

Ag Críost an siol,
Ag Críost an fómhar:
In iothlann Dé
Go dtugtar sinn.
Ag Críost an mhúir,
Ag Críost an t-iasc:
I lfontaibh Dé
Go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás go haois
Is ó aois go bás,
Do dhá lámh, a Chríost,
Anall tharainn.
O bhás go críoc nach
Críoc ac athfhás,
I bParthas na ngrás go rabhaimid.

Bishop Michael now introduces and invites us to pray the Lord's Prayer - **Ár nAthair**

Fr. Paddy Today we wish to give each of you a special small gift to remember this celebration. They are called Sprout Pencils. Each is eco friendly and if you plant your pencil shrubs or flowers will grow from seeds placed inside each pencil. Bishop Michael will now bless these with holy water. As you leave students will give each of you a pencil to take with you. Fr. Michael will also bless the saplings you have brought which will be returned and planted in the grounds of your school, serving as a reminder of our prayer time here today.

We all pray the sending forth prayer,

As we go forth, walking in the light of the Cosmic Christ, we give thanks for the way we are held by Christ, may our hearts be fixed as steadfast pilgrims on a journey towards healing and reconciliation between the human and non-human natural world. May our gratitude lead us to live humbly and walk with care and respect for all that God has created.

Conclusion: A: Pupil from St. Louis We are nearly at the end of our celebration this afternoon. We thank you for taking part and for such great singing. We thank all who organised our liturgy and with whose help and assistance it took place. Let's just take a moment to really appreciate this past hour - We were brilliant!!! Whenever you find yourself humming the tunes in the weeks and months ahead, don't forget to also share what we did today! To help us remember, we will plant our trees back in our schools and we will be able to plant our sprout pencils that were just blessed, and which you will receive after our final song - Send Us Out!

B: Pupil from St. Vincents. But let us not forget about why we came together in the first place. Our planet is a shared resource so everything we do has positive and negative results for those we share it with! Our world is a gift from God and we are called to act as both stewards and protectors during our time here. It is our responsibility to care for our world and make it a better place for the next generation. We hope that all you have heard today will enthuse you and renew you as you celebrate Catholic Schools' Week in your own school community next week and in the year ahead. We invite Bishop Michael to conclude with a prayer.

Bishop Michael offers the Final Blessing

Song Eight - Send us out

Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to shine your light in the way we live.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
as we've received, may we freely give.

Send us out,
send us out,
send us out for your glory.
Let all we do
be praise to you;
send us out for your glory

Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to show your love everywhere we go.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
Lord, fill us up so we overflow.

We're laying down our lives,
a living sacrifice,
we're living for your glory and your praise.
We're taking up our cross,
we've counted up the cost,
we're living for your glory and your praise.



Catholic Schools Week 2020

Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation

Welcome - read by a pupil from St. Mary's & the Gael Scol

'Is féidir linne sna scoileanna Caitliceacha páirt lánach a ghlacadh san obair seo agus todhchaí an domhain a thogáil, trí bheith ag comhoibriú lena chéile agus aire a thabhairt don domhan coiteann. Is bronnánas ó Dhia é an domhan seo agus caithimid gníomhú mar ghiollai agus mar chosantóirí i rith an ama a chaitimid anseo. Tá sé de dhuilgas orainn aire a thabhairt don domhan, é a fheabhsú ar son an ghluin atá ag teacht inár ndiaidh. San Inilíir Laudato Si', meabhraíonn An Pápa Pionias dúinn an géarghá atá ann go dtabharfaí aire choinníasach don domhan coiteann.

Good morning and a very warm welcome to everyone. Thank you all for taking the time to attend our service here today to mark Catholic Schools Week 2020. We especially welcome Bishop Michael to his first Seinn event. This is the eighth time we have marked Catholic Schools Week in this way. This year we gather in special way to celebrate the gift of God's creation and consider how we can be co-creators in making the world a better place. Our relationships with those around us, our environment and how we act ourselves are all important elements of God's creation. Let us join in prayer today, thanking God for our world and all that is beautiful on it. Please take part in all the music; listen carefully to the readings; join in the prayers; & hear what our bishop wants to teach us. Please stand to join in our opening song.



Opening Song: Lord the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining. Jesus Light of the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on me, Shine on me.

