**Mass Parts for Deceased Relatives, Friends, And Neighbours**

Priest’s Introduction

Penitential Rite:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*I confess to almighty God*

*and to you, my brothers and sisters,*

*that I have greatly sinned,*

*in my thoughts and in my words,*

*in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,*

*through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;*

*therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,*

*all the Angels and Saints,*

*and you, my brothers and sisters,*

*to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**Collect**

**O God, giver of pardon and loving author of our salvation,**

**grant, we pray you, in your mercy,**

**that, through the intercession**

**of Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and all your Saints,**

**the members, relatives, and friends of our community,**

**who have passed from this world,**

**may attain a share in eternal happiness.**

**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.**

First Reading: *A reading from the book of Wisdom*

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,

no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,

their going looked like a disaster,

their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it,

their hope was rich with immortality;

slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

God has put them to the test

and proved them worthy to be with him;

he has tested them like gold in a furnace,

and accepted them as a holocaust.

When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out;

as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.

They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,

and the Lord will be their king for ever.

They who trust in him will understand the truth,

those who are faithful will live with him in love;

for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

* *The word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm

***R.:*** *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living*

1. How gracious is the Lord, and just;

our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts;

I was helpless so he saved me. ***R.***

1. I trusted, even when I said:

‘I am sorely afflicted,’

and when I said in my alarm

‘No man can be trusted’. ***R.***

1. O precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;

you have loosened my bonds. ***R.***

Second Reading:

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

* *The word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Please rise to greet the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia!

It is my Father’s will, says the Lord,

That I should lose nothing

Of all that he has given to me,

And that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel**

*The Lord be with you…*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘All that the Father gives me will come to me,

and whoever comes to me I shall not turn him away;

Because I have come from heaven,

not to do my own will,

but to do the will of the one who sent me.

Now the will of him who sent me is that I should lose nothing

of all that he has given to me,

and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Yes, it is my Father’s will

That whoever sees the Son and believes in him

Shall have eternal life,

And that I shall raise him up on the last day.’

* *The Gospel of the Lord.*
* Homily

**Universal Prayer**

**Priest’s Introduction:**

**Let us in faith call upon God the almighty Father, who raised Christ his Son from the dead, as we pray for the salvation of the living and the dead.**

**Intentions**

1. **For the holy Church of God,**

**that the Lord may graciously watch over her and care for her,**

**let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear us…**

2. **For the whole world,**

**that it may truly know the peace given by Christ,**

**let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear us…**

3. **For our own community,**

**that it may bear witness with great confidence to the Resurrection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear us…**

4. **That God may be pleased to show himself a father**

**to our brothers and sisters who lack work, food or housing,**

**let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear us…**

**5. That he may welcome into the light of his face**

**all of our relatives, friends and neighbours from this community who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,**

**let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear us…**

**Priest’s Prayer**

**May the prayer of those who cry to you**

**benefit the souls of your servants, O Lord:**

**free them, we pray, from all their sins**

**and make them sharers in your redemption.**

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The collection is now taken up**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

* ***Offertory Procession***

**Prayer over the Offerings**

**O God, whose mercy is beyond measure,**

**receive with favour our humble prayers**

**and through the Sacrament of our salvation**

**grant to the souls of our relatives, friends, and neighbours,**

**remission of all their sins.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Concluding Rites**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,**

**that the souls of our relatives, friends, and neighbours,**

**for whom we have offered this sacrifice of praise to your majesty,**

**may, through the power of this Sacrament,**

**be cleansed of all their sins, and receive from your mercy**

**the happiness of perpetual light. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**