***End of School Mass of Thanksgiving***

*Reach for every star because everything is possible for you!*

**Opening Hymn:** Gathered as One

**Introduction:** Chris O’Sullivan

We have gathered here today to mark the end of the school year. It’s a time of joy and sadness. We celebrate the unity we have shared in the past year, the friends we have made, the fun we have had together and we ask God’s blessing on all our students and their families gathered here today.

**Offertory Procession:**

1. **Dellanah** brings a Plant. We offer this plant as a symbol of our growth over the past three years. Lord may we continue to grow in your love.
2. **Jamie** carries a Ring. We offer this ring to celebrate the friendships we have experienced in Scoil Phobail Bhéara and we thank you for them. During this Mass we ask you to help us share our friendships with those we meet.
3. **Jayden** carries schoolbooks. We offer these books to symbolise all that we have learned and will learn.
4. **John** carries a football. Through our sporting lives here in school we have experienced fun Lord help us to be full of the joys of life.
5. **Owain Rhys** and **Lisa** presents a piece from woodwork class as well as paints and a paint brush from art class. These gifts symbolise our achievements and our talents. Today, Lord, we offer them for your work.

**Penitential Rite: Elaine O’Sullivan**

We ask God’s forgiveness for the times we have not acted lovingly towards others.

**Aidan :**

Salt symbolises flavour. We ask forgiveness today for the times we failed to bring flavour into each other’s lives and left them dull and tasteless.

Lord have Mercy

**Katie:**

This stone reminds us of the need to ask forgiveness for the times when we threw hard and cruel words at each other.

Christ have Mercy.

**Matthew:**

This plant reminds us of our failure to take opportunities to grow in our lives.

For this we are sorry.

Lord have Mercy.

**Opening Prayer:**

Father of light from whom every good gift comes,

Send your spirit into our lives so that

The horizons of our minds be opened,

So that we may proclaim the truth that Jesus is Lord,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God forever and ever.

Amen

**First Reading: Joseph O’Sullivan**

A reading from the book of Sirach.

*God is aware of our works and takes delight in them.*

Our ways are always under God's eye,

Nothing can be hidden from his sight.

All our works are as the sun to him,

Our alms giving is like a signet ring to him,

He cherishes our acts of generosity like the pupil of his eye.

One day he will arise and bless us for our good works.

The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm:** Here I am Lord

**Second Reading** Sadhbh Sullivan

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Do not pretend to love, but sincerely prefer right to wrong. Love each other as much as brothers and sisters should, and have a deep respect for each other. Work for the Lord with great effort. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if troubles come. Treat everyone with equal kindness. Do all you can to live in peace with everyone. The Word of the Lord.

**Alleluia (sung)**

**Gospel:** **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (28:16-20)**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Homily:**

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Rebecca**

Lord we pray for all students doing exams this year. May God grant them good health and success in the coming weeks. Lord Hear us.

**Owen**

Lord we pray for our parents and guardians. We thank you God for all their love and support through our school years. Lord Hear us.

**Allanah**

Lord we pray for all the staff in our school. May each and every one of them have a very restful summer. Lord Hear us.

**Finbarr**

Lord we pray for the friends we have made here and ask you to bless them especially those who are in difficulty. Lord Hear us.

**Offertory Procession: James Harrington**

Dan and Tadhg bring the bread and wine to the altar as signs of our continued nourishing presence with us. May we always be aware of your presence in our lives through the love we experience and through the sacraments.

**Offertory Hymn:** Take our Gifts

**Communion Hymns:** Where Your Treasure is

Though we are many

 Now is the Time

**Communion Reflection:** David O Driscoll

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,

knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation

in realising that. This enables us to do something,

and to do it very well. It may be incomplete,

but it is a beginning, a step along the way,

an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference

between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

**Concluding Prayer:**

Our lives are marked forever by those we meet; by the friendships we make and the love we experience, he quarrels and the reconciliation’s, the work we have tried to do together for each other and those less fortunate. All this has given us something that will last. Long after we have forgotten marks and results, we will remember the friendships and the fun and the laughter. Lord guide us in our future paths, we place all our trust in you. Amen.

**Exam Prayer for Students Christina O’Sullivan**

Lord pour out your Spirit of Wisdom on us

Help us to remain calm

To attend carefully to the questions asked

To think clearly, to remember accurately

And to express ourselves well.

Grant that we may reflect the best of the work we have done,

And the best of the teaching we have received.

Help us not to become unduly stressed.

Lord we place all our trust in you.

Closing Hymn : Come and follow me