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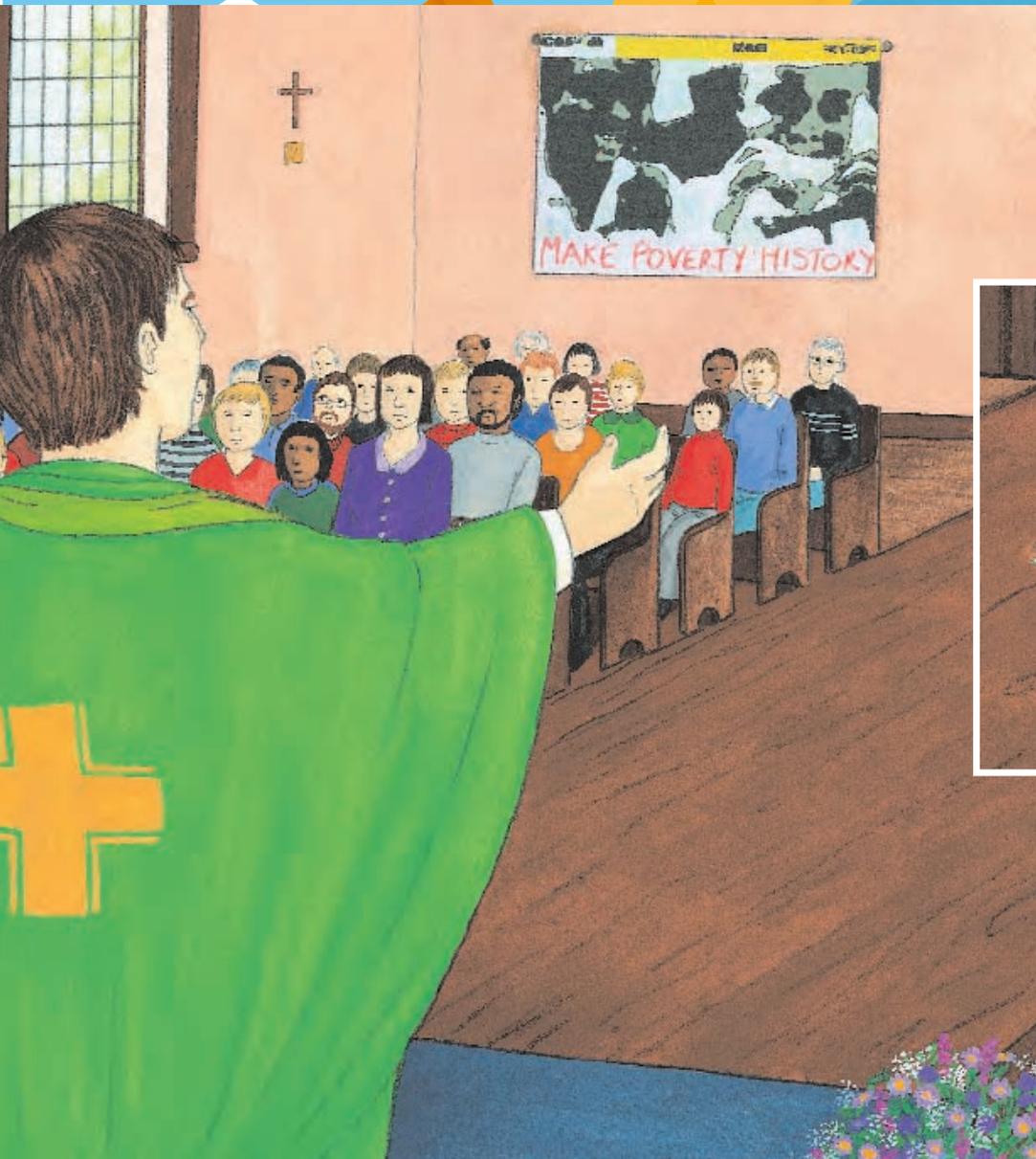
Books the community use to  
respond at Mass.



