

## **Welcome Prayer**

### **Regina Trevino, Ana Lucia Trevino**

Dear Lord, we thank you for all the wonderful people who have come to celebrate with us today, as we take this important step on our Christian journey. Amen

## **Sorry Prayers**

### **3. Lizzie Jarvis**

Dear Lord,

We are sorry for the times that we have judged others.

Help us to be more like you and accept differences between us.

We are sorry for the times when we have ignored people and have not listened.

Help us to not sin again and to live like Jesus, following his rules.

Amen

### **4. Joseph Shenton**

We are sorry for the times that we have not forgiven others and continued to be angry with them. Give us strength to be kind and to be a good example to everyone. Lord we are sorry.

Amen

### **5. Lola Tite**

Lord, we are sorry for hurting or annoying siblings, family and friends. Please help us to behave better and love you more.

Amen

### **6. Nikola Francelli**

Lord, we are sorry for not listening to the people who care for us, our mums and dads, and teachers. Help us to listen more.

Amen

### **7. Aine O'Callaghan**

Lord, we are sorry for not always helping others. Help us to try harder.

Amen.

## **First Reading**

### **1. Cahán Rooney**

The First reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowds.

### **2. Andrew O'Boyle**

All the people of Israel, then, are to know for sure that this Jesus, whom you crucified, is the one that God has made Lord and Messiah!

### **3. Elodie Morley**

When the people heard this, they were deeply troubled and said to Peter and the other apostles, what shall we do, brothers?

### **4. Maggie Scullion**

Each one of you must turn away from his sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit. For God's promise was made to you and your children, and to all who are far away - all whom the Lord our God calls to himself.

### **5. Lewis Ptak-Gallagher**

Peter made this appeal to them and with many other words he urged them to believe.

### **6. Quyme Moses**

Save yourselves from the punishment coming on this wicked people!

### **7. Molly Callahan**

Many of them believed his message and were baptized, and about three thousand people were added to the group that day. They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks, be to God**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

### **1.Aine Mullen**

*The Response to the Psalm is: The Lord is my Shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.*

***The Lord is my Shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
Where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
To revive my drooping spirit.

***Response: The Lord is my Shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.***

### **2.Amelie Hughes**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
if I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil I would fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
With these you give me comfort.

***Response: The Lord is my Shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.***

### **3.Benjamin Jackson**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil  
my cup is overflowing.

***Response: The Lord is my Shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.***

### **4.Rory Squire**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
For ever and ever.

***Response: The Lord is my Shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.***

## **Preparation for the Gospel**

### **1. Stanley Waite**

I want to know more about sheep and shepherds in the time of Jesus. You know about these things. Tell us about the sheep and the shepherds in those days.

### **2. Annie Katon**

The main thing was to protect the sheep. You couldn't have the sheep running about all over the place. It was too dangerous. The sheep had to be watched and minded during the day and then penned in at night.

### **3. Stanley Waite**

How do you mean "penned in"?

### **4. Ava Cottingham**

The shepherds built what they called a sheepfold. It had a high fence all around and just one gate. The sheep gathered in there at night for safety and protection.

### **5. Martha LeRuez**

Where did the shepherds go at night?

### **6. Joseph Boardman**

A few shepherds always stayed with the sheep inside the sheepfold. There was only one gate to the sheepfold and nothing would pass without the shepherds noticing it. The shepherds took turns watching the sheep to guard them against robbers, or wolves, or wild dogs.

### **7. Oliver Bevan**

And were sheep ever stolen by robbers?

### **8. Charlotte Carter**

Of course, they were. Sometimes robbers tunnelled in under the sheepfold or they put rope ladders against the walls and climbed in. Or they started a fire to distract the shepherds and then opened the main gate and were off with as many sheep as they could drag away. Or, worse still, they beat up the shepherds and made off with the sheep.

### **9. Joseph Jarvis**

Were the shepherds able to deal with the robbers?

