

# St Joseph the Worker

**Order of Service**

Thursday 28th April 2022

The Federation of St Joseph's  
Junior, Infant and Nursery  
Schools

150th Celebration Mass

1872 - 2022



## **School Creed**

This is our school,  
let peace dwell here.  
Let the school be full of contentment.  
Let love abide here,  
love of our school,  
love of one another,  
love of mankind,  
love of life itself  
and love of Jesus.  
Let us remember,  
that as many hands built our school,  
so many hearts make our school.

### **Entrance hymn: Abba Father**

Abba, Father, send Your Spirit.  
Glory, Jesus Christ. (2)

Glory, hallelujah, glory, Jesus Christ. (2)

I will give you living water ...  
If you seek Me you will find Me ...  
If you listen you will hear Me ...  
Come, My children, I will teach you ...  
Glory Father, glory Spirit ...

### **Sign of the Cross**

In the name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Greeting**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

### **Penitential Act**

Brethren (brothers and sisters),  
let us acknowledge our sins, and so  
prepare ourselves to celebrate the  
sacred mysteries.

Let us think about the times we have  
not pleased Jesus the way we should.  
For the times we have not worked as  
well as we should:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the times we have been unfriendly  
towards others by the things we have  
said or done:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For the times we have not listened  
when others have needed us:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## **The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good  
will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great  
glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## **COLLECT**

O God, Creator of all things,  
who laid down for the human race the  
law of work,  
graciously grant that by the example of  
Saint Joseph and under his patronage  
we may complete the works you set us  
to do  
and attain the rewards you promise.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

## **FIRST READING**

**Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24**

Brothers and sisters:  
Over all these things put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.  
And let the peace of Christ control  
your hearts,  
the peace into which you were also  
called in one Body.  
And be thankful.  
And whatever you do, in word or  
in deed,  
do everything in the name of the  
Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father  
through him.  
Whatever you do, do from the heart,  
as for the Lord and not for men,  
knowing that you will receive from  
the Lord  
the due payment of the inheritance;  
be slaves of the Lord Christ.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90: 2,3-4,12-13,14 and 16.

**R. Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

Before the mountains were begotten  
and the earth and the world were  
brought forth,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are  
God.

**R. Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

You turn man back to dust,  
saying, "Return, O children of men."  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are as yesterday, now that it is past,  
or as a watch of the night.

**R. Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Return, O Lord! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!

**R. Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness  
that we may shout for joy and gladness  
all our days.

Let your work be seen by your servants,  
and your glory by their children.

**R. Lord, give success to the work of our hands.**

### ALLELUIA

Ps 68:20

Blessed be the Lord, day by day,  
God, our salvation, who bears our  
burdens.

### GOSPEL

Matthew 13:54-58

Jesus came to his native place and  
taught the people in their synagogue.  
They were astonished and said,  
"Where did this man get such wisdom  
and mighty deeds?

Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his  
mother named Mary  
and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon,  
and Judas?

Are not his sisters all with us? Where  
did this man get all this?"

And they took offence at him. But Jesus  
said to them,

"A prophet is not without honour  
except in his native place  
and in his own house."

And he did not work many mighty  
deeds there  
because of their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The Homily all sit*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

After each intention there is a pause while the faithful pray.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer**

**Dear Lord,**

We thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us especially on the day of our 150th celebration mass. Today we come before you to appreciate what you have done for St Joseph's community. Help us to follow your lead and give us the faith to always show gratitude, humility, and kindness.

Lord in your mercy

**Dear Lord,**

We pray for Archbishop John, Canon Michael, Father James, Father Anthony, Father Luke and all the clergy who help us become closer to God and live in his image.

Lord in your mercy

**Dear Lord,**

We thank you for our kind, friends. We pray that that our friendships continue beyond our time at St Joseph's like the many friendships that have been formed at the school over the past 150 years.

Lord in your mercy

**Dear Lord,**

We pray for all leaders of nations that they may be given the knowledge, wisdom and understanding in the pursuit of goodness for all their people. May the world live in peace and that people displaced by war, persecution or poverty be given courage and find a safe welcome.

Lord in your mercy

**Dear Lord,**

St Joseph lived with honesty, integrity, faithfulness, and grace. Help us to live our lives with the same qualities and that we may also live with discernment and action.

Lord in your mercy

**Dear Lord,**

We thank you for all the past and present staff of St Joseph's. May they continue to strive in their vocation guided by your love and mercy.

Lord in your mercy

We ask Mary our Mother to hear our prayers as we say

Hail Mary

### **The Offertory – As I kneel before you**

As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
and fill me with your love.