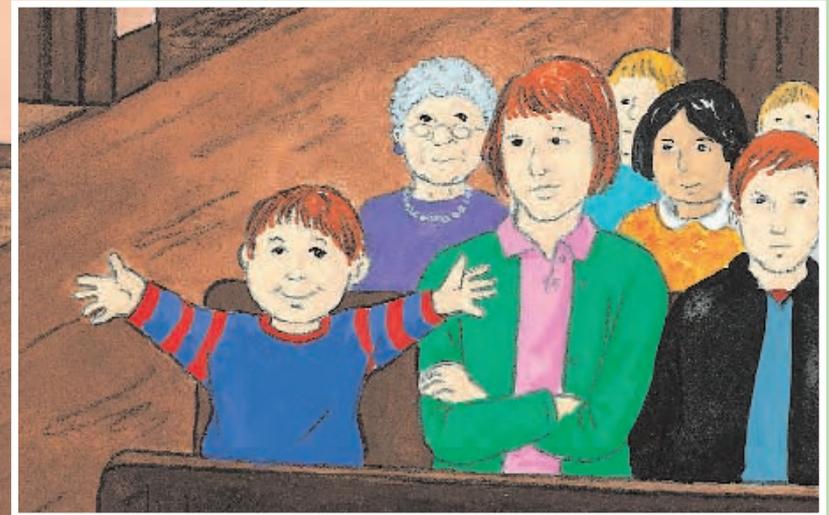
# Mass Books

Many parishes use Mass books to enable the parish community to join in with the Mass responses.

Listen carefully to see if you can hear how we respond, as a parish family, to these words from the missal:



Lots of families together make up one big family. We call this family the parish. Everyone is welcome and important.



The Church family comes together at Mass to give praise and thanks to God. We begin, 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.'

During Mass we listen to God's word. People from our parish family are readers. The reading ends with: 'The Word of the Lord.' We respond with: 'Thanks be to God'. Sometimes the psalm is sung.



After these readings, the Book of the Gospels is held up and carried in procession to the lectern.

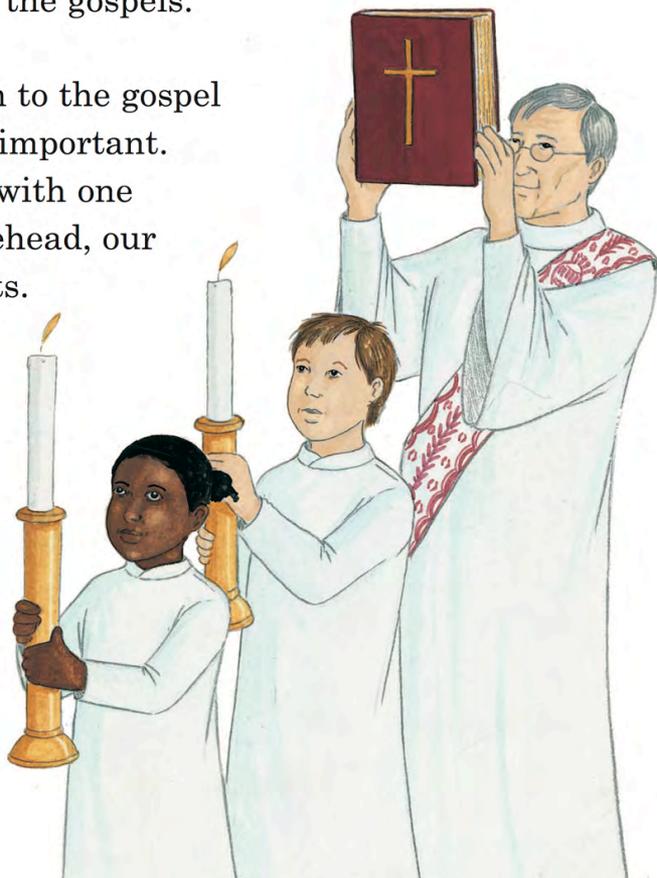
We greet the Gospel with 'Alleluia!'

The deacon or priest then reads the Good News of Jesus from one of the gospels.

We stand to listen to the gospel to show that it is important.

