

CATHOLIC YOUNG **Writer** AWARD 2020

SUNDAY MASS AT THE HEART OF OUR LIVES

Sunday Mass is the most important fixture of the week for Catholics.

Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the day when God's promise at the very beginning of time was fulfilled. At Mass, we unite ourselves with Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, who died on Calvary for us, and rose again, offering each one of us eternal life in Heaven.

From the earliest days of the Church, even when persecuted, Christians have gathered with their priests on Sunday to celebrate Mass.

A project for pupils at Catholic schools, in Years 9-11 (E&W) and Years S3-S5 (Scotland).

TO THE TEACHER:

This is a project aimed at supporting RE teachers in Catholic secondary schools. It can be easily explained in class and set as homework. There are attractive book prizes for the best entries – and for the teachers – and the coveted Young Writer shield to be kept for one year, plus a cash prize of £50, for the young writer of the best entry.

Collect all the entries together and, after checking that **each entry has the full name, including SURNAME, plus date of birth, of the writer, and the FULL NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS** of the school, send them to:

Catholic Young Writer Award
Catholic Union Charitable Trust
St Maximilian Kolbe House
63 Jeddo Road London W12 9EE



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To arrive no later than 31st July 2020

TO THE STUDENTS:

Imagine that a friend has asked you "Why is Sunday Mass so important?" Write a reply. You will find useful ideas in the Scriptures, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and other material such as St John Paul's letter *Dies Domini*. Some links are given below. But write in your own words.

Your essay should be no more than four A4 pages in length, and can be hand-written or produced on a computer.

IMPORTANT: at the end of your essay you must list any websites or books you have consulted. **ALSO:** to complete your entry for this project, at the end of your essay you should write out, in handwriting, in English, one of the following prayers we all say together at Mass:

The *Gloria*
The *Sanctus*
The *Agnus Dei*

Look up some of these links:

The Scriptures:	<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church:</i>
Luke 22:19	Sections 2174-2188 and 1337-1365
1 Cor 11: 23	<i>Dies Domini John Paul II</i>
	Sections 31-36