Ave Maria,  
Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum,  
Benedicta tu.

All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of mine, present them to  
my Lord.

As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face,  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace.

### *The Apostles' Creed **all stand***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth, and in  
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and  
including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died and was buried; he descended  
into hell; on the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty; from there  
he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic Church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and life  
everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.**

O God, fount of all mercy,  
look upon our offerings,  
which we bring before your majesty  
in commemoration of Saint Joseph,  
and mercifully grant that the gifts  
we offer  
may become the means of protection  
for those who call upon you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **PREFACE**

*The mission of Saint Joseph*

The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

V. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty  
and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give  
you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and  
eternal God,  
and on the commemoration of  
Saint Joseph  
to give you fitting praise,  
to glorify you and bless you.  
For this just man was given by you  
as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God  
and set as a wise and faithful servant  
in charge of your household  
to watch like a father over your Only  
Begotten Son,  
who was conceived by the  
overshadowing of the Holy Spirit,  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Through him the Angels praise your  
majesty,  
Dominions adore and Powers tremble  
before you.  
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and  
the blessed Seraphim  
worship together with exultation.  
May our voices, we pray, join  
with theirs  
in humble praise, as we 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.**

The mystery of faith.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
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.**

*The Lord's Prayer* **all stand**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord...and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Lord Jesus Christ...Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Breaking of the Bread*

**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.**

*Invitation to Communion* **all kneel**

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.**

*Communion*

The communicants come forward in reverent procession, and make a preparatory act of reverence by bowing their head in honour of Christ's presence in the Sacrament.

The Body of Christ.

**Amen.**

### **Communion hymn:**

#### ***This is my body***

This is my body, broken for you,  
Bringing you wholeness, making  
You free.

Take it and eat it, and when you do,  
Do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,  
Bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it, and when you do,  
Do it in love for me.

Back to my father soon I shall go.  
Do not forget me; then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
You're very close to me.

Filled with my spirit, how you  
Will grow!  
You are my branches; I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know  
You are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,  
And I have shown you how to be free;  
Serve one another, and when you do,  
Do it in love for me

#### ***Make me a channel of your peace***

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring  
your love.  
Where there is injury, your  
pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith  
in you.

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me  
bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to  
eternal life.

### **Communion Reflection**

Hymn to St Joseph

Dear Saint Joseph, on this our special day,  
Dear Saint Joseph, we ask you now to pray  
For all children in this world today,  
Saint Joseph pray for us.

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Saint Jo – seph pray for us.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having fed upon heavenly delights,  
we humbly ask you, O Lord,  
that, by Saint Joseph's example,  
cherishing in our hearts the signs of your love,  
we may ever enjoy the fruit of perpetual peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### **Let us pray.**

All pray in silence. Then the Priest says the Prayer after Communion, at the end of which the people acclaim:

**Amen.**

**Headteacher – Mrs Fernandes and Chair of Governors – Mrs Bailey to address the congregation.**

### **The Concluding Rites**

Blessing

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

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

**Amen.**

Dismissal

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Recessional hymn: Siyah Hamba**

1.Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkhos,

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkhos.

(Repeat)

Siyahamba, Siyahamba, Ooh!

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkhos.

(Repeat)

2.We are marching in the light of God.

3.We are praying in the light of God.

4.We are clapping in the light of God.







**Thank you to Mrs Speight for working with the children to lead us with their joyful singing and to Mrs McMillan who has worked tirelessly to research and write a wonderful history of the school to be enjoyed by everyone in the future.**

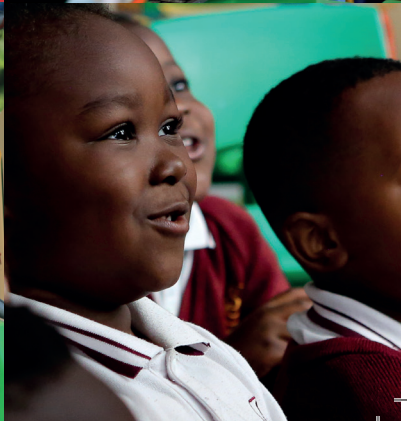
We would like to thank our staff, Governors and parents past and present for their dedication to the school and nurturing our children to reach their potential with Christ at the heart of their lives. Most of all thank you to our children who have the ability to change the world. You will always remain in our hearts.

'Let us remember that as many hands built our school, so many hearts make our school'

**Mrs Fernandes**, Headteacher  
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