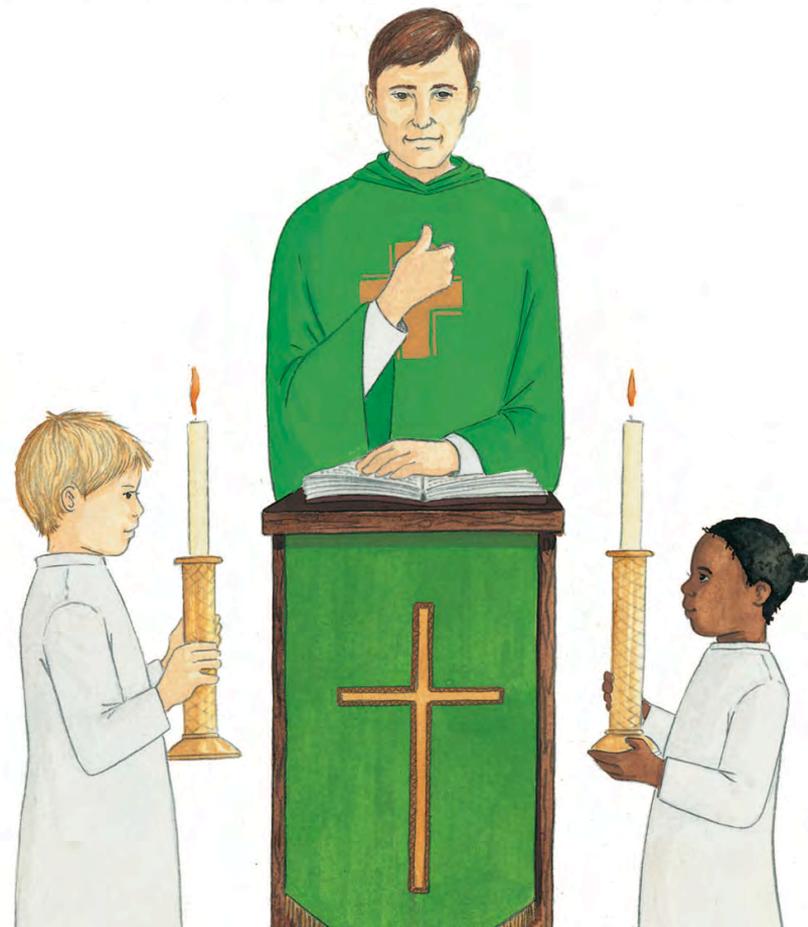
We make a cross with one thumb on our forehead, our lips and our hearts.

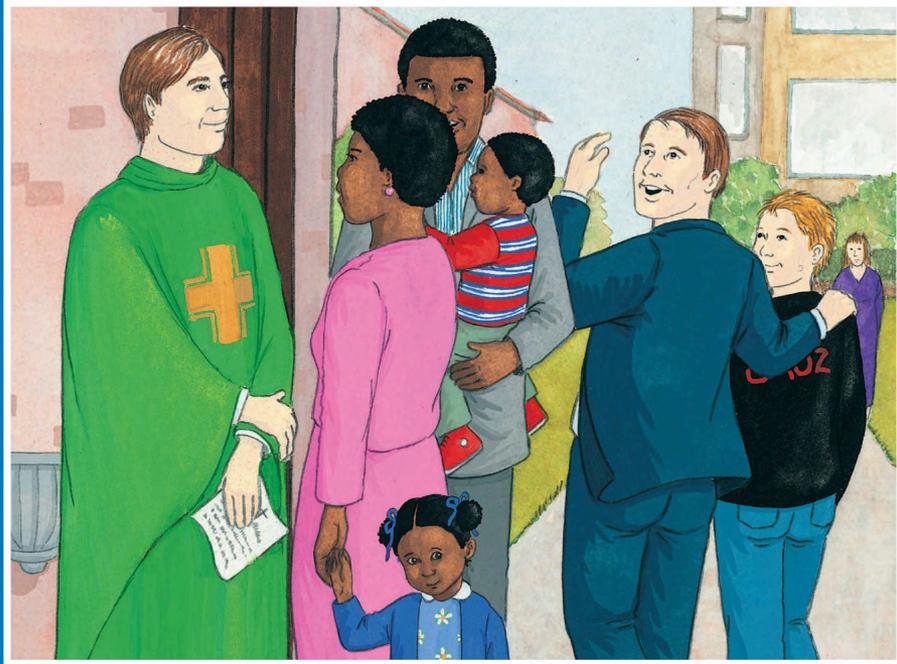
This shows we want to understand, speak and love God's word.



The deacon or priest ends the gospel reading with: 'The Gospel of the Lord.'

We respond with: 'Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.'

