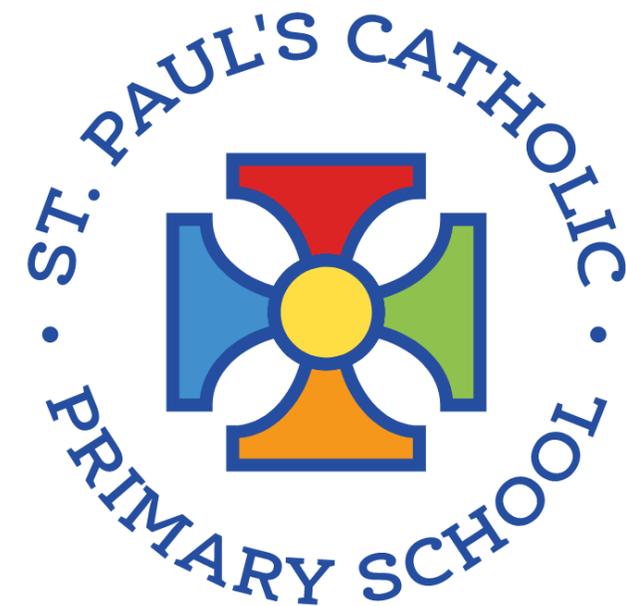
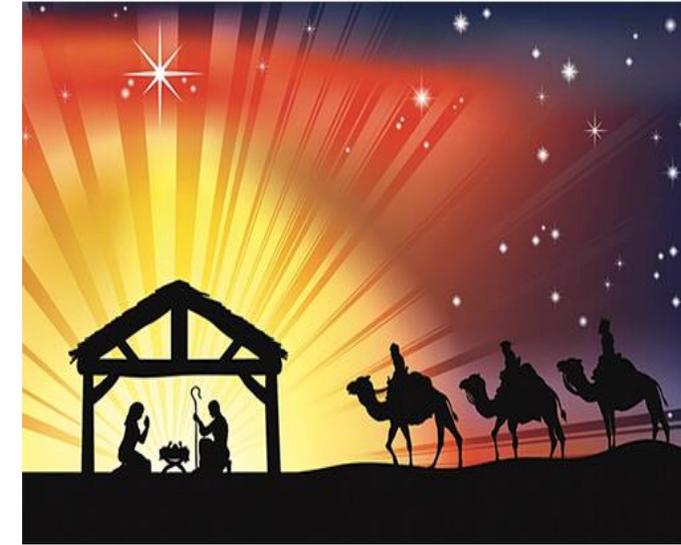


Hark now, hear the angels sing,
A new king born today!
And we may live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing,
listen to what they say,
that we may live for evermore
because of Christmas day.

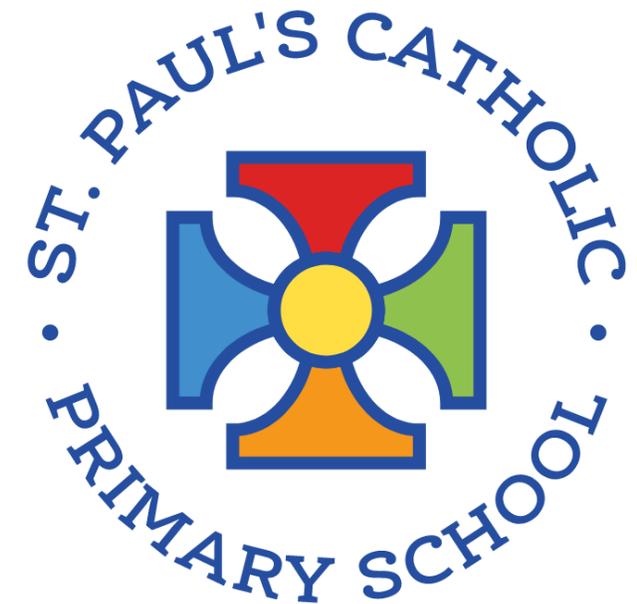


While shepherds watch their flock by night
them see a bright new shining star.
Them hear a choir sing, the music seemed to
come from afar.

Now Joseph and his wife Mary come to
Bethlehem that night.
She have no place to bare her child, not a
single room was in sight.



