

Please continue to pray for

Confirmation name given in brackets

Arianna (St Sophia) Congiu
Olivia (St Veronica) Drummond
Niamh (St Cecilia) Eagles
Izabella (St Jadwiga) Indyk
Vesta (St Irene) Jankauskaite
Ellie-Grace (St Mary) Johnson
Aoife (St Cecilia) Leavesley
Louise (St Maria) Rice
Francesca (St Catherine) Ross
Tia (St Pelagia) Thompson
Noah (St Patrick) Turner
Rachel (St Rose of Lima) Wilson
Joseph (St Francis) Woodward
William (St Ferdinand) Woodward



The Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 25th April, 2021.



*Main Celebrant
Bishop Patrick McKinney*

Introduction & Welcome

(Welcome given by a Rachel)

Processional Hymn

(Sung by the music group only)

Ten Thousand Reasons

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day, when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Chorus

Yes I'll worship Your Holy name
Lord I'll worship Your Holy name

Introductory Rite

The Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

The Bishop: Peace be with you.

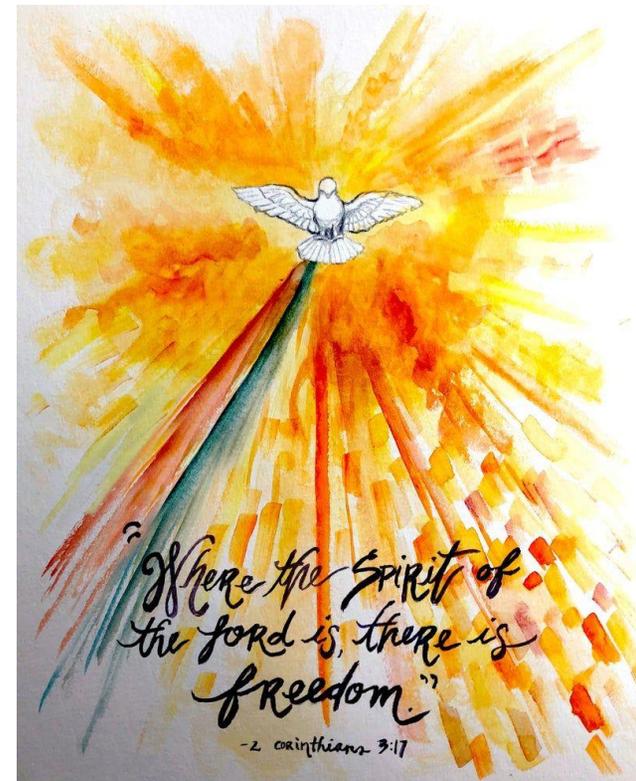
All: And with your spirit.

The Bishop: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
And so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries



Thank you everyone, especially Bishop Patrick, for making today a very special celebration for our young people.

Thank you, especially, to the parents for your support in their preparation and to the catechists, who have enjoyed preparing them for this moment on their faith journey.



All: Amen.

The Bishop: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, +
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn

(Sung by the music group only)

Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
in your brokenness complete.

Shout to the North and the South,
sing to the East and the West.
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing pow'r
of our awesome King of love?

Chorus

We've been through fire, we've been through rain,
we've been refined by the power of his name.
We've fallen deeper in love with you,
you've burned the truth on our lips.

Chorus

Rise up, church with broken wings,
fill this place with songs again.
Of our God who reigns on high,
by His grace again we'll fly.

Chorus

Penitential Rite

All: 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