

The **Homily** follows after the gospel and we **sit** and listen. This is where the Priest explains what message Jesus was trying to share with us to-day and how we can live this out in our lives.

The **Notices** tell us what is happening in our Parish and the **Collections** support the Priests and running costs of the Parish.

Everyone then **stands** and says the **Creed** which are all the things that we believe in as Christians.



The **Prayer of the Faithful** are our prayers for one another and for people we are worried about and to ask God's help in different situations.

At the end of each prayer the reader says:

**Lord, hear us.**

and everyone answers:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Priest will read the final prayer which finishes with the words:

**Through Christ our Lord.**

And everyone answers:

**Amen.**



## Prayers & Mass Responses

### Part II



The second part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word. It is here that we **sit** and listen to the readings and respond to the psalm.



**The First Reading:** comes from the Old Testament, the Jewish Scriptures which tell the story of God's people before Jesus.

בְּזִמְרוֹר לְדָוִד יְהוָה רַעֲי לֹא אֶחָסֵר:

**The Responsorial Psalm:** is from a book of prayers in the Old Testament. This is a very ancient prayer and Jesus would have used the same psalms when he prayed.



**The Second Reading:** Come from the letters and books of the New Testament which tell us about how the early church lived out Jesus' teaching.

**Alleluia!**

**The Gospel:** is the reading that tells us about Jesus' life and his teaching about God the Father's love for us. There are four gospels written by St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John. We **stand** for the Gospel.

## Responses

The First and the Second reading end by the reader saying;

**This is the word of the Lord**

and everyone answers:

**Thanks be to God**

The response to the Psalm changes every week and is sometimes sung. You will see the response on the Mass Leaflet or on the screen.

When the Priest begins the Gospel he says:

**The Lord be with you...**

and everyone answers:

**And also with you.**

The priest continues:

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (or it could also be Mark, Luke or John)**

and everyone answers:

**Glory, to you, Lord.**

Everyone makes the sign of the cross with their thumb three times, first on their forehead, second on their lips and third on their hearts when they say this response

**Glory ( + on forehead), to you ( + on lips), Lord ( + on heart)**

At the end of the Gospel the Priest says:

**This is the Gospel of the Lord...**

Everyone answers:

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