

**Mass of Commitment
for
School Leaders
in the
Archdiocese of Birmingham**



The Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn: All Are Welcome (© 1994 G.I.A Publications, Inc.)

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;



**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**



2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:



**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**



3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:



**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**



4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:



**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**



5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard.
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed,
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:



**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**



Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling with Holy Water

Archbishop: Dear Brothers and sisters,
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
to bless this water he has created...

... Through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen



Springs of Water (© Fisherman (UK) Music)

**Springs of water, bless the Lord!
Praise and exalt him, above all forever.**



1. All those who thirst, come to the water;
Come to the water of life.
All those in need, come to the water;
Come to the water of life.

Springs of water, bless the Lord!
Praise and exalt him, above all forever.



2. Those seeking hope, come to the water;
Come to the water of life.
Children of God, come to the water;
Come to the water of life.

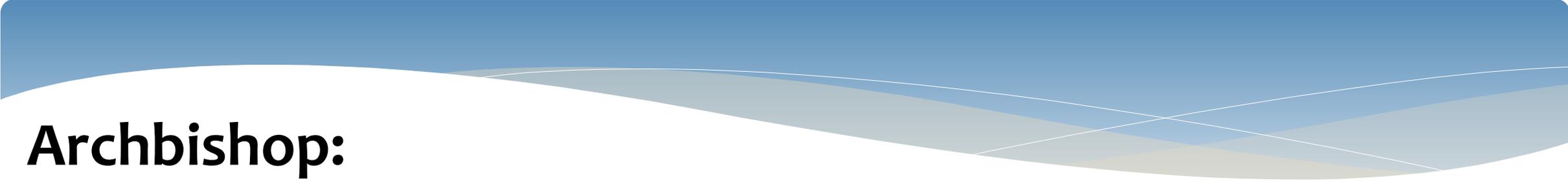
Springs of water, bless the Lord!
Praise and exalt him, above all forever.



3. Merciful ones, come to the water;
Come to the water of life.
Those seeking Truth, come to the water;
Come to the water of life.

Springs of water, bless the Lord!
Praise and exalt him, above all forever.





Archbishop:

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom

R. Amen

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the second letter of
St. Paul to the Corinthians

2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2



Psalm 129

(All sing the response and the lines in brackets)

**With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.**



1. From the depths I cry to you.

(Lord, hear my prayer)

From the depths I cry, O Lord.

(Lord, hear my voice)

**With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.**



2. If you O Lord, should mark our guilt,
(Lord, who would survive?)
With you is found forgiveness.
(For this we revere you)
**With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.**



3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
(I count on his word)
My soul is longing for the Lord.
(More than watchmen for daybreak)
**With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.**



4. There is mercy with the Lord,
(and fullness of redemption)

He will redeem his people.

(from all their iniquity)

**With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.**



Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

All stand to sing: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Father we praise you as Lord,
all of the earth gives you worship,
for your majesty fills the heavens,
Fills the earth.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



The Prodigal Son

Homily



Commitment to Christian Leadership for Serving School Leaders & those Newly Appointed

All serving School Leaders and those newly appointed, please stand.



Archbishop: My dear brothers and sisters, to be entrusted with the leadership and management of a Catholic school and the Christian nurture of its pupils is a noble calling and a solemn trust. For in serving your school and parish community as head teachers, you are collaborators with the bishop and his priests and deacons in their ministry of serving the people of God.

... I now invite you to renew your personal commitment to this great service of Christian leadership and to ask for God's blessing on your labours:



Archbishop: Will you follow your own baptismal calling to grow in holiness of life and become effective witnesses of the Gospel of Christ?

R. With God's help, we will.

Archbishop: Will you strive to form a community where all teaching is rooted in Christian faith, and learning is enlightened by the life of prayer?

R. With God's help, we will.



Archbishop: Will you model your leadership on the Lord Jesus Christ, the Teacher of Truth, and offer a vision of life and culture inspired by his teaching?

R. With God's help, we will.

Archbishop: May the Lord in his goodness strengthen your commitment and, through the power of his Holy Spirit, grant you the grace to serve and lead the people of God in your school community.

R. Amen.



Prayer of the Faithful

Lord in your mercy

R: Hear our prayer



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts

In bread we bring you, Lord (© 1976 Kevin Mayhew)

In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies labour.

In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.

We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?

But stand united now, one in belief.

Oh, we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word,
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.

Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
our lives belongs to you, our Lord and King.



The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirit's food.
Over the cup we bring, your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us, your healing blood. Take all that
daily toil plants in our heart's poor soil,
take all we start and spoil,
each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed,
the graces we resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.





Sanctus

Holy Holy: The Revised Gathering Mass

(Music © 2010 Paul Inwood, Published by Magnificat Music)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory, Lord God of hosts.
**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**



Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed, blessed is he who comes;
blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**





Memorial Acclamation

The Revised Gathering Mass

(Music © 2010 Paul Inwood, Published by Magnificat Music)

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





Communion Rite

Mass of the Holy Trinity

(Music © CJM Music by Andy Ross & Mike Stanley)

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (repeat verse)

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.