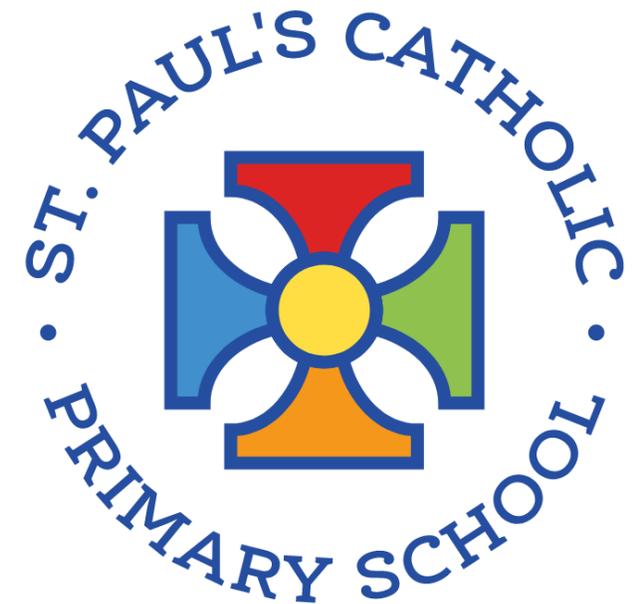
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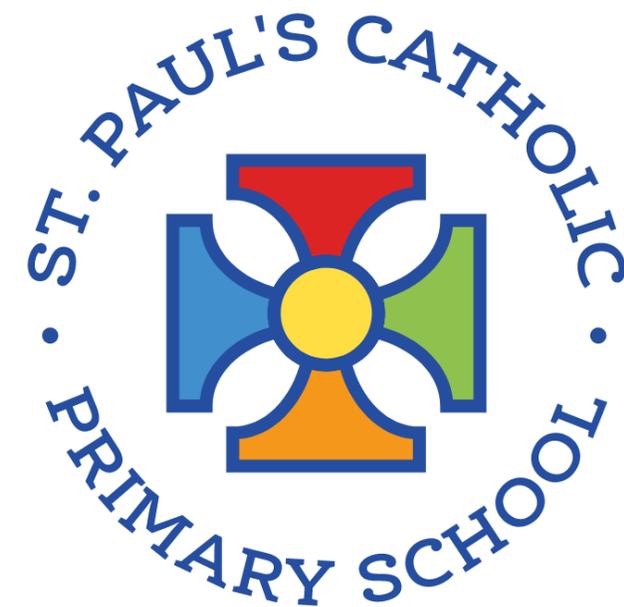
By and by they find a little nook in a stable all
forlorn,
And in a manger cold and dark, Mary's little
boy was born.



Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the holy Bible
say,
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ, was born on
Christmas day.



Hark now, hear the angels sing,
A new king born today!
And we may live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing,
listen to what they say,
that we may live for evermore
because of Christmas day.
Yes, we may live for evermore
Because of Christmas day.

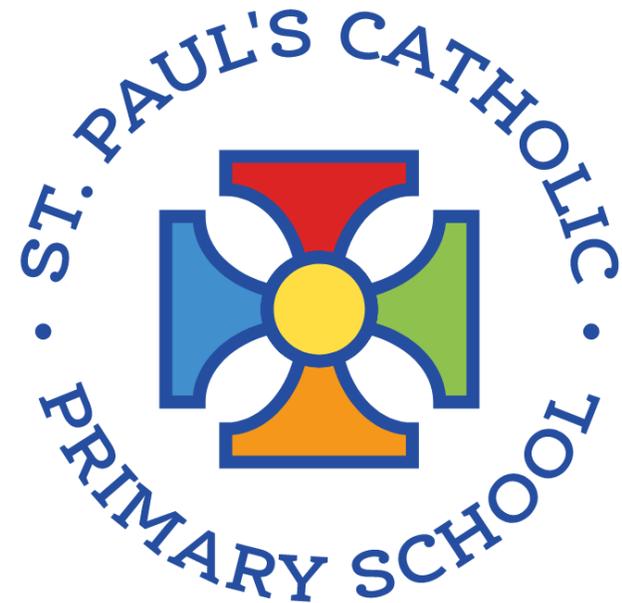
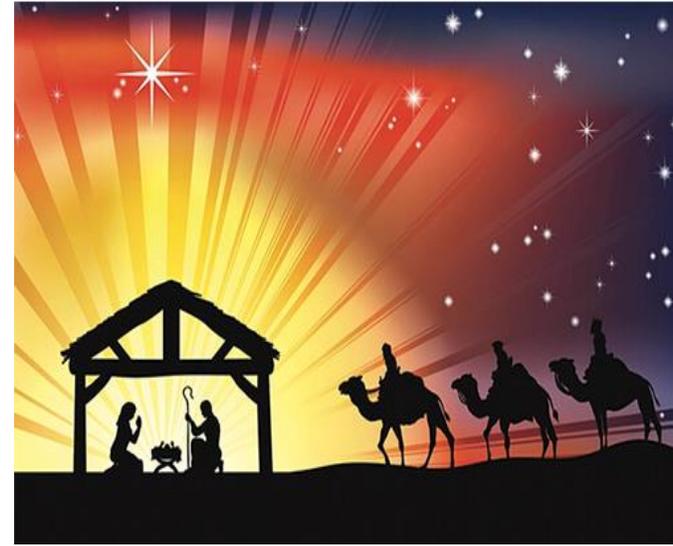


Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

May your people, O Lord,
whom you guide and sustain in many ways,
experience, both now and in the future,
the remedies which you bestow,
that, with the needed solace of things that pass away,
they may strive with ever deepened trust for things eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

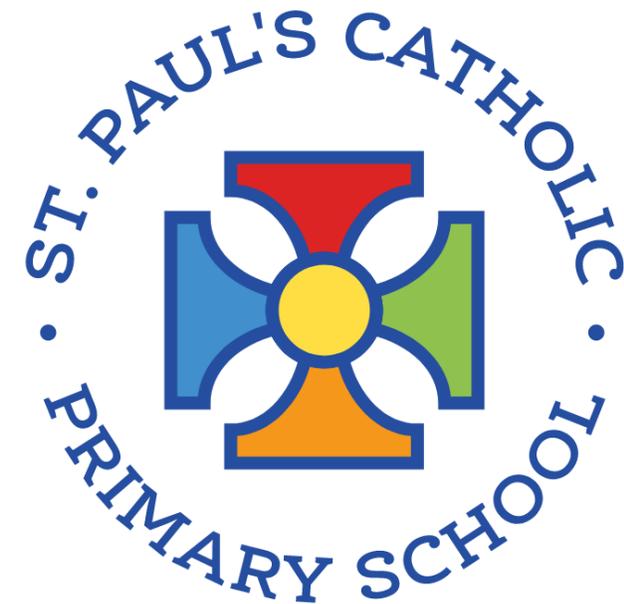


The Concluding Rites

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

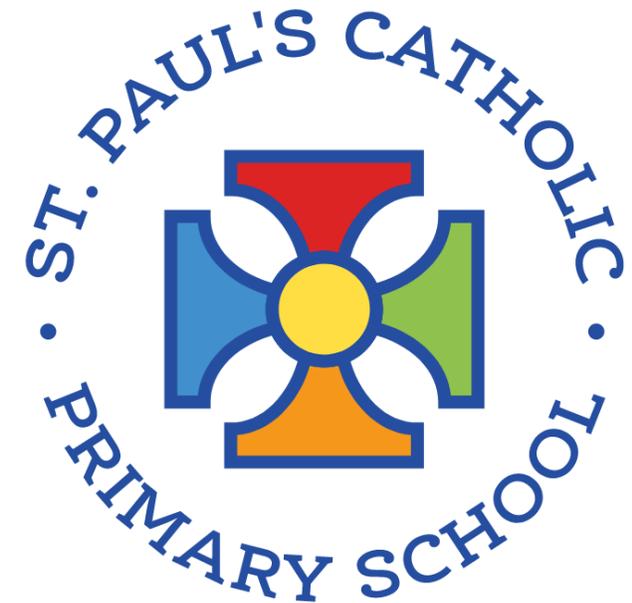
May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.



Dismissal

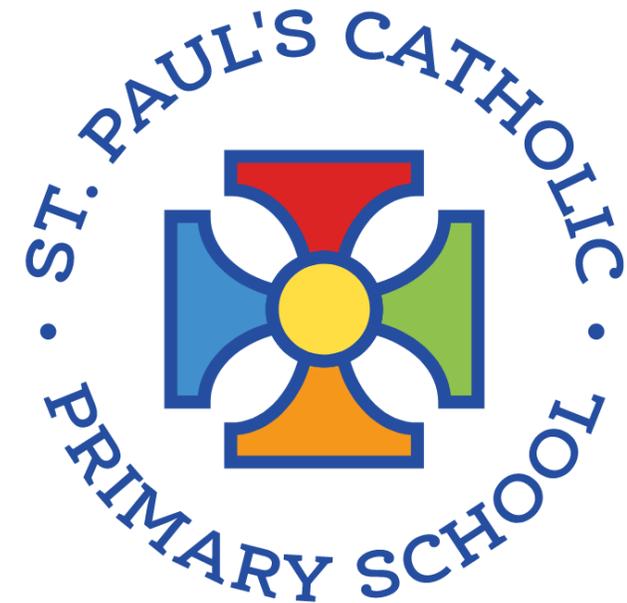
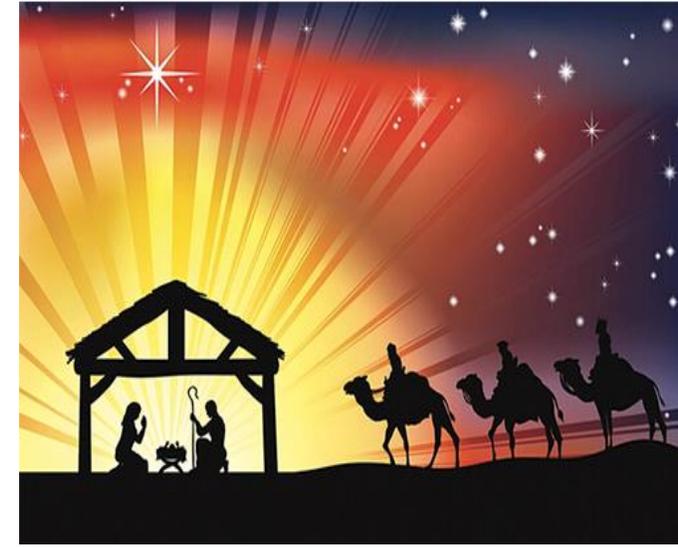
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