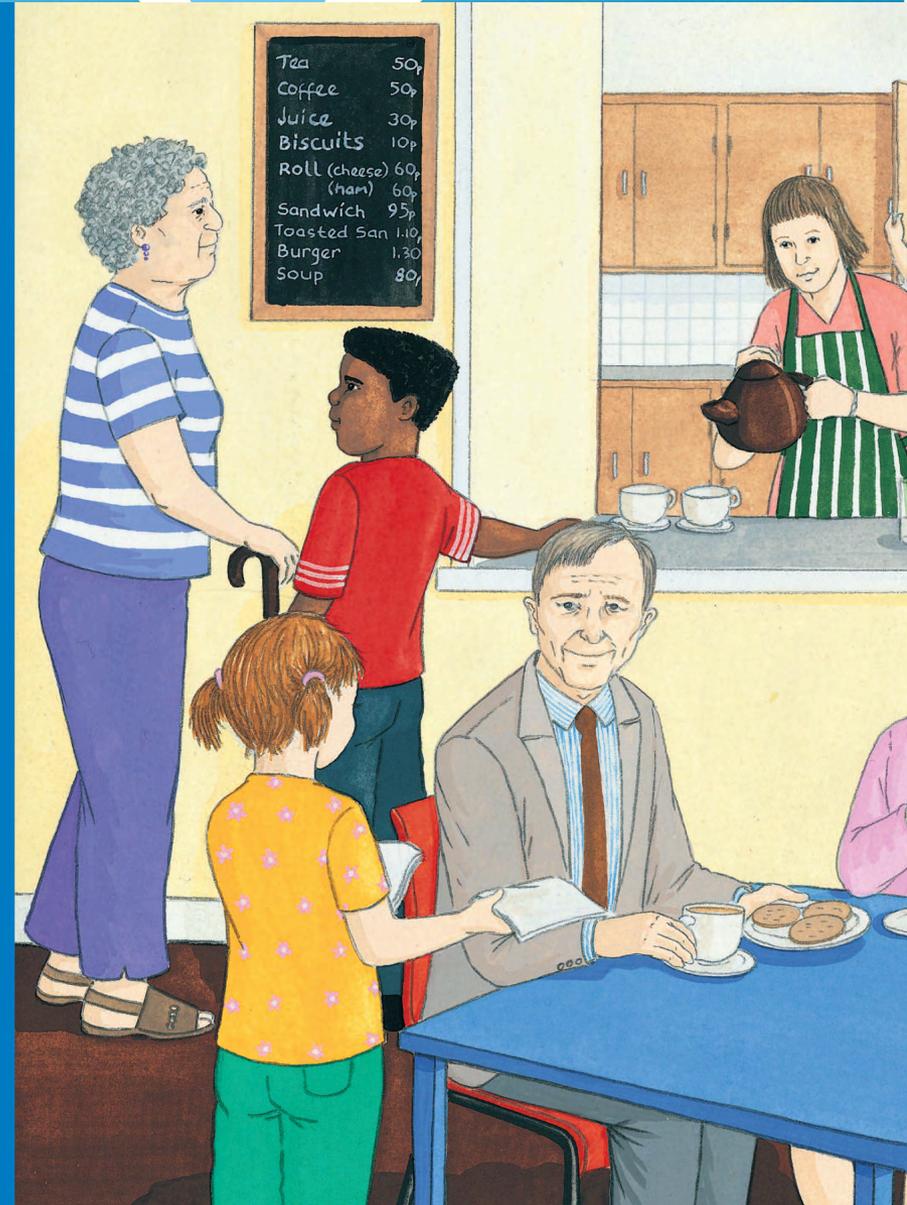




After Mass some people like to stay and share time together. This is a time to get to know one another. Jesus asks us to love one another.

At the end of Mass, the priest or deacon says: 'Go in peace'.

We respond with: 'Thanks be to God'.





# Responses during Mass

“The Lord be with you.” We respond with: **“And with your spirit.”**

“The Word of the Lord.” We respond with: **“Thanks be to God.”**

“The Gospel of the Lord.” We respond with: **“Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.”**

“Go in peace.” We respond with: **“Thanks be to God.”**



# Questions

- Why do we use a Mass book?
- How does it help us?
- Which responses do you recognise?
- When might you have used them?



# Today's Task

Today, we are going to look at one of the responses:

“Thanks be to God.”

There is a lot in life that we have to be thankful for.

Explore and illustrate what you are thankful  
to God for.