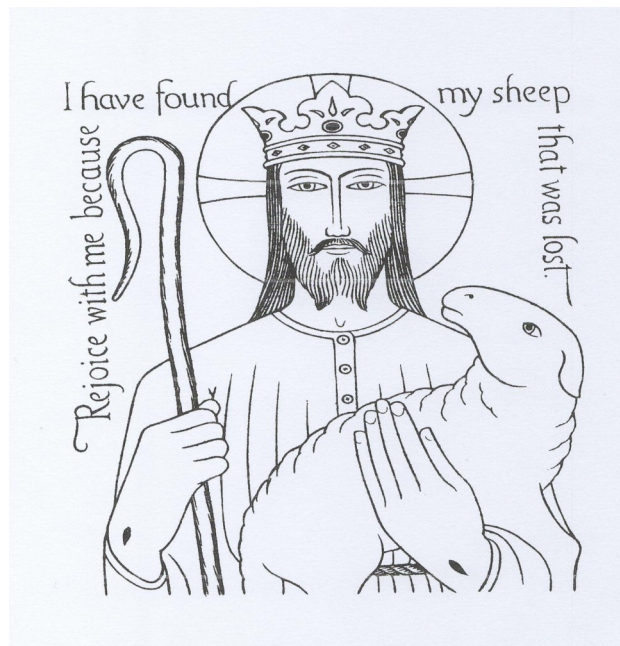




CELEBRATION OF FIRST FORGIVENESS
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

10 a.m. Saturday 16th March 2019

St. Alban's Catholic Church

Macclesfield

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Burke

Fr. Paschal Ihesiaba

**Please pray for
Our First Forgiveness Children and their families:**

Nadine Abbey	Santiago Monsalve
Hannah Rose Adharsh	Nadia Niczyporuk
Bobby Banks	Eve O'Donnell
Maisie Fox	Phoebe Owen
Lisa Hoar Garcia	Leila Parker
Krystal Gomez	Chloe Parkinson
Lilybelle Gough	Elzbieta Pietrzak
Florence Harrall	Mairead Prendergast
James Irwin	Benjamin Pugh
Ruby Jackson	Joseph Reed
Archie Jamieson	Rochelle Saji
Stephen Joseph	Gaetano M Sordillo
Paul Laurens	Joshua Sefton
Patrycja Malczewska	Benjamin Solomon
Charlie Marshall	Harrison Ward
Lily Mitchell	Nell Wilson



Opening hymn: Just for a change

1. When I am angry or selfish at play,
When I do wrong.
It's time to turn to the Lord,
Just for a change.

Chorus:
Open your eyes! Come back to me!
Just for a change.
2. When I am silly or fooling around,
When I don't care
It's time to turn to the Lord,
Just for a change.
3. When I am fighting with others at school,
When I am mean.
It's time to turn to the Lord,
Just for a change.
4. When I am noisy or won't go to bed,
When I am bad,
It's time to turn to the Lord,
Just for a change.
5. When I am truthful or loving and kind,
When I am good.
It's 'cos I turned to the Lord,
Just like I should.



Sign of the Cross

Welcome and introduction — Fr. Peter.

Opening Prayer:

God our Father, you love each one of us.
You have given us Jesus to show us how to be
your children.

Help us to listen to him.

Help us to be his friend.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen

We will now listen to a reading about Jesus.

First Reading: Mark 10: 13-16

And they brought their children to him so that he could touch them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he got angry. He said to them, "Let the children come to me! Do not stop them! Because God's kingdom belongs to those who are like them. Truly I say to you: Those who do not welcome God's kingdom like a little child will not enter it." And after having hugged the children, he blessed them by laying his hands on them.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God



Let us now respond by singing:

Turn and Follow

1. Father, I haven't listened to your Word
Father, I haven't followed in your path,
But now I want to run into your open arms
Turn and follow you,
Live my life with you,
In your peace.
2. Father, help me to listen to your Word
Father, help me to follow in your path,
For now I want to run into your open arms,
Turn and follow you,
Share my life with you,
Share your peace.

Introduction to the second reading:

We know that we are sometimes selfish and think only of ourselves and not of others. Jesus wants us to know that he can help us to grow up well and put things right. Listen to a story of someone who found out what Jesus could do for him. He was a cheat and nobody liked him, but Jesus helped him to change into a kind and friendly person.



Second reading: Luke 19: 1-6

One day, Jesus went to Jericho.
Now a man lived there called
Zacchaeus, he was a very rich man, because he collected money for the Romans. This man was very keen to see what Jesus looked like, but he was only little, and he could not see anything with all the people there. So he ran on in front, and climbed up a sycamore tree just to see Jesus when he went past.
But Jesus saw Him up the tree and said;

“Come down, I want to stay in your house today.” So Zacchaeus climbed down as quickly as he could, and took him home. Everyone else complained and said, “He’s a bad man, Jesus should not have gone there.” But Zacchaeus said, “Look Jesus, I am going to give half of everything I own to the poor! And if I have cheated anyone, I will give back four times as much again as I took!”.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Zacchaeus recognised that he had cheated and had been selfish. Jesus helped him to change to be kind and generous.

