



# PARTS OF THE MASS



It is important to be able to recognise each part of the Mass to allow us to participate more fully in this celebration. When we are part of the celebration of the Mass we are gathering as God's people to listen to His Word and to meet Him in the Eucharist. As the disciples did at the Last Supper we too gather around the table with Jesus to commemorate His death and resurrection.

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

**The beginning of Mass welcomes everyone present to the celebration. It is a moment to prepare ourselves to listen to God's Word and to celebrate the Eucharistic meal.**

**It includes the following elements:**

- Entrance Procession
- Sign of the Cross
- Opening Prayer
- Lord Have Mercy
- The Gloria

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**During the Liturgy of the Word we have the opportunity to listen to God's Word as it is proclaimed to us. It is a moment to reflect on what the scriptures might be saying to us and to be nourished spiritually.**

**It includes the following elements:**

- First Reading
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading
- Gospel Acclamation
- The Gospel
- The Homily
- The Creed
- Prayers of the Faithful



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**During the Liturgy of the Eucharist we meet Jesus in the Eucharist and celebrate in the same way that the disciples did during the Last supper more than 2000 years ago.**

**It includes the following elements:**

- The Offertory Procession
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- Prayers of Consecration
- The Our Father
- Sign of Peace
- Lamb of God
- Holy Communion



## CONCLUDING RITE

**In the Concluding Rite we are sent out with this new boost of grace to continue to live the lives that God calls us to.**

**It includes the following elements:**

- Final Blessing
- Recessional procession