Refrain: Shine Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze,

Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow, flood the nations
with grace & mercy. Send forth your word, Lord & let there be light

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness.
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, Shine on me

Opening prayer: A pupil from Redeemer Boys Creator of the Universe, we pray in gratitude and praise. You were there at the beginning of all things, shaping our world and preparing it for us. You have provided the mountains and the trees, and the waters and the earth. Help us to be caretakers of your gifts, protecting the land from abuse, and ready to share with all in need. Show us how to use our science and technology in creative not destructive ways. Deepen our awareness of our connectedness with all your creation, so that future generations will also enjoy every blessing. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 1:27-31 A Pupil from Castletown

God created man in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all the living creatures that move on earth.' God also said, 'Look, to you I give all the seed-bearing plants everywhere on the surface of the earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this will be your food.

And to all the wild animals, all the birds of heaven and all the living creatures that creep along the ground, I give all the foliage of the plants as their food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. **The Word of The Lord**

Song Two: Soloists from Friary Girls and Realt na Mara

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
(Chorus)

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou
art; Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to
Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art

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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze **(Chorus)**

3. And when I think of God, His Son not sparing sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on

the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin **(Chorus)**

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation; And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart: Then I shall bow with humble adoration And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art **(Chorus)**

Climate Change: With whom Do we Stand: 2 students from De La Salle & St. Mary's

1st Song Three: What a Wonderful World (Video Presentation, with words) & Live music.
Please sing along

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1: 1-14). In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made: without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision nor of man, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

1st Song Four - Do Life Big: with dance movement by pupils from Castletown Girls

I gotta slow down Stop for a second; Take a look around And I gotta take time to hear that little voice inside; Saying I came to give you life So spread your wings & fly I've got a secret to share You are enough to change the atmosphere

So go and do life big, big I wanna do life big, big (x 3) Break out them blue skies I can feel my heart beating inside Yeah, it's like a new day Woke up to hear You say I came to give you life

Oh, I wanna love, wanna give every day I live I wanna do life big I wanna love, serve, and give every chance I get I wanna do life big I wanna love, wanna give every day I live I wanna do life big

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Fr. Paddy sets the scene for our quiet time, as the lights are lowered, and the flames lit, and the Taize Chant 'O Lord Hear My Prayer' begins quietly in the background as pupils from **St. Brigid's school** carry forward and place the STEWARDS banners (SUPPORT; THINK; ENCOURAGE; WONDER; AWE; RESPECT; DEFEND; SUSTAIN) on the altar. Pupils leading the prayers go to the pulpit.

Intercessions led by pupils from Coláiste Rís, St. Francis, St. Malachy's Boys, & Seol Eoin Báiste
The response to our prayers is sung: "O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me, O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me."

1. **Reader 1:** Pope Francis has asked us to be responsible stewards of our planet. Using the word families within our primary and secondary schools. Help us all to show support and care for each other in our daily activities.

2. **Reader 2:** T is for Think. We are sorry for the times we fail to think before we act. We pray for our school leaders, that they may always think of and promote core Catholic values within our schools.

3. **Reader 3:** E is for Encourage. We pray for our parents and Grandparents who greatly encourage us and who are our first teachers in all things but especially in our faith.

4. **Reader 4:** W is for Wonder. We encourage all here today to appreciate and constantly pray for God's wonderful creation, the whole cosmos including our common home, and the intricate balance in every part of every ecosystem that sustains life on Earth. **Chant: O Lord hear my prayer...**

5. **Reader 5:** A is for Awe. Awe happens when we feel a sense of praise arising from what we behold to be beautiful or inspiring. May we never lose our sense of awe in this wonderful planet and universe, and we praise God the Creator.

6. **Reader 6:** R is for Respect. If we respect others we will want justice for all. We pray for social and ecological justice in our world so that we can right the wrongs that create poverty and degrade our common home. **Chant: O Lord hear my prayer...**

7. **Reader 7:** D is for Defend. We pray for people who risk their lives to defend creation and for all who have lost their lives in the mission of protecting Mother Earth.

8. **Reader 8:** S is for Sustain. We pray for Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and all God's holy people, that they may be sustained by the grace of the Holy Spirit to spread the gospel. **Chant: O Lord hear my prayer...**

1st Song Six - I'd Like to Teach the World To Sing - pupils from Redeemer Girls

1. I'd like to build the world a home And furnish it with love Grow apple trees and honey bees And snow white turtle doves.

2. I'd like to teach the world to sing In perfect harmony I'd like to hold it in my arms And keep it company

It's the real thing, what the world wants today. That's

the way it will stay, with the real thing. It's the real thing, won't you hear what I say. What the world needs today is the real thing.

I'd like to see the world for once all standing hand in hand. And hear them echo through the hills for peace through out the land

A: it's the real thing, what the world wants today. That's the way it will stay, with the real thing..
B: Verse 2: then Verse 1; then Verse 1 again

We now invite Bishop Michael to share with us his thoughts today.
Bishop Michael will speak to the congregation.

He will then bless any trees that have been brought along by schools.

