



DEVELOPING & SUPPORTING
**SCHOOL &
PARISH LINKS**



Youth Mass

Planning Sheet



Introduction

A youth Mass in the parish church is a wonderful way to bring the parish and school communities together. Each parish and school community in the Diocese is encouraged to arrange a youth Mass on **Sunday 28th April 2019** which is the second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. If this date isn't suitable you may wish to choose a different date. If there is more than one school linked to you parish you may wish to work together on a joint Mass.

The first job is to meet with the parish priest to see if this date is suitable. Next is to advertise it to all pupils, staff, parents and governors. Finally you will need to plan the liturgy and give out jobs to involve as many young people as possible.

Involving the young people

Here are just some ways the young people can get involved:

- ✓ Act as welcomers/ushers distributing the Mass sheet and guiding people to their seats.
- ✓ Introducing the theme of the Mass before the opening hymn
- ✓ Forming a music group/choir
- ✓ Reading, singing the psalm and reading the bidding prayers
- ✓ Act out the Gospel or a post communion reflection
- ✓ Assist with the offertory and collection
- ✓ Read out the notices at the end of Mass
- ✓ Help with hospitality after Mass

The Liturgy

The readings are taken from the readings of the day and the hymns have been chosen to suit the season of Eastertide and are 'youth friendly' but you may wish to change these.

Themes – Hope, new life, mercy, mission, faith.

Opening Hymn – 10,000 Reasons – Matt Redman - © 2011 Shout Publishing

Sheet music -

[https://www.sanctuarycrc.org/worship_resources/pdf/10,000%20Reasons%20\(Bless%20The%20Lord\)%20\(G\)%20-%20sheet%20music.pdf](https://www.sanctuarycrc.org/worship_resources/pdf/10,000%20Reasons%20(Bless%20The%20Lord)%20(G)%20-%20sheet%20music.pdf)

First Reading – Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm (Sung) – Psalm 117 - Text © The Grail (England) Used by permission. Music copyright © CJM Music Ltd

Sheet music and audio recording – <https://www.cjmmusic.com/downloads/psalms/pdf/ps117-this-day-was-made.pdf>

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken) - Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord

is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

the Lord God is our light.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading – Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation – John 20:29

The words to the *Celtic Alleluia* are printed in the booklet but you may wish to change this to one which your congregation knows.

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel - John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Pupils may wish to act out this Gospel or do a simple mime as it is proclaimed.

Prayers of the Faithful

There are usually 5 or 6 bidding prayers. These can be written and read out by the pupils. Usual petitions include: the Church (Pope, Bishop, Priest, Deacons, and Laity), the parish and school communities, those in need around World, those in need in the local community, those who are sick and those who have recently died. These are followed by the Hail Mary. The response printed in the booklet is Stay with us Lord on our Journey (Bishop John's prayer).

Offertory Hymn – I will offer up my life – Matt Redman – © 1994 Thankyou Music

Sheet Music - [http://faclex.com/facmedia/files/worship-resources/worship-charts/1%20Will%20Offer%20Up%20My%20Life%20\(D\)+.pdf](http://faclex.com/facmedia/files/worship-resources/worship-charts/1%20Will%20Offer%20Up%20My%20Life%20(D)+.pdf)

Communion Hymn – He is Lord - anonymous

Hymns Old & New (#325), Laudate (#761), Celebration Hymnal for Everyone (#246)

Recessional Hymn – God's Spirit is in my heart – Alan Dale © - 1982 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.

Hymns Old & New (#297), Laudate (#864), Celebration Hymnal for Everyone (#227)

St Catherine of Siena is the patron saint of our Diocesan Youth Office. Pupils may wish to research her life and give a short reflection as a post communion reflection. Her feast day is on 29th April.

Alternative Eastertide/Youth Hymns –

- This is the Day
- Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
- All heaven declares
- I danced in the morning
- Sing to the mountains
- We are the free
- Shine Jesus Shine
- Sing it in the valleys
- Bread of life, truth eternal

Booklet – if possible print off enough copies of the Mass booklet for everyone. The booklet is available on our website (www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/school-links/) as a PDF and Publisher file so you can edit it.

We hope your Youth Mass is a wonderful celebration. You may wish to organise a youth Mass each term or half term. Further resources for a youth Mass in a different liturgical season will be provided. If you wish you may send in photos and an article about your Mass so we can share good practice across the Diocese.

Please send this to hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Youth Mass Planning Sheet

Date and Time:

Church:

Main Celebrant:

| Role | Names | Notes |
|---|-------|-------|
| Welcomers and Ushers (x4) | | |
| Introduction to Mass (x1) | | |
| Music group/choir | | |
| First Reading | | |
| Psalm (Spoken or Sung) | | |
| Second Reading and Acclamation | | |
| Gospel Mime/Drama (optional) | | |
| Bring up the gifts of bread and wine (x2) – you may wish to bring up other items (pieces of work, Easter symbols) | | |
| Collection (x4) | | |
| Prayers of the Faithful (x6) | | |
| Post communion reflection (optional) | | |
| Reading out the notices (x1) | | |
| Post-Mass Hospitably (x6) | | |
| Other | | |