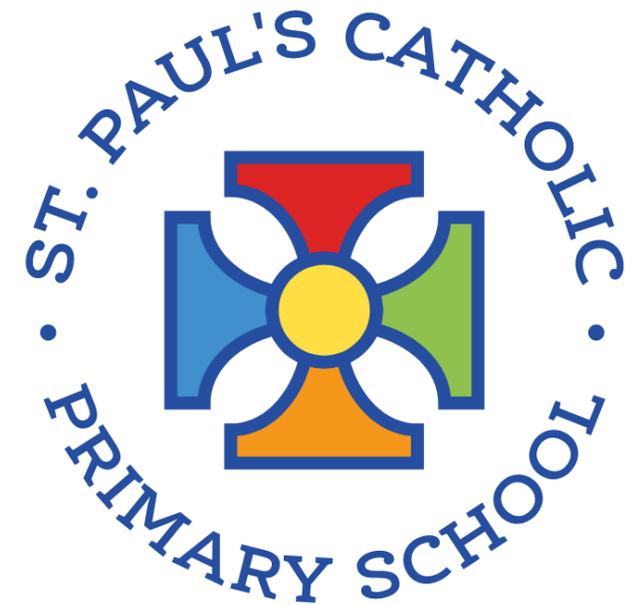
1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.



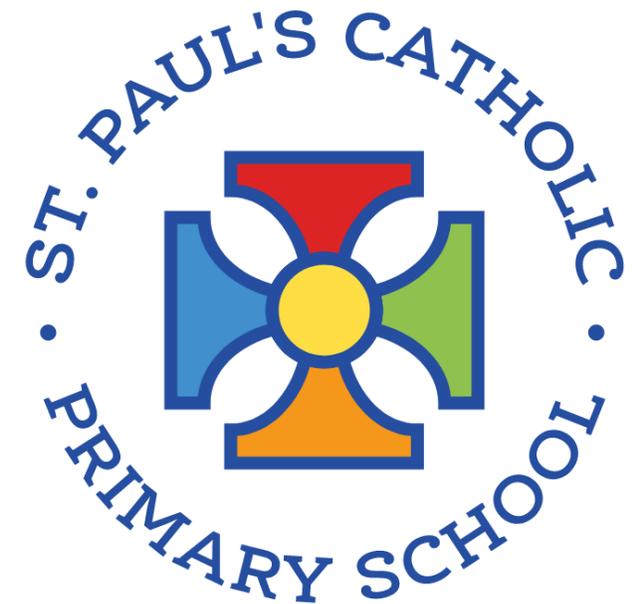
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.



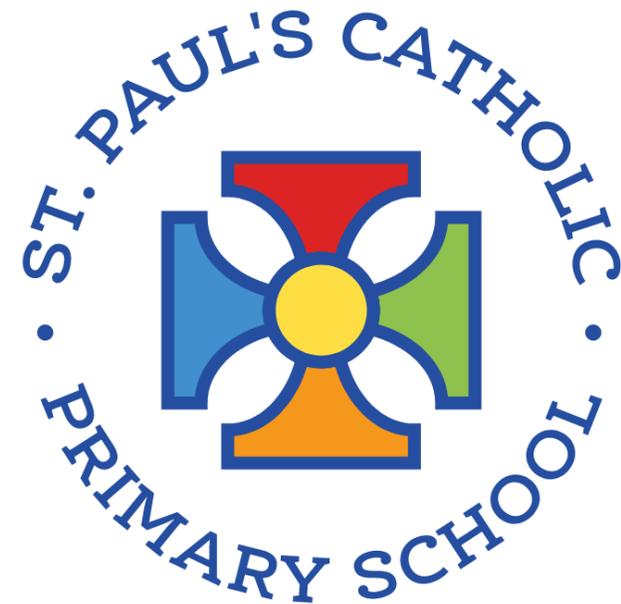
3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.



4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light



5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

