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This week we will be finding out what happens when we go to Mass.



All about the Mass

Mass is a very important part of the week.

We celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist at Mass. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we remember that Jesus loves us. We thank God for giving us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

There are many different parts of the Mass.

Each part of the Mass is important. Let's find out what happens.



The parts of the Mass

There are **4 parts of the Mass**:

The **introduction** where we **gather** together and prepare.

The **Liturgy of the Word** where we **listen** to God's word

The **Liturgy of the Eucharist** where we **respond** and celebrate **receiving the body and blood of Christ**

The **Concluding Rites** where we **go out** to spread God's news.

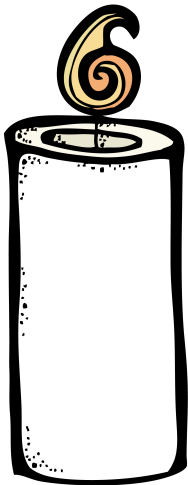


We Gather

At the start of Mass the priest and other ministers go to the altar. We stand and sing a welcome song because we are happy to be together as God's family.

Father Des invites us to pray. We make the sign of the cross. Father welcomes us and we pause to remember how God forgives us whenever we do not live how He wants us to. We ask God to forgive us.

The first part of the Mass is called the **Introductory Rite**.



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On Sundays and special days, we sing a song the Church has sung for many, many years. It is called the **Gloria**. We sing about giving glory to God in the highest. Then we bow our heads and pray.

We Listen



Then we listen to God's word in the **First Reading** followed by the **Psalm**. Then, we hear the **Second Reading**. God is speaking to us in these readings from the Bible. We listen carefully so God's words reach into our hearts.

The Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel story. The word Gospel means "good news". We stand to listen to the good news of Jesus. At the end we say, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."

Father explains God's Word to us. He helps us to understand the readings and the Gospel. This special talk is called the **homily**. We listen carefully so we learn how to live the way God wants us to.

The second part of the Mass is called the **Liturgy of the Word**.

Do you have a favourite Bible story? Talk to your grown up about why you like that story and what it teaches us.

We Listen

Together we declare what we believe about God when we pray the Creed. Many Christians were killed as martyrs because they believed these truths about God. We are grateful to believe in God and to share in what we believe with other people.

We stand and pray the Prayer of the Faithful. We pray for the Church, for leaders, for all people, for those who are suffering, for all who have died. We know that God will take care of our needs.

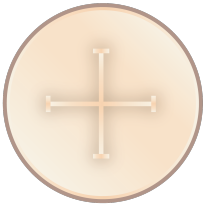


Who would you like to pray for?
Take a few moments and pray for that person.

This is the last part of the Liturgy of the Word.

We are now ready to move onto the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We Respond



This third part of the Mass begins when the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. God will take these gifts and make them into something new. He turns them into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ!

We join the angels and saints to sing “Holy, holy, holy Lord! Heaven and Earth are full of your glory! Father Des then prays in the name of the whole church, asking God’s spirit to come upon our gifts. We silently listen and pray. We pray that God will accept this bread and wine as our offering.

The third part of the Mass is called the **Liturgy of the Eucharist.**

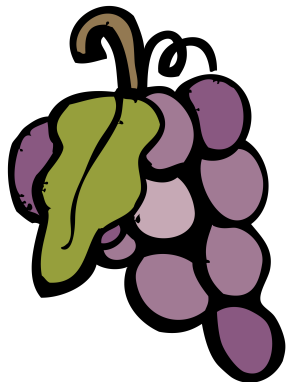
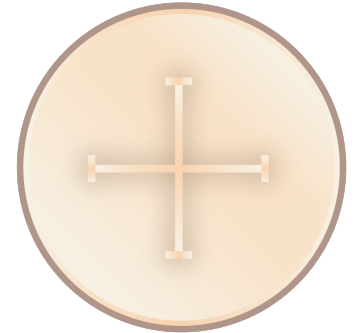
Father prays the words Jesus prayed at the Last Supper: “This is my body”. He lifts the bread so we can all see. Even though it still looks and tastes like bread, the bread is now the body of Jesus!

Now Father prays the words Jesus prayed over the wine: “This is the cup of my blood”. Even though it still looks and tastes like wine, the wine is now the blood of Jesus!

We Respond

Then we pray our Family Prayer together and offer one another the sign of Peace. This is a sign that reminds us to live as Jesus teaches us to live.

Father Des breaks the Bread of the Eucharist so that we can receive the Body of Christ. We pray, "Lamb of God, you take away our sins. Have mercy on us." We ask God to give us peace and to prepare our hearts to welcome him.



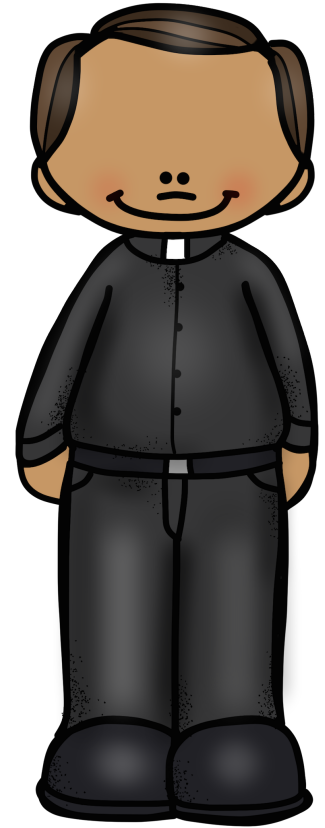
After that we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We know this is the Body of Christ. We may also receive the Blood of Christ.

After receiving the Eucharist, it is important to pray and reflect.

We Go Out

After the Eucharist, we receive God's blessing. We answer, "Amen". Together we sing a communion song that gives thanks and praise for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. We then go in peace to love and serve all people.

You can watch Fr. Des Mass every day at <https://www.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints> or go to our church website at <https://www.olas.org.uk/> and click on 'live stream'.



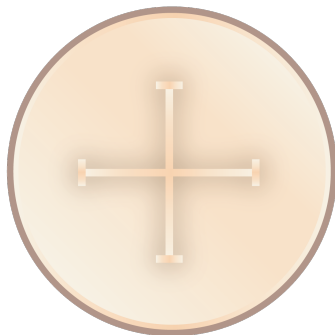
The final part of the Mass is called the **Concluding Rite.**

Your Task



Create a poster showing some of the things that happen at Mass.

You can use the template on the next page or design your own.



You must to explain some of the things that happen in each part of the Mass and draw some pictures.

Don't forget to send photos of your work to me at info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk

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A time to gather and prepare.

A time to listen to God's word.

A time to celebrate
the body and blood of Christ

A time to go forth
and spread the Good News.

Your Second Task

Plan a simple Liturgy for your family.

You could choose your favourite readings, write a reflection on what your chosen story means and maybe write a prayer.



Choose a quiet time for your family to gather together. Play some quiet music. Pray, read and reflect.

You can use the Wednesday Word resources at www.wednesdayword.org/



Well done, Year 2. Thank you for working so hard.

I can't wait to see what you have done this week, so please send lots of photos to me at:

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