



Turnbull High School

August Service 2020

The Feast of

St Lawrence



Turnbull High School | Centred on Christ

Welcome- **EK**

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 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 intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Amen



First Reading EK

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Do not forget: thin sowing means thin reaping; the more you sow, the more you reap. Each one should give what he has decided in his own mind, not grudgingly or because he is made to, for God loves a cheerful giver. And there is no limit to the blessings which God can send you - he will make sure that you will always have all you need for yourselves in every possible circumstance, and still have something to spare for all sorts of good works. As scripture says: He was free in almsgiving, and gave to the poor: his good deeds will never be forgotten.

The one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide you with all the seed you want and make the harvest of your good deeds a larger one.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation FP

Jn8:12bc

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel FP

John 12:24-26

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples:
'I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and
dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour
him.'

The Gospel of the Lord
All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



Reflection

EK: "Do not forget: thin sowing means thin reaping; the more you sow, the more you reap."

FP: St Lawrence was a deacon, a servant of the Church in the third century, following Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations. When the persecutors of the Church demanded that he hand over the church's treasure, Lawrence pointed to the poor and said, 'Here are the true treasures of the church.'

We are entrusted with the treasure of the Church- our young people. We are called to show them the way to God as St Lawrence did.

All: **Lord, help me to serve you above all**



EK: “...there is no limit to the blessings which God can send you - he will make sure that you will always have all you need for yourselves in every possible circumstance,”

FP: For his response, St Lawrence was martyred by burning on a grille under the tyrant Valarian. Sacred Tradition tells us that, such were his faith and hope that Lawrence approached this with serenity and even humour saying to his executioners ‘turn me over, I’m done on this side!’

We are called to go out on a limb, to stand firm in the faith against the pressures and persecutions of our day. Let us remember that God’s grace is enough and that He always supplies what we need in every circumstance. Let us face challenges with hope and humour!

All: Lord, help me to serve you above all



EK: “...unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest”

FP: In speaking to first century Jews who knew how to work the land, Jesus uses the metaphor of a seed, buried, appearing to die but which brings forth great fruit.

The language of true love is sacrifice as the Lord Himself showed us in laying down his life for the salvation of the world. We are called to follow Him in laying down our lives out of love for one another. As members of the mystical body of Christ, the Church, Jesus calls us to be his hands his eyes, his feet in the world. Let us demonstrate this divine love in our school community by placing God and our neighbour before ourselves.

All: Lord, help me to serve you above all

EK: “...anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life” “...If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too”

FP: St Lawrence knew that his ultimate destiny was to be with God in Heaven. We may not be called to Red Martyrdom, the shedding of our blood for Christ, but we are all called to White Martyrdom, that is, dying to our own will in the little things so as to follow the will of God. This is

what we mean when we pray 'Thy will be done.' Let us be a Catholic school that truly recognises that academic and spiritual formation must be founded on the destiny of each individual - to know, love and serve God in this life and to be happy with Him in the next.

All: Lord, help me to serve you above all

Collect for the Feast of St Lawrence

EK: O God, giver of that ardour of love for you by which St Lawrence was outstandingly faithful in service and glorious in martyrdom, grant that we may love what he loves and practice what he taught. 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. **Amen**

Musical Meditation- [Christ has no body now but yours.](#)

Words: St Teresa of Avila. Music: Nigel Ogdon

Intercessions

FP: We pray for the Holy Church of God, that inspired by the example of St Lawrence, all Her children will follow Jesus in laying down their lives to bring the Gospel of truth to the world.

Lord hear us...Lord graciously hear us

EK: We pray for the staff and families of Turnbull High School as we prepare to begin a new school year, especially those who are anxious. May we learn to rely on God's unfailing help through prayer as we seek to grow in knowledge and virtue.

Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us

FP: We pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or soul. May we become his eyes that look with compassion, his hands outstretched in blessing and living examples of the power of the sacraments.

Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us

EK: We pray for all those who have died, especially during the Covid 19 pandemic. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faith departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**

FP: We bring all of our prayers together in the perfect prayer the Jesus taught us- **Our Father... +In the name of the Father...**