

Faith Friends Liturgy
9th May 2011
Des Places Educational Association

Opening Song:



Opening Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for today.

We thank you for the gift of our Transition Year Faith Friends and their time spent with the 6th form pupils from St Mary's, St Michael's and Willow Park school.

We have come together to offer thanks and gratitude for the success that they celebrate today having completed the Spiritan Faith Friends programme.

Thank you for all the blessings from this programme, and for the seeds of faith and courage that were sown along the way.

We offer prayers of hope that our example as faith friends will strengthen and grow within the Spiritan schools always bearing witness to the values of the Gospel.

Group Leader:

Reading: 1 Cor. 1:4-9

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in many ways, especially in your teachers, parents and preachers. The witness of Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any gifts of the spirit, and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of the Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to His Son, Jesus Christ, and God is faithful.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia.



Gospel: John 15:12-17

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I Command you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Fr Marc: Address the Faith Friends

Prayers from the Gathering:

1. Lord, you know the value of true friendship. In the house of Mary and Martha you were cared for, listened to and understood. Enable us to value the importance of listening to others, of being there for them in their time of need to comfort and encourage.

Lord hear our prayer
R: Lord hear our prayer

2. Lord, we ask you to open our hearts to your friendship as you opened the hearts of Mary and Martha. Help us to realise that our human hearts can always find true peace and love in our relationship with you.

Lord hear our prayer
R: Lord hear our prayer

3. Lord, thank you for our Faith Friends programme. Thank you for the leaders, the friends, the faith and the opportunities we gained. We pray for our 6th form faith friends and wish them well as they begin their journey into secondary school.

Lord hear our prayer
R: Lord hear our prayer

4. We pray for all students who will sit their examinations in May and June. May the Lord grant them confidence and success, We ask your special help, O Lord, at this time of pressure for all Junior and leaving certificate students as they face their exams.

Lord hear our prayer
R: Lord hear our prayer

5. Offering of own prayers welcome

Short Reflection: Transition Year student:

- ***St Mary's College***
- ***Blackrock College***
- ***St Michael's College***

Blessing of Faith Friends: Seamus Galvín C.S.Sp.

Presentation of Certificates to:

Patrick Lavelle, Hugh LeGear, Simon Leonard, Andrew Loughnane, Mark McCarthy, Adam McCloskey, Conor McGovern, Jack McQuade, Ciaran McSweeney, Eduardo Moffatt, Michael Moriarty, Daniel Nolan, Dylan O'Reilly, Eoin Regan, Garry Ringrose, Charlie Rock, Jack Rush, Patrick Keegan, Shane Kelly, Ian Kennedy, Oliver Jaeger, Aaron Hartnett, Ross Ryan, Gareth Henry, Cillian Ryan John Basquel, Geoffrey

McKibben, Leo Phelan, Matthew Larney, Matthew Ambrose, Jack Connery, Conor Rock, Ciaran Dunne, Stephen Maguire, Bernard Holmes, Colm Dunne, Jeffrey Donnelly, Joe Ronaldson, Steven O'Brien, Ross Holohan, Frank Devlin, Cormac Byrne, Conor O' Leary, Mark McCarthy, Gavin Fitzgerald, Carl Healion, Conor, Garvey, Michael Purcell, Tom Cleary, Richard Crowe, James Eggers, Jacob Farrell, Jordan Hannon, Richard Killeen, Kelvin Leahy, Peter Molloy, Josh Murphy, Shane O' Brien and Nicholas Quane.

Three Gold medals to one student from each college.

Closing Prayer: Transition Year Student

I Want You to Shine

I want you to shine, my friend,
and show the world your greatness.
God lives in your every smile,
in the beauty of your laughter.
Your gifts and talents are unfolding
for all the world to share.
I'm happy when you take centre stage
and play the leading role there.
Sometimes it's hard to mean these words,
when jealousy and envy stand in line,
but I want you to know that today I pray,
that *your* light might shine.



Final Blessing: Marc Whelan C.S.Sp.

Closing Song



**my spirital
confirmation prayer**

Wrapped in the Gifts of
the Holy Spirit
I can be all that I was baptised to be,
a light for those in darkness,
a friend for those in need,
a selfless giver for those without,
a peacemaker for those
who are angry,
a patient companion for
those who are worried,
a strong support for those
who are in sadness,
and a bridge for those
separated from love.

Wrapped in the Gifts of
the Holy Spirit
I can be all that Jesus has
asked me to be.

**SEVEN Gifts Of
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

wisdom
understanding
right judgement
courage
knowledge
reverence
wonder and awe

