

Feast Day of St Teresa of Lisieux

“Let us do little things well”



Tuesday 1st October 2024

ENTRANCE HYMN

Father, I place into your hands
The things I cannot do,
Father, I place into your hands
The things that I've been through.
Father, I place into your hands
The way that I should go,
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into your hands
My friends and family.
Father, I place into your hands
The things that trouble me.
Father, I place into your hands
The person I would be,
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, we love to see your face,
We love to hear your voice.
Father, we love to sing your praise
And in your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with you
And in your presence rest,
For we know we always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you
And do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words
That you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
That you will draw to you,
For I know that I am one with you

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Welcome and introduction to the mass by Father Riq,

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

All: Amen.

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

Welcome to our mass that not only celebrates the feast day of our patron saint, Saint Teresa, but also celebrates the start of our new school year. Today we pray for each other and for the whole school family. We ask God to help us with our learning, our friendships, our sport, our music, our hobbies and with everything that is part of our school. Journey with us throughout this year. Give us hope as we look forward with anticipation and enthusiasm. Give us courage to walk together with friends who are already familiar to us and with new friends who have recently joined us. Guide us to make the right choices and to follow the example of St Teresa by doing little things well with BIG love.

Father Riq: As we begin our first mass of the academic year, I invite the children to come forward one at a time to present some special symbols.

- We bring forward our mission statement and ask St Teresa to guide us to do 'little things well' each day.
- We bring forward a school jumper with the emblem of the cross of St Teresa. May she be in our hearts and guide us on our journey this year.
- Saint Teresa said "I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens, I will spend my heaven by doing good on earth" and we therefore place before the statue of St Teresa roses to remember her words.
- We bring forward our 'Build you house of rock' creation and ask God to help us have faith in Him.

Penitential Rite

C: We thank God for guiding us along the right path and helping us to make the right choices in each new chapter of our lives. We come today to ask God to continue to walk with us on our journey and fill us with faith and love.

C: If we have been unkind

All: We are sorry

C: If we have not shared with one another

All: We are sorry

C: If we have not helped one another

All: We are sorry

C: We ask God for his mercy

C: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

C: Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

C: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

C: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life

All: Amen

GLORIA - Led by

OPENING PRAYER:

O God, who open your Kingdom to those who are humble and to little ones, lead us to follow trustingly in the little way of St Teresa, so that through her intercession we may see your eternal glory revealed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

FIRST READING - A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 12: 4-6)

I want to tell the whole wide world "God has been good to me!"

I want to tell the whole wide world "God is wonderful!"

I want to sing and to shout because I am so happy for God has come to me and he is great.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still, and know I am
near.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in Me

Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in
shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know My
name.

Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot
give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now, walk,
and live.

Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine

SECOND READING -(Letter from St Paul to the Romans 12.1-3)

*“We are members of God’s family and I ask you to remember two things:
Keep God’s kindness always in your minds, and give yourselves heart and
soul to Him, your energy, your heart and your mind. You belong to God,
and it is service like this that makes God glad.*

*Don’t try to do ‘what everyone else does’, let God keep your mind alive
and ready to think new thoughts, and you’ll be a very different person from
what you were. In this way you’ll be able to find out what God wants you
to be and to do.”*

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come and join the circle,
come and take my hand.
Come and join the circle,
come and be my friend.
Gather round and see
what the world can be.
Come and join the circle,
come and share God's word with me.

THE GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

*Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
18:1-3*

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The disciples came to Jesus, asking "who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?" Jesus called a child, made him stand in front of them, and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Heavenly Father, on this the Feast of St Teresa, we ask that we may be guided to follow her 'little way'. May we learn from her trust.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Heavenly Father, we pray for our parish community, may our celebration of the Feast of Our Patron Saint inspire us and renew us to change each passing moment of time into an eternal moment of prayer.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Heavenly Father, we welcome all new pupils and new staff and pray that they may be happy in our school. We pray that all of us may enjoy our learning and use our gifts and talents to do the little things well.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Heavenly Father, we pray for Father Riq, may he continue to lead our Parish community following the little way of St Teresa.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Heavenly Father, St Teresa wanted to be a missionary, to bring the knowledge of Jesus Christ to many people, so we pray for all those who work as missionaries, bringing God's word and love to people throughout the world. We pray especially for those who are in greatest need at this time.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Heavenly Father, we pray for those in our school and parish community who have suffered loss. May they feel the warmth of your love and the support of those around them.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Dear Lord we ask Mary our Mother to pray with us and for us as we say...

Hail Mary, full of grace.

The Lord is with thee.

*Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

*pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of the Bread and Wine

Offertory Hymn

One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

3. Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

*Priest: 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.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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 MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

And profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, graciously grant us 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 forever,

*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.

**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.**

*Priest: 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.**

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

DONA NOBIS PACEM

(SUNG BY WHOLE SCHOOL)

A TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Communion Reflection

As we remember St Teresa, the patron saint of our school and church, let us pause and listen to some of her words and help them to fill our hearts with hope for the year ahead.

- Jesus loves a cheerful heart. He loves those who are always smiling.
- If we want to live a life of love of God, we must love our neighbour.
- Love can accomplish all things.
- Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love.
- Every moment He is guiding and inspiring us.

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace, to love God, and to be beacons of light, doing little things well.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn:

Here I am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Well, I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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It is so special being able to come back together to celebrate the mass of our Patron, Saint Teresa. As we leave today, let us continue to follow the ways of St Teresa, doing all that we do with love.

