SS Joseph and Teresa's
Catholic Church
Wells

Mass of
First Holy Communion

Saturday 21st May 2023



Order of Service

Our parish welcomes all the children who will make the Sacrament of Holy Communion and their families and friends.

OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

Ruairi (Ru) Baxter

Hannah Bremner

Zia De Araujo

Matthew Hembrow

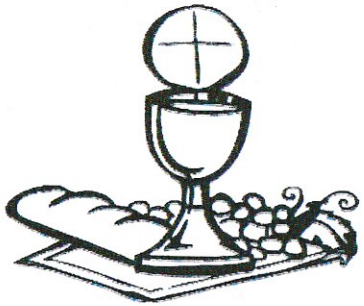
Leyla Reyes

Mollie Peppard

Velina Skobenyuk

Benjamin Terry

Hector Thornton



INTRODUCTORY RITES (Please stand)

Entrance Hymn: 654 Sing of the Lord's Goodness.

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and 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.

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

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE (On separate sheet). *Franz Schubert's 'German Mass'*

GLORIA (On separate sheet).

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

AfterJesus was taken up into heaven, the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went into the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholemew and Matthew, James, son of Alpheus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. **The Word of the Lord.**

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26: 1.4. 7-8.

R/ I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

R/ I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

R/ I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken; 'Seek his face.'

R/ I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter 4:13-16

If you can have a share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief or an informer; but if any of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.
The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation. (Please stand)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: All I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

THE CREED (Please stand)

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father

and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I confess one Baptism fro the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL(Please stand)

Our children will now lead the community in prayer for the needs of the people of God, for the world in which we serve Christ our Risen Lord.

Reader: Lord hear us....

All: **Lord Graciously hear us.**

The Memorare:

All: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES.

We, as a community now renew our Baptismal Promises, committing ourselves as followers of Jesus and children of the Father's love through the Holy Spirit.

Priest: You are to witness to your faith in Jesus Christ before this community by renewing before the whole church the promises of your Baptism. So, in the name of the Church, I ask you....

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?

All: **I Do!**

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: **I Do!**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death, and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: **I Do!**

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is

given to you in a special way just as He was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

All: **I Do!**

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: I Do!

Priest: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (please sit)

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn No: 302. In Bread we offer.

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Holy, Holy. (See separate sheet).

Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim Your death oh Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Lamb of God: (See separate sheet).

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to enter under your roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Hymn No. 72: Be still for the Presence of the Lord is here.

Panis Angelicus sung by the choir.

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 388: Shine, Jesus Shine.