

Opening Tunes: Mist in the Meadow & Fr Mc Hughs Jig

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.

Let us pray,

Grant we pray almighty and merciful God, that the Holy Spirit coming near, and dwelling graciously within us, may make us a perfect temple of his glory. 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 1st Reading (Maria Buckley)

A reading from the First Book of Samuel. (3:1-10.19)

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli; it was rare for the Lord to speak in those days; visions were uncommon. One day, it happened that Eli was lying down in his room. His eyes were beginning to grow dim; he could no longer see. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.'

So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel!, Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down'. Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again, the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am since you called me'. Eli then understood it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuell, Samuell!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'.

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground".

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial: (Shóna Moloney)

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life. **Response**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
For this I long,
To live in the house of the Lord,
All the days of my life,
To savour the sweetness of the Lord,
To behold his temple. **Response**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
In the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord. **Response**



2nd Reading (Maeve Fitzpatrick)

A Reading from the First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12: 3-7. 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, through it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one

body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

This is the word of the Lord

Romans 8:15

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit you received is the spirit of power

And it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'

Alleluia

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.
1:35-42**

We have found the Messiah

As John stood there with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means teacher - where do you live?' 'Come and See' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'we have found the Messiah' which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas meaning Rock.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY

The candidates and the faithful are instructed on the meaning, duties and responsibilities given by the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The candidates are invited to stand to renew their baptismal promises. The responses should be given in a raised voice to the questions asked by the priest administering the sacrament:

The Priest asks the following questions:

Do you renounce Satan and all his works and all his empty show?

The candidates respond together: **I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation? **I do.**

Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? **I do.**

The Priest confirms their profession of faith by proclaiming the faith of the Church:

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lay Your Hands (sang by Cara Cummins)

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The priest with hands joined

My dear friends: in Baptism, God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that He will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen His sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God. All pray in silence for a short period

Priest, with hands extended:

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send Your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates are presented to the Parish Priest for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the teachers may do so by the calling of the candidate's name. The candidates on being called are asked to stand up.

They may be seated again at the end of the presentation.

Teacher asks children to come to the altar and the sponsors. This will be done class by class.

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Each candidate goes before the Priest, makes a sign of reverence, and kneels. The candidate's sponsor places their right hand on the candidates shoulder, and gives the chosen name of the candidate to the priest (or the candidate will do so themselves)

THE Priest anoints the forehead of the candidate with Holy Chrism (use of cotton bud), saying:

N. Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit Amen

Followed by: Peace with you

Children response: And with your spirit

The Broken Road (sang by Emily Mc Grath)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Emma, Maeve, Lucy, Clíodhna, Laura, Sophie, Grace, Niamh and Molly

1. We pray for all here confirmed today by the gift of the Spirit, that we may give witness to Jesus Christ by lives built on faith and love. **Lord hear us**

All: Lord graciously hear us.

2. : We pray for our parents and godparents, that they may always encourage us to follow Christ for the whole of our lives. **Lord hear us.**

All: Lord graciously hear us.

3. : We pray for the people of our parish. We think especially of the sick and elderly who cannot be with us today as we celebrate our confirmation. **Lord hear us.**

All: Lord graciously hear us.

4. : We pray for peace that we may spread peace at home and at school by loving and caring for those around us. **Lord hear us.**

All: Lord graciously hear us.

5. : Lord, we pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life. May those who get the call have the courage to answer it. **Lord hear us.**

All: Lord graciously hear us.

6. : We pray for Pope Francis, that he may lead the Catholic Church to a growth in faith and that he may act wisely, justly and for the good of all. **Lord hear us.**

All: Lord graciously hear us.

7: We remember our fellow friend and classmate - Cormac O' Brien - on this day. We remember his smile and loving nature. **Lord hear us**

All: Lord graciously hear us.

8: We pray for ourselves, the confirmation class of 2021 as we face the next step along our learning and being part of the Christian community. **Lord hear us**

All: Lord graciously hear us.

9: For all essential workers, that God will protect their health as they continually put themselves at risk in service to other. **Lord hear us**

All: Lord graciously hear us.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil Amen

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh, go naofar d'ainm Go dtaga do ríocht Go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh. ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu Agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha Mar a mhaithimidne ár bhféichiúnaithe féin Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú ach soar sinn ón olc. Amen

Confirmation Pledge (children repeat)

Lord Jesus, on this my Confirmation Day, I make a special promise not to consume alcohol or any drug which might harm or destroy your gift of life to me. Grant me, O Lord, your grace to keep this promise and to consider renewing this pledge when I am 18 years of age.

Instrumental: Inis Óis & An Ghaoth Aneas

Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you

R: And with your spirit

We Bow down our heads for God's blessing

May God the Father almighty bless you, whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters reborn from water and the holy spirit, and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love. Amen

May His Only Begotten Son, Who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide in His Church, bless you and confirm you by his power in the confession of the true faith. Amen

May the Holy Spirit, who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples, bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one in the joy of the kingdom of God. Amen

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen

Our celebration of Confirmation is ended, go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Thanks be to God

This little light of mine



Confirmation Reflection: read by Kate Hennessy & Tilly Lawrence

This day is a very exciting and very different day, for confirmations we are used to the big crowds and big parties but today is different; there is only a maximum number of people are allowed to go to certain things. We are all really happy that restrictions have lifted a bit and now we can do more activities which are beneficial to us

Although we got short notice about our confirmation day, we have been preparing for it since our communion. Confirming our baptismal promises by our parents is important and helps us to become better individuals. We have come far in our life and this day will help prepare us for the future. It teaches us about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit which are essential for us going forward.

Everyone has a sponsor to guide them through the rest of our lives. We thank them for helping us and giving us advice. We pray that they will always be there for us. We will also thank our parents for preparing us for this special day. We know they got short notice but we all feel so well prepared and ready to be confirmed. You have given us every opportunity in life and for that we say thank you.

We would also like to thank Father Bobby. Since joining the community two years ago he has done so much for us. He has helped us in our spiritual journey and together with Mr Mc Loughlin has guided us towards today. It has been a rollercoaster couple of years but as we enter another chapter of our lives, we thank you all for everything you have done and everything you will do for us.

Go raibh maith agat

Closing Song: *By the glow of the kerosene light*

Sung by: Catherine, Emily, Grace & Molly



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
Enkindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created,
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Grant us in the same spirit to be truly wise,
And ever to rejoice in his consolation,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



The Fruit of The Spirit