



# Teacher's Notes

## Mass in South Sudan

Use these notes to guide your class in a discussion about the similarities and differences between how Mass is celebrated in South Sudan and in Scotland.

There is an additional 'Similarities and Differences' chart at the end to help guide classroom discussions.

Slide 1		<p>Use this recorded PowerPoint presentation to see how Mass is celebrated in South Sudan.</p> <p>There is an additional 'comic strip' activity for pupils to draw how Mass is celebrated in Scotland as a 'compare and contrast' activity.</p> <p>This activity references TIOF Es &amp; Os rather than cover them directly.</p>
Slide 2		<p>A priest prepares the altar before Mass. There is a Chalice for the Precious Blood and a Ciborium for the Blessed Sacrament. A large crucifix hangs behind the altar.</p>

Slide 3



An altar server leads the processional carrying a crucifix and followed by two other altar servers carrying candles.

Parishioners sing a gathering hymn.

Slide 4



The priest speaks from the altar during the Liturgy of the Word.

Slide 5



The priest stands at the altar with an open book (possibly the Roman Missal or the Book of the Gospels).

Slide 6



The priest wears a green Chasuble for Ordinary Time.

Slide 7



A parishioner takes around a collection basket.  
  
A choir sings an offertory hymn.

Slide 8



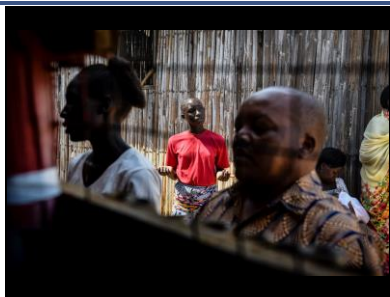
An altar server assists during the Mass, dressed in an alb.

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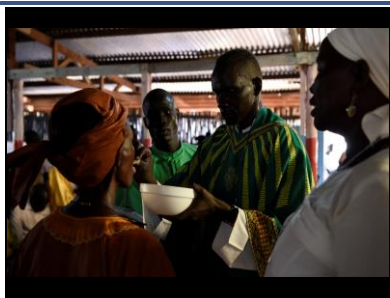
Parishioners bow their heads and kneel during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

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Parishioners pray the Our Father.

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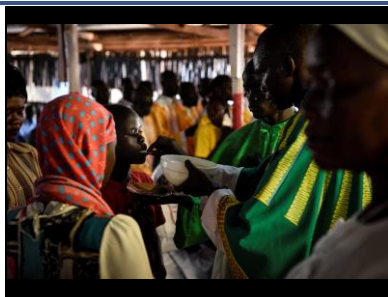
The priest hands out communion to parishioners.

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An altar server assists the priest by holding a plate to catch any Host fragments which may fall.

Slide 13



A young parishioner receives Communion.

Slide 14



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**Thank you  
to the parishioners and  
clergy of Kizito Parish.**

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We have provided the following examples of some similarities and differences between how Mass is celebrated in South Sudan and Scotland. It is important to guide your class in their discussion by reminding them that they are not looking for 'better' or 'worse' but, 'similar' or 'different.' We have therefore offered cultural context when useful.

SIMILARITIES	DIFFERENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are altar servers, parishioners and a priest.</li> <li>• There is an altar, Chalice and Ciborium.</li> <li>• There is a crucifix.</li> <li>• The priest wears a Chasuble.</li> <li>• Parishioners receive communion.</li> <li>• Parishioners take up a collection.</li> <li>• People pray during the Mass.</li> <li>• A choir sings and leads parishioners in hymns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church building looks very different. For example, there are no stained glass windows.</li> </ul> <p>Many buildings were destroyed during the years of war and conflict between Sudan and South Sudan, as well as during the South Sudanese civil war from 2011-2018. Today, things are being rebuilt, but hyperinflation, the effects of climate change and continued threats of insecurity make this a slow process.</p> <p>Thankfully, the Gospel tells us that, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (MT 18:2) This means that it is the people, not the buildings, which make up the Church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some parishioners sit outside or on the ground.</li> </ul> <p>Mass attendance can be so full, that many parishioners must stand or sit in the overflow area around the outside of the building or sit on the ground inside the Church.</p>