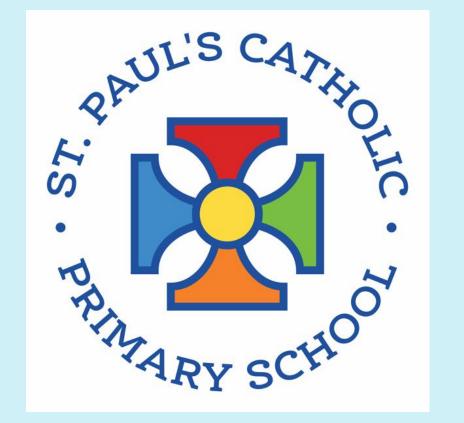
Welcome to our 50th Anniversary Mass



6th March 2024



St Paul's Catholic Primary School 1974 - 2024

Entrance Hymn

- Gather! Gather!
- Gather in the light of his flame. Gather! Gather! Shout! Praise! Glorify his name.

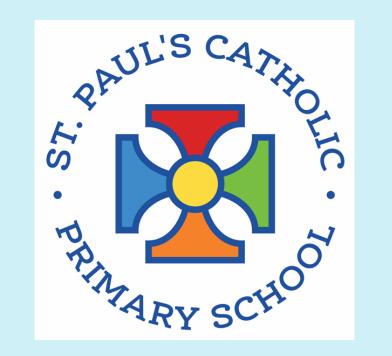
Journeying together. (echo) Following St Paul's Way (echo) Sing Praise! Sing Praise! Gather! Gather! Gather in the light of his flame. Gather! Gather! Shout! Praise! Glorify his name.

Join the celebration. (echo) 50 years together. (echo) Proclaim! Proclaim! Gather! Gather! Gather in the light of his flame. Gather! Gather! Shout! Praise! Glorify his name.

Christ the Lord has called us. (echo) Joined us as one body. (echo) Rejoice! Rejoice! Gather! Gather! Gather in the light of his flame. Gather! Gather! Shout! Praise! Glorify his name.

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Introduction



Dear Lord, Bless our school, That by working together and playing together. We may learn to serve you And to serve one another Amen.



Sign of the Cross and Greeting

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

All: Amen

Bishop Declan: 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.

Penitential Act

Bishop Declan: 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. Bishop Declan: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. All: Amen.

Bishop Declan: Lord, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop Declan: Christ, have mercy. All: Christ, have mercy.

Bishop Declan: Lord, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.

The Liturgy of the Word



First Reading

Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5 - 9

At the end of the First Reading.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The response to the Psalm is:

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand to greet the Gospel.

- All: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
- I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
- Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Bishop Declan: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop Declan: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

Bishop Declan: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

DO not think that I came to abolish the LAW or the PROPHETS



I did not come to abolish but to Fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

The Prayer of the Faithful

Response to the prayers:

Hear our prayer.

Offertory hymn

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me, Gave me light and food and shelter, Gave me life and set me free. Now, because your love has touched me, I have love to give away.

Now the bread of love is rising (x3) Loaves of love to multiply

Take the fruit that I have gathered, From the tree your Spirit sowed, Harvest of your own compassion, Juice that makes the wine of God Spiced with humour, laced with laughter, Flavour of the Jesus life

Tang of risk and new adventure (x3) Taste and zest beyond belief

Take whatever I can offer-Gifts that I have yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharpen Talents of the hand and mind, Things made beautiful for others In the place where I must be

Take my gifts and let me love you (x3) God who first of all loved me

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Bishop Declan: Blessed are you, Lord 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.

Bishop Declan: 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.

All stand

Bishop Declan: 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. Bishop Declan: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop Declan: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop Declan: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

All: 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 \maltese 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 our for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith.

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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.

Bishop Declan: 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

All stand.

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

All: Our Father ...

Bishop Declan: 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.

Bishop Declan: 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 Sign of Peace

Bishop Declan: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop Declan: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



The Breaking of the Bread

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.

All kneel.

Bishop Declan: 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 Take me, Lord, use my life in the way you wish to do. Fill me, Lord, touch my heart till it always thinks of you. Take me now, as I am, this is all I can offer.

Here today I the clay, will be moulded by my Lord.

Lord, I pray that each day I will listen to your will. Many times I have failed but I know you love me still. Teach me now, guide me, Lord, keep me close to you always.

Here today I the clay, will be moulded by my Lord.

I am weak, fill me now with your strength and set me free. Make me whole, fashion me so that you will live in me. Hold me now in your hands, form me now with your Spirit.

Here today I the clay, will be moulded by my Lord.

Communion Hymn 2

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here; come bow before Him now with reverence and fear. In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground; be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace. No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.



You have chosen us to be members of your family. In your love you have created us to live in unity.

You will lead us to your light, walk before us through the night. You will guide us on our journey. You will keep our vision bright.

You will hold us when we fall, give new strength to hear your call. You will never be beyond us, for your love is all in all.

You will nourish, you will lead, giving ev'ry gift we need, for your reign will be established from the smallest of all seeds.

Through our sharing here today may our faith and life convey Christ our light and Christ our vision, Christ our purpose, Christ our way.

Reflection



The Concluding Rites

Bishop Declan: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

Bishop Declan: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, Give me joy in my heart, I pray; Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, Keep me praising till the break of day:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King of kings. Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving, Give me peace in my heart, I pray; Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving, Keep me loving till the break of day:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King of kings. Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, Give me love in my heart, I pray; Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, Keep me serving till the break of day:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King of kings. Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King.