

*Mass of Thanksgiving
for our staff who are leaving:*

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Celebrant: Fr Mark Beattie

Entrance hymn: WE COME TO YOUR FEAST (Michael Joncas)

We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white;
the weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;
the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
the promise of our future, our needing and our nurture,
lie here before our eyes.

*We come to your feast, we come to your feast:
the young and the old, the frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least.
We come to your feast, we come to your feast,
with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands, we come to your feast.*

We gather round your table, we pause within our quest.
We stand beside our neighbours; we name the stranger 'guest'.
The feast is spread before us; you bid us come and dine.
In blessing we'll uncover, in sharing we'll discover
your substance and your sign.

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Sign of the Cross and Greeting

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

R, Amen.

The Lord be with you.

R, And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

R, Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

R, Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

R, Lord, have mercy.

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

R, Amen.

Let us pray:

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

in your unbounded mercy

you have revealed the beauty of your power

through your constant forgiveness of our sins.

May the power of this love be in our hearts

to bring your pardon and your kingdom to all we meet.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever.

R, Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:4-9)

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ.

I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God, by calling you, has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial psalm (Psalm 8:4-9 R/ v2)

R/ How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man, that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man, that you should care for him?

R/ How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet.

R/ How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

All of them sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

R/ How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

The Gospel

Matthew 11:28-30



The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus exclaimed: 'Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and to will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the faithful

At the end of this school year let us give thanks to God for all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom; for the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced; for the respect and care that has been given.

Lord, in your mercy,

R, Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those members of staff who are saying goodbye to Holy Cross: for Jade, Scarlett, Robert and Scott; may they find challenge and fulfilment in their new roles. We give thanks for the ways in which they have inspired and nurtured young minds and been supportive and valued colleagues and friends.

Lord, in your mercy:

R, Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all our families, without whose support our jobs would be so much harder. We pray especially for Kirsty and Melissa as they prepare for motherhood, and for Nicola as her family grows.

Lord, in your mercy:

R, Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our school, giving thanks for the resilience, dedication and commitment to the welfare of our young people that has been demonstrated by every member of our staff during this year.

When we return to school in September, may we continue to feel God's presence in the care and compassion of those we work with, whom we count as friends as well as colleagues.

Lord, in your mercy:

R, Hear our prayer.

We ask Mary, Mother of God, to join her prayers to ours as we say together,

R, Hail Mary ...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist
The Preparation of the Gifts

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.

R, 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.

R, Blessed be God for ever.

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

**R, 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.**

God of mercy,
accept our offering
and make it a source of blessing for us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R, Amen.

The Preface

The Lord be with you.

R, And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts

R, We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R, 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,
through Christ our Lord.

His Death we celebrate in love,
his Resurrection we confess with living faith,
and his Coming in glory we await with unwavering hope.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you, as 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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:

**R, When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

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 Malcolm 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 the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs 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.

R, Amen.

The Communion Rite

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.

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

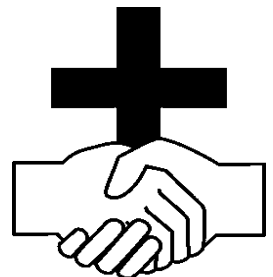
Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give
you; Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant her peace
and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R, Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R, And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



The Breaking of 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.

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.

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

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

Lord,

may the eucharist you have given us
influence our thoughts and actions.

May your Spirit guide and direct us in your way.

Through Christ our Lord.

R, Amen.

The Concluding Rite

The Lord be with you

R, And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,

the Father,

the Son

and the Holy Spirit.

R, Amen.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R, Thanks be to God.

Recessional hymn: GIVE ME JOY IN MY HEART (Traditional)

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 'til the break of day.

Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!
Sing hosannah to the King of Kings!
Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!
Sing hosannah to the King!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
keep me resting 'til the end of day.

Sing hosannah to the King of Kings!
Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah!
Sing hosannah to the King!

