



Turnbull High School

End of Term Service 2020

The Birthday of St John the Baptist



Welcome- **FPearce**

School Prayer

+In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

Lord, please help us through each day in our play and in our work.

Help us to have trust in you and in each other.

May we all come together as a community to be happy and secure in Turnbull High.

We ask this of Christ Our Lord, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Amen



First reading- **NHoyle**

Readings taken from the Vigil of the Birthday of St John the Baptist

Jeremiah 1:4-10

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.'
I said, 'Ah, Lord; look, I do not know how to speak: I am a child!'
But the Lord replied,
'Do not say, "I am a child."

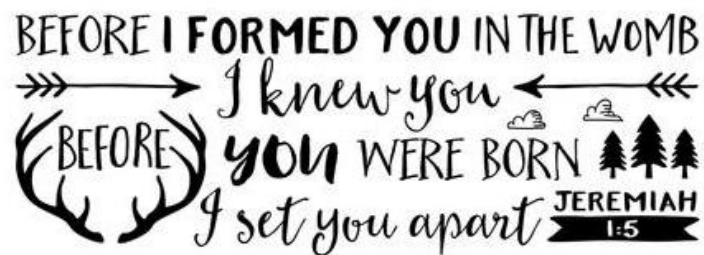
Go now to those to whom
I send you
and, say whatever I
command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to
protect you -

it is the Lord who speaks!'

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me:
'There! I am putting my words into your mouth.

Look, today I am setting you
over nations and over kingdoms,
to tear up and to knock down,
to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant.' **The word of the Lord * Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation- MHughes

Jn1:7;Lk1:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
preparing for the Lord a people fit for him.
Alleluia!

Gospel- MHughes

Luke 1:5-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Luke * Glory to you, O Lord

In the days of King Herod of Judaea there lived a priest called Zechariah who belonged to the Abijah section of the priesthood, and he had a wife, Elizabeth by name, who was a descendant of Aaron. Both were worthy in the sight of God, and scrupulously observed all the commandments and observances of the Lord. But they were childless: Elizabeth was barren and they were both getting on in years.

Now it was the turn of Zechariah's section to serve, and he was exercising his priestly office before God when it fell to him by lot, as the ritual custom was, to enter the Lord's sanctuary and burn incense there. And at the hour of incense the whole congregation was outside, praying.

Then there appeared to him the angel of the Lord, standing on the right of the altar of incense. The sight disturbed Zechariah and he was overcome with fear. But the angel said to him, 'Zechariah, do not be afraid, your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth is to bear you a son and you must name him John. He will be your joy and delight and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord; he must drink no wine, no strong drink. Even from his mother's womb he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and he will bring back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah, he will go before him to turn the hearts of fathers towards their children and the disobedient back to the wisdom that the virtuous have, preparing for the Lord a people fit for him.'



The Gospel of the Lord * Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

CBray- In our first reading, Jeremiah receives a calling from God, a calling that fills him with anxiety - preaching to the nations and calling back those who have fallen away. He tries to find excuses 'I am young, I don't know what to say!' God replies 'Before I even formed you in the womb, I knew you and set you apart. I will give you the words to say.'

When I face challenges, how do I react? Do I look for excuses? What is God's reply to me? [Pause]

Do I remember that, despite my shortcomings, God has called me from before my heart began to beat? Do I remember to turn to him as my strength? Am I scared to let go of the control I think I have and depend on Him? [Pause]

Jeremiah is set over 'nations and kingdoms' and we are set over 'pupils and classrooms.'

Do I make the most of this opportunity? [Pause]

Jeremiah is called to tear up, to build and to plant.

What do I need to root out in my life in order to let the fruits of the Holy Spirit grow? How do I enable young people to root out vice and flourish in virtue? [Pause]

GRafferty- John the Baptist was also set apart to prepare the way for Jesus' coming.

How do I prepare the hearts of my pupils to receive Jesus? Do I show the way to His mercy? [Pause]

John's father was praying and offering incense in the temple when word came that his barren wife had conceived the great prophet, John.

Do I take time to pray and listen? Maybe my soul feels barren. Have I asked God to breathe new life into my weary soul? [Pause]

Finally, hear God's voice say these words to you as a person and as a teacher.

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you.' [Pause]

'Do not be afraid... for I am with you to protect you -it is the Lord who speaks!'

Music- [When I see you, Audrey Assad](#)

Intercessions

CBray- We bring before God our Father our prayers for our community and for the world.

'Go now to those to whom I send you and, say whatever I command you.' We pray for the Holy Church of God, Pope Francis and all the clergy. May the promised Holy Spirit protect them and empower them to preach the Gospel with courage.

'He will be your joy and delight' We pray for our young people and their families. Through the joys and trials that come their way, may they always turn to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as their strength and consolation.

'Do not be afraid...for I am with you to protect you.' We pray for pupils who are joining our community, especially those who may be anxious. May they grow in knowledge, faith, hope and charity because of their time at Turnbull. May they find in us a family of faith rooted in the love of God.

'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.' We pray for our staff who are expecting new arrivals in their own families and those for whom parenting has taken on a new dynamic during the recent months. Grant them your wisdom as they seek to foster the God-given potential of their children.

FPearce- *'I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.'* We pray for those who are moving on from Turnbull- our school leavers, staff who are moving on to pastures new and our colleagues who are retiring. May they go out into the world bearing witness to the person of Jesus whom they have encountered during their time at Turnbull.

'Look, today I am setting you over nations and over kingdoms...to build and to plant.' We pray for our vocation as staff in a Catholic school. May we ever be open to the Holy Spirit as we seek to build up the young people in our care through our witness and through teaching them what is beautiful, true, and good.

Finally we pray for all those, near and far, who have been affected by the Covid pandemic. May those who mourn be comforted, those who are sick find healing and strength and may those who have died find mercy and rest.

We bring all of our prayers together in the perfect prayer the Jesus taught us- **Our Father...**

**+In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen**

Closing Remarks from EKennedy