

Saint Ambrose College



ORDER OF CELEBRATION

BLESSING OF THE NEW BUILDING 8 OCTOBER 2012



SAINT AMBROSE COLLEGE

Event Schedule

BLESSING

- 9:30-10:00** Arrivals
Coffee
- 10:00-12:00** Welcoming address by the Head Master, Mr M D Thompson
Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies, 11th Bishop of Shrewsbury, followed by the Official Blessing
- 12:00-1:00** Buffet/Tours

OFFICIAL OPENING

- 1:00** Address by the Head Master, Mr M D Thompson
Address by The Mayor of Trafford, Cllr P Young
Address by the Chair of Governors , Mr R M Haig
Address and Official Opening by Mr Warren J Smith JP,
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester
- 2:00** Tour of School
- 3:00** End of Ceremony

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING MASS OF WELCOME

Welcome by the Head Master, Mr Thompson

Prayer of St Ambrose

All standing and say:

O God, creation's secret force
Yourself unmoved, all motions source,
Who from every morn till evening's ray
Through all its challenges guid'st the day:
Grant us, when this short life has past,
The glorious evening that shall last;
That by a holy death attained
Eternal glory may be gained.
Amen

Entrance Hymn

All remain standing and sing.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Refrain

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light.

Refrain

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them His glory also show.

Refrain

And all who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

Refrain

And thou most kind and gentle Death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou ledest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod.

Refrain

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Refrain

W H Draper (1855-1933) based on
St Francis of Assisi's 'Cantico di Frate Sole'.

Sign of the Cross

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

All: Amen.

Greeting

Bishop: Peace be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

The Penitential Rite

All: I confess to Almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

All: Amen.

Kyrie – Choir

Kyrie, eleison
Christe, eleison
Kyrie, eleison

All: The Gloria

All:

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.

The Collect

Bishop: Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
That the example of your Saints
may spur us on to a better life, so that we,
who celebrate the memory of St. Ambrose
and Blessed Edmund Rice may also imitate
without ceasing their deeds through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 3-9

Read by Mrs M. Kerr, Governor and Parent

The importance of keeping the
commandments

'Listen, Israel, keep and observe what will
make you prosper and give you great
increase, as the Lord, the God of your fathers
has promised you, giving you a land where
milk and honey flow.

Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one
Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart, with all your soul, with all your
strength. Let these words I urge on you today
be written on your heart. You shall repeat
them to your children and say them over to
them whether at rest in your house or walking
abroad, at your lying down or at your rising;
you shall fasten them on your hand as a sign
and on your forehead as a circlet; you shall
write them on the doorposts of your house
and on your gates.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

"SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD" - Choir (from Psalm 33)

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.*

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord
And play for him on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound.

Sing a new song...

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song.

Sing a new song...

Glad my soul for I have seen
The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives.

Sing a new song...

Daniel L. Schutte

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-19

Read by Mr. P. Howard, Deputy Head

Plant faith in their hearts

This is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name:

Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the Saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 4: 13-20

All stand to greet the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

All sing: Alleluia

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The parable of the sower explained

He said to them, ' Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand any of the parables? What the sower is sowing is the word. Those on the edge of the path where the word is sown are people who have no sooner heard it than Satan comes and carries away the word that was sown in them. Similarly, those who receive the seed on patches of rock are people who, when first they hear the word, welcome it at once with joy. But they have no root in them, they do not last; should some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, they fall away at once. Then there are others who receive the seed in thorns. These have heard the word, but the worries of this world, the lure of riches and all other passions come in to choke the word, and so it produces nothing. And there are those who have received the seed in rich soil: they hear the word and accept it and yield a harvest, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

All sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand and say:

All: I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful

Remain standing

Read by a 1st Year, 2nd Year, 3rd Year,
4th Year, 5th Year and 6th Form pupil.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

The Hail Mary

All: Hail Mary,
full of Grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.
Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

During the Offertory Song the gifts of bread and wine are brought in procession. The Bishop offers the prayers of blessing quietly at the altar. If the Bishop says the prayers aloud the assembly's acclamation each time is:

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the gifts

Bishop: As we make our offerings
At this sacred altar, O Lord,
We ask your mercy,
that this oblation may render you supreme glory
and win for us an abundance of your grace.
Through Christ our Lord.