Jesus wants us to grow up properly. Let us think for a moment if we have followed Jesus.

Examination of Conscience

We have our Mothers and Fathers and family at home and our teachers at school.

- ♥ Do I always do what I am asked to do at home?
- ♥ Do I always do what I am asked to do at school?
- ♥ Am I generous and friendly at home, with my brothers and sisters, and with my friends?
- ♥ Do I share with others at school and let them join in what I am doing?
- ♥ Do I say hurtful things about others at home or in class?
- ♥ Do I always tell the truth?
- ♥ Do I sometimes cheat?



Sorry Prayers



Child 1.

For the times we have not done what our parents have told us to do.

R. I am sorry

Child 2.

For the times we have not done what we should have done at school.

R. I am sorry

Child 3.

For the times we have been mean and unkind to our brothers and sisters, and our friends by fighting and arguing.

R. I am sorry

Child 4.

For the times we have not shared.

R. I am sorry

Child 5.

For the times we have not told the truth.

R. I am sorry

Child 6.

For the times we have forgotten to say our prayers and to say thank you to God our Father.

R. I am sorry.

Let us now sing: Lord, I Pray

1. Lord for the angry words I've spoken
For my hurtful, selfish ways,
Help me learn to say I'm sorry
Lord, I pray.
For the promises I've broken,
For the times I've disobeyed
Hear the words of my confession
Lord, I pray.

Chorus

As we come to find forgiveness
Help us understand
When we hurt the people around us
Then we make you sad.

2. For the things we take for granted,
For the blessings of each day
Help us learn to be more grateful,
Lord, I pray.
For the people we've forgotten,
For the times we've turned away,
May we learn to be more caring,
Lord, I pray.
3. May I show Your great compassion
By the way I live each day,
Speaking words of love and kindness
Lord, I pray.
Father God who lives in heaven,
May Your will be done today,



As we share Your love together

Invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The children will now go forward to Father Peter for their individual First Forgiveness. Following this they will put their portrait on the Zacchaeus Tree. Your child will then return to their family and spend a quiet time with Jesus.

During this time we will sing the following:

Make me a channel of your peace—**898**
Be still for the presence of the Lord—**720**
Do not be afraid—**972**
*Psalm 140— No. **17**
On Eagle's wings—**952**
There is a longing—**941**
Turn to me—**786**
*Psalm 4—no. **34**
Father I place into your hands—**971**
Come back to me—**842**
Yahweh I know you are near—**777**
*Psalm 18—no. **41**
Only a shadow—**808**
Look around you—**936**
O Lord hear my prayer—**929**



In thanksgiving for God our Father's forgiveness, let us pray our family prayer Our Father...

The Blessing: Father Peter

Final Hymn: I have seen the golden sunshine



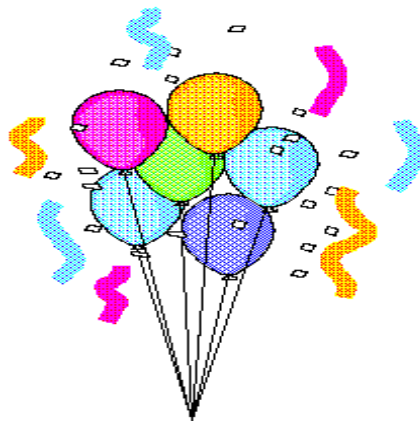
1. I have seen the golden sunshine
I have watched the flowers grow.
I have listened to the songbirds
And there's one thing now I know,
They were all put there for us to share
By someone so Divine,
And if you're a friend of Jesus,
CLAP, CLAP, CLAP, CLAP.
You're a friend of mine.

**I've seen the light, I've seen the light,
And that's why my heart sings.
I've known the joy, I've known the joy
That loving Jesus brings.**

2. I have seen the morning sunshine,
I have heard the oceans roar,
I have seen the flowers of springtime,
And there's one thing I am sure.
They were all put there for us to share
By someone so Divine,
And if you're a friend of Jesus,
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
You're a friend of mine.

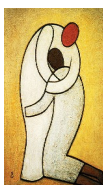
Thank you for celebrating with
us today.

You are welcome to come and celebrate
with the children and their families
in the Parish Centre
From 11 am—2pm



Celebration Party

Thank you Jesus for this great Sac-
rament of your love for each one of
your children here today and always.



The Loving Father

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Is available for all those present
today .

Fr. Paschal will be pleased to hear your
confession during and after the celebration
of First Forgiveness for St. Alban's RC
Primary School and the children of St.
Alban's Parish.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available
Every Saturday from 11am to 11.45 am .