



**Leavers' Mass
17th July 2020**



Gathering music

'Believe'

Introduction

We gather together to celebrate your time at St Anselm's. This is a time for reflection; it is a time for us to stop and think; it is a time for us to say thank you and to celebrate.

As we think about the great times you have had at our school, we ask the Holy Spirit fills you with courage to help you to take up the challenges you will face in the future.

During your time in primary school, we have all grown as a community based around faith in God. As we begin our mass, we pray that this faith and your experiences at St Anselm's will help you to move on to your new schools with confidence.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

Opening prayer

O God, who always listen mercifully to your servants in distress, we humbly beseech you, as we give thanks for your kindness, that, free from all evil, we may constantly serve you in gladness.

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

63:7-9

Let me sing the praises of the Lord's goodness,
And of his marvellous deeds,
In return for all that he has done for us
And for the great kindness
He has shown us in his mercy
And in his boundless goodness.
He said, 'truly they are my people,

Sons and no rogues.’
He proved himself their saviour
In all their troubles.
It was neither messenger nor angel
But his Presence that saved them.
In his love and pity
He redeemed them himself,
He lifted them up, carried them,
Throughout the days of old.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps112:1-8, R. v.2

The response is: **May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore!**

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
Both now and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting
Praised be the name of the Lord!
High above all nations is the Lord
Above the heavens his glory.

Who is like the Lord, our God,
Who has risen on high to his throne
Yet stoops from the heights to look down
To look down upon heaven and earth?

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17

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

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Blessed are you, father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to children.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

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 any more,

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 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.

Homily

Prayers of Intercession

We pray in silence for our own intentions

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

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 Offerings

O Lord who gave us your Son to rescue us graciously from death and from every evil, accept, we pray, in mercy this sacrifice, which we offer you in thanksgiving for our deliverance from distress.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Holy, Holy

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.

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

Lamb of God

**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.**

*Father Pat will raise the host saying: 'The Body of Christ.' We respond 'Amen.'
He will raise the chalice saying: 'The Blood of Christ.' We respond 'Amen.'*

Communion Antiphon

I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, who through this Bread of Life are pleased to free your servants from the bond of sin and in your compassion to restore their strength, grant us to advance without hindrance towards the hope of glory

Words of thanks

Mrs White will speak briefly to parents and children.

Final Blessing

May the peace of God
Which surpasses all understanding

Keep your hearts and minds
In the knowledge and love of God
And of his Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ
Amen.

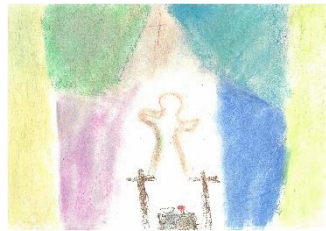
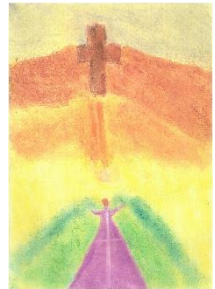
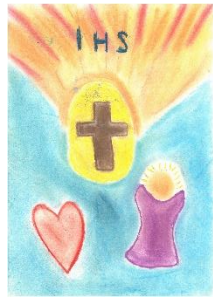
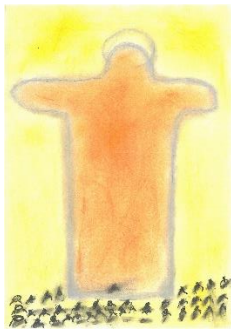
And may the blessing of almighty God,
The Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

The Mass is ended, go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Thanks be to God

Closing Music

'As we go now'



Our artistic representations of the Consecration.

'Jesus is present on the altar. There is no longer any bread or wine. By the power of the Holy Spirit, it is changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus offers himself for us on the altar just as he offered himself for us on the cross.'

