

St Gabriel's Roman Catholic High School



Mass of Thanksgiving

To Celebrate 60 Years of
Catholic Education

1954 – 2014

Principal Celebrant Rt Rev Terence Brain, Bishop of Salford

Assisted by clergy with a current or past association with our school

We gather as a worshipping community, to listen to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist.

Please stand

Processional: He is Exalted (choir)

Hymn

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| <p>1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.</p> <p>2. Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.</p> | <p>3. Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arm to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.</p> <p>4. Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.</p> |
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Greeting and Penitential Act

The Collect
Let us pray.

The Bishop will say the Collect and the people will acclaim:
Amen.

Please be seated

Liturgy of The Word

John Costello, Chair of Governors

First Reading: A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
God has done great deeds everywhere.

Bless the God of all things,
The doer of great deeds everywhere,
Who has exalted our days from the womb
And acted towards us in his mercy.
May he grant us cheerful hearts
And bring peace in our time,
In Israel for ages on ages.
May his mercy be faithfully with us,
May he redeem us in our time.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Simon Smith, Headteacher

Responsorial Psalm

Response: **I thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

Carole Clegg, former staff member

Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Giving thanks to God the Father through Christ

You are God's chosen race, his saints, he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another, forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I have told you this, says the Lord,
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy may be complete.**

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because

a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. You did not choose me, no I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and bear the fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Bishop Terence will give the Homily

Please stand

Prayers of the Faithful

The response to each prayer is:

"O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me"
(sung after each intercession)

Read by Eddie Robinson, former Headteacher

For all who hold and teach our Catholic faith: Let us be filled with your Holy Spirit and proclaim by our daily lives the love which is firmly rooted and growing within our hearts.

Read by Noreen Molloy, former Deputy Headteacher

That all whose generosity and good have contributed to this school community over the years may be blessed. That governors, teachers, parents and pupils will continue to work together for the good of this school and our family of parishes and schools.

Read by Paul Hopkins, former Headteacher

That Jesus Christ, and his message, may continue to be the focus of our school. We may be witnesses of his love.

Read by Adam Loster, current Deputy Headteacher

For deceased members of our school community, and those past and present, who are in need at this time. May your healing love bring comfort and strength in times of loneliness and despair.

We ask our Blessed Lady to join her prayers to ours as we say: **'Hail Mary...'**

Offertory

Joe Sensale, Anna Sensale, Pam Sensale, Sofia Sensale

As the Altar is prepared we listen to:
Where Two or Three are Gathered (Lawton)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The Bishop gives thanks and praise to God for God's mighty acts of creation and redemption, then all 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.

Mystery of Faith:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

and profess your Resurrection

until you come again.

The prayer continues, and concludes with:

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.

Amen

The Communion Rite

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

Our Father...

The Bishop continues

Deliver us, Lord, we pray from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days...

...and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit

We offer each other the sign of peace

During the breaking of the host the following is said:

**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

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

Distribution of Holy Communion

Choir sing: Taste and See

Hymn

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

Post Communion Reflection

Read by Trisha O'Shea, former staff member

'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' (Rutter, Choir)

Memories of St Gabriel's: *Fr Brian Keeley, former pupil*

Words of Thanks : *Simon Smith, Headteacher*

Episcopal Blessing

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Now and forever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

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

Amen.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

1. 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?
2. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend 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.*



The Lord Is
My Strength