Communion Hymns

Face of your mercy

(Words and Music by Jo Boyce © CJM Music)

1. Father you call us,
with a love that is steadfast,
and mercy, tender mercy.
You hear the sinner's confession
with a heart of compassion
and draw us into your embrace.



**Father you are merciful;
forever you are merciful.
Only by your Grace can we gaze
upon the face of your mercy.**



2. Your love comes to meet us;
Poured out in Jesus.
Such mercy, perfect mercy.
Lamb of God, our redemption,
In the plan of salvation.
You paid the price we could not pay.



**Father you are merciful;
forever you are merciful.
We're humbled by your Grace
as we see in Christ:
the face of your mercy.**



3. Father, transform us;
take our lives, Lord and use us
for mercy, for your mercy.
Give us eyes of compassion
For the lost and the broken.
Help us lead them back to your
embrace.



**Teach us to be merciful;
as Father you are merciful.
Lead us by your Grace
so that we may be the face
of your mercy.**



Blest are they

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1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

***Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!***



2. Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill.

***Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!***



3. Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God!

***Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!***



4. Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.

***Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!***



5. Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see.

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!





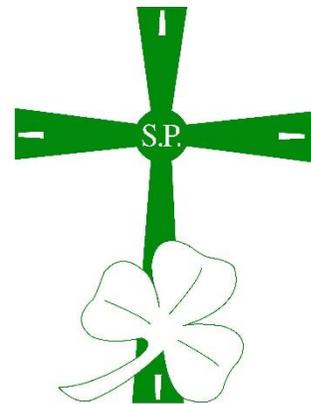
Prayer after Communion

Archbishop: May the Sacrament of your Son, which we have received, increase our strength, we pray, O Lord, that from this mystery of unity we may drink deeply of love's power and everywhere promote your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Presentation to Retiring School Leaders & Diocesan Education Advisers

*Those who are retiring now come forward to receive the
Archdiocesan Ubi Caritas Award.*

Carmel Farrelly
Holy Family Catholic Primary
Coventry



Greg Gilroy
St. Patrick's Catholic Primary
Walsall



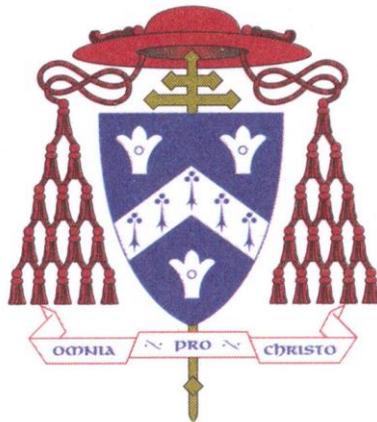
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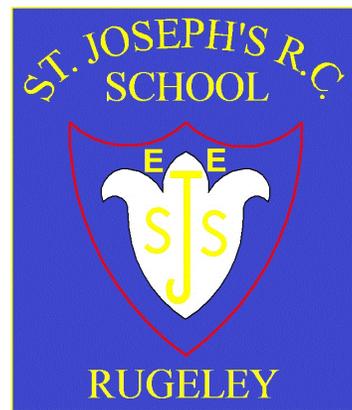
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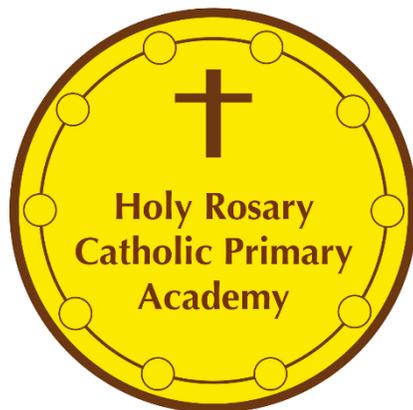
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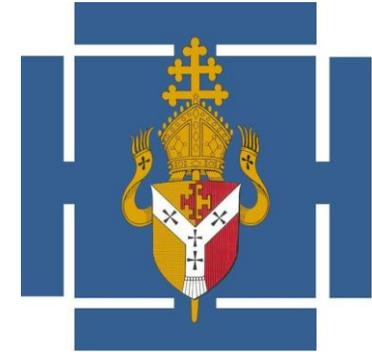


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St. Patrick's Catholic Primary
Wolverhampton



John Lally

Birmingham Diocesan Education Service



Sean Osborne

Birmingham Diocesan Education Service



Concluding Rites

Blessing & Dismissal

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Archbishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: Now and forever

Archbishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: Who made heaven and earth



Concluding Rites

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

All: Amen.

Archbishop: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Recessional Hymn

The Summons (Will you come and follow me)

(Words & Music Arrangement © 1987 WGR, The Iona Community)

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you

and you in me?



2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?



3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?



4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?



5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.



