

## ST HUBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### GUIDELINES FOR CLASS MASSES

Mass should have as a minimum the elements on the pro forma.

Choose a theme related to Class RE or liturgical season where possible.

Classroom should be arranged with a central table covered with altar cloth and candles on it. At the back of the room should be a table also covered with a cloth for the offertory gifts. (Cloths and candles are kept in the Hall near the Prayer Corner). You will need to have at least one altar server, though Father is usually prepared to use someone from the class even if they do not serve at Church as long as they attend Church. Remember a chair for Father next to the altar.

**Introduction** should introduce the theme of the Mass.

**Opening Hymn** a gathering hymn, hymn of praise or a hymn, which introduces the theme of the Mass.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** can be taken from the Old or New Testament. The reading should be preceded by a short introduction. (A selection of readings can be found in Listen or Praise in RE Co-ordinator's room, Mass books in the Staffroom or by using the Bible itself).

The **Psalm** can be a short hymn or a reading with a response. (The response could be made by repeating a couple of lines from the psalm after it has been divided into verses and in this case should be preceded by the reader saying: "The response to the psalm is..." followed by all repeating it).

The **Alleluia** can be sung or said, **Alleluia, alleluia** followed by a short scriptural extract eg Jesus said.... Examples can be found in the Mass books and Missals in the staffroom.

During Lent when the Alleluia is not said, the words Praise to you Lord Jesus... can be used to introduce the words of scripture. Another alternative is to sing Open our eyes... (on CD). In each case, the Alleluia or other acclamation should be repeated after the scriptural extract.

**Bidding prayers** can be of thanksgiving and praise, but should also include a prayer of asking for ourselves and others. Examples can be found in the School Mass folder. Responses to the bidding prayers can be either: Lord hear us... **Lord graciously hear us...** or Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

You need two children to carry up the gifts from the back at the **Offertory**. You can also use this time to offer up any special work or prayers relevant to the Mass theme.

The **Offertory hymn** should usually be one of offering, eg Gifts of bread and wine, All that I am, Blest are you Lord, Christ be our light, Take these gifts, etc.

During Communion play some quiet music or sing a repetitive hymn. Sing once all children have been to Communion.

End with a joyful hymn.

**Make sure Father has the Mass agenda including copies of readings as early as possible, but certainly no later than the Tuesday morning before Mass.**

.....Mass

.....Date

.....Theme

**Introduction:**

**Opening hymn:**

**First reading:**

**Psalm & response:**

**Gospel acclamation:**

**Gospel:**

**Bidding prayers:**

**Offertory hymn:**

**Communion hymn:**

**Recessional hymn:**

**Notes:**

Class Mass: Y                      /                      /                      Theme:

Introduction:

Opening Hymn:

Introduction to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: The first reading is taken from...

This is the word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God

Psalm: (Sung or said)

Alleluia (except during Lent)

Gospel:

**Bidding Prayers:**

**1:**

**Lord ...**

**2.**

**3.**

**4.**

Let us ask for the prayers of Mary, Mother of Jesus....Hail Mary...

Let us pray for a while in silence for those things that are special to us.

**Offertory hymn:**

**Communion hymn:**

**Recessional hymn:**