### **10. Ewan Taylor**

The shepherds knew all the tricks. The robbers knew that the shepherds were ready to defend their sheep and even die for them. Most robbers just made a run for it if they were spotted. They didn't wait to fight it out with the shepherds. They knew that a shepherd fighting for the sheep was very dangerous and was best left alone.

## **Preparation for the Gospel**

### **11. Sebastian Snowden**

You really mean they would die for their sheep?

### **12. Cassius Kitchiner**

Yes, that was their tradition. A shepherd knew the sheep by name. As the shepherd called out the names they recognised their master's voice and followed wherever the shepherd was going. The sheep were really part of the shepherd's family.

### **13. Eleanor Di Mambro**

Did Jesus know a lot about shepherds?

### **14. Eleanor Fenn**

Jesus often took stories from the lives of shepherds to explain something about God's love and care for the people. Jesus would say things like this, "God is like a shepherd", "God loves the people just as a shepherd loves the sheep", or Jesus might say "God's care for the people is like a shepherd's care for the sheep".

### **15. George Hayes-Gill**

Just as the sheep feel safe with shepherd you can feel safe with me. I will lead you to the road to God.

### **16. Joseph Bartley**

There will be others who will pretend to be leading you to God. They will be leading you astray. The sheep are led by the real shepherd. Don't be fooled by the voices of thieves and robbers.

### **17. Jude Draycot**

I am the true shepherd. I will not lead you astray. I will bring you to the true sheepfold. I will stand guard over you in God's name. I will lead you to God. For that, I was called and chosen by God.

## 1. Zsuzsanna Fabok

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me,  
Alleluia!

## 2. William Brown

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said, 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way, is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gate-keeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and he leads them out.

## 3. Matyas Fabok

When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

## 4. Mason Hoskins

So Jesus spoke to them again: I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Bidding Prayers**

### **1. Clara Cuddington**

Lord, please pray for all those children that are making their First Holy Communion today. Please make this a very special day.  
Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer

### **2. Freddie Lockton**

Dear Lord, we pray for those that are sick, poor and homeless.  
Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer

### **3. Anna Bianchi**

Dear Lord, we pray for all the people who cannot be with us today. We thank the people in our parish, who have been praying for us during our First Holy Communion preparation.  
Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer

### **4. Rhys Jangwa**

Dear Lord, thank you for all the family and friends that care for us and help us. Help us to love and care for other people.  
Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer

### **5. Tiara Lesiga Sikod**

Dear Lord help us to listen to your message of Love, help us to care and look after one another.  
Lord In your mercy ...hear our prayer

### **6. Isabella Abrahams Lee**

Dear Lord, we ask for peace around the world and that all war is stopped. We ask for everyone to respect each other and we are all in harmony.  
Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer

### **7. Poppy Heath**

Lord, we pray for our families and friends and the love that they share with us. We pray that they will continue to find room in their hearts for us. We pray especially for all mothers as we say together, Hail Mary...

## **Thank you Prayers**

### **1. George Sumner**

Dear God, I thank you for loving me and caring for me and my family and friends. Please bless all the children who are doing their first holy communion today.  
Amen

### **2. Cathal Guy**

We thank you Lord for all those who have helped us make a good first confession and First Holy Communion. We pray for the priests, Catechists, Prayer Sponsors, family and friends.

### **3. Isla Sharkey**

Dear Lord, we thank you for keeping us safe and for family and friends who have travelled here to celebrate with us today.  
Amen

### **4. Reece Whittaker**

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus, and our Christian family here today.  
Amen

### **5. Rhys Fiddes**

Dear Lord, thank you for our happy lives, for our teachers, our priests and our catechists.  
Amen.



## **Offertory**

- George Kumar
- Liam Doherty
- Lola-Rose Bishop
- Lucy Kumar
- Mihaly Fabok
- Ted Howes
- Ava Sewell
- Edward Woolley