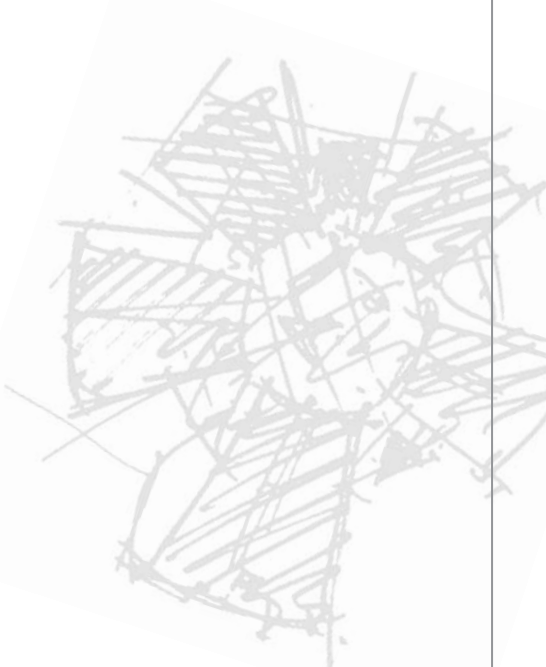
All: Amen

Orate Fratres

All stand

Bishop: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of
his name,
for our good
and the good of all his
holy Church.



The Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Dialogue

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your Spirit.
Bishop: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right and just.

The Sanctus

All: 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.

All sit.

Eucharistic Prayer III

The Mystery of Faith.

Bishop: The mystery of faith.
All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Doxology and Great Amen.

Bishop: 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.
All: Amen.

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

All stand

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

All: 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.

Bishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Bishop: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Let us offer each other the Sign of Peace.

All offer one another the sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

All: 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.

All sit

Invitation to Communion

Bishop: 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.

All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Communion:

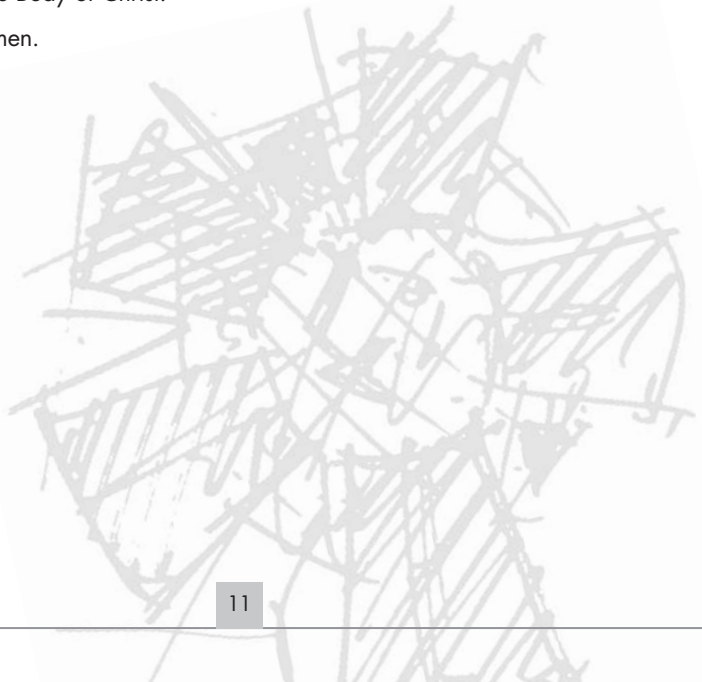
Communion Antiphon Mt 11:28

All: Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

The communicants come forward to receive Holy Communion.

Priest: The Body of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.



Communion Hymn

DEVOUTLY I ADORE THEE (ADORO TE DEVOTE) - Choir

O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore Thee,
Who truly art within the forms before me;
To Thee my heart I bow with bended knee,
As failing quite in contemplating Thee.

Sight, touch, and taste in Thee are each deceived;
The ear alone most safely is believed:
I believe all the Son of God has spoken;
Than Truth's own word there is no truer token.

God only on the Cross lay hid from view;
But here lies hid at once the manhood too;
And I, in both professing my belief,
Make the same prayer as the repentant thief.

Thy wounds, as Thomas saw, I do not see;
Yet Thee confess my Lord and God to be:
Make me believe Thee ever more and more;
In Thee my hope, in Thee my love to store.

O thou memorial of our Lord's own dying!
O Bread that living art and vivifying!
Make ever Thou my soul on Thee to live;
Ever a taste of Heavenly sweetness give.

Jesus, whom for the present veil'd I see,
What I so thirst for, oh, vouchsafe to me:
That I may see Thy countenance unfolding,
And may be blest Thy glory in beholding.

Adoro te devote

Ascribed to St. Thomas Aquinas (1227-74)

translated by Edward Caswall (1814-78)



Prayer after Communion

All stand

Bishop: Let us pray.
We pray, O Lord our God,
that the divine mysteries,
which we celebrate,
in commemoration of your Saints,
may bring about in us salvation
and eternal peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING

Opening Prayer

Bishop:

The all-knowing God, who is Lord, moves us in many ways to deepen that knowledge of him which he revealed completely, when for our sake the Word was made flesh.

All disciplines, sciences, and teaching about the world and about human life that we pursue must have as their final purpose to bring us to a knowledge of the truth and to the worship of the true God.

Today we ask God's blessing on this centre of seeking, learning, and teaching of what is true.

We ask that those entrusted with the education of young people in this institution may teach their students how to join the discoveries of human wisdom with the truth of the Gospel, so that they will be able to keep the true faith and to live up to it in their lives.

We also ask the Lord that the students will find in their teachers the image of Christ, so that, enriched with both human and divine learning, they will in turn, be ready and be able to enlighten and assist others.

Prayer of Blessing

Bishop:

Lord God almighty, in your kindness, hear our prayers.

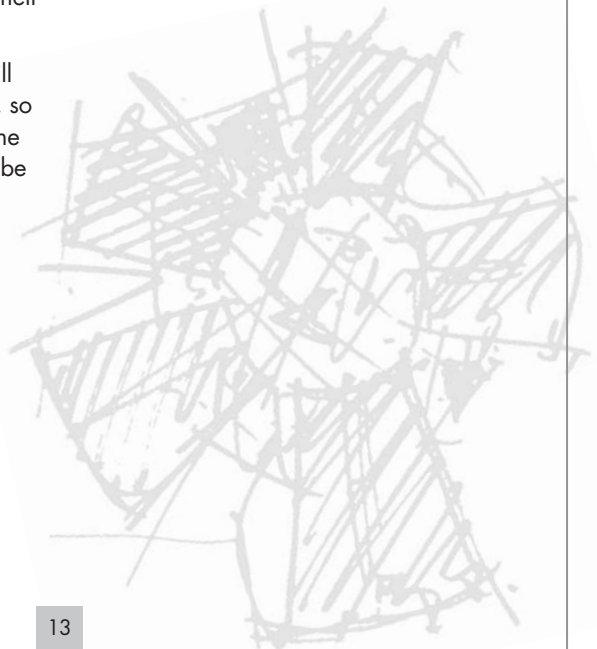
We dedicate this building to the education of young people and to the progress of their learning.

Make it become a centre where students and teachers, imbued with the words of truth, will search for the wisdom that guides the Christian life and strive wholeheartedly to stand by Christ as their teacher, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Procession: The Bishop blesses various points before returning to give the final blessing of the Mass.

Please be seated



THESE ALONE ARE ENOUGH - Choir

Take my heart, O Lord,
take my hopes and dreams,
Take my mind
with all its plans and schemes,
Give me nothing more
than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Take my thoughts, O Lord,
and my memory.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.
Give me nothing more
than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.
I return to you your gifts untold.
Give me nothing more
than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

When the darkness falls on my final days,
Take the very breath that sang your praise.
Give me nothing more
than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

By Daniel L Schutte, based on "Suscipe" Prayer of
Ignatius of Loyola

A NEW BEGINNING - Choir

Vitam Impendere Vero

A new beginning, an open door,
Journey through these wonders to explore.
Looking forward, feeling strong,
Now we've found the place where we
belong

*Worship in harmony,
Creating a new energy,
Working in unity,
In Life seek out the Truth.*

**Raise your voice, sing to God!
Praise Him every day, praise Him
in everything you do.
Raise your voice, sing to God;
He will guide us through**

Vitam Impendere Vero

Send a message to all the world,
An education that is there for all.
This common world for those in need,
Justice and Compassion, a Christian call

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Composed and arranged by Miss C. Mortimer

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Concluding Prayer

All stand

Bishop:

May the all-knowing God,
who is Lord, show us his ways;
may Christ, eternal Wisdom,
teach us the words of truth;
may the Holy Spirit, the blessed light,
always enlighten our minds,
so that we may learn what is right and good
and in our actions carry out what we
have learned.

Final Blessing

Bishop: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: Now and forever

Bishop: Our help is in the name of
the Lord

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
The Father, + and the
Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Bishop: Go in peace, glorifying the
Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn

THE SCHOOL HYMN: THE DAY THOU GAVEST

All sing

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended:
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended;
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empire, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own thy sway.

John Ellerton (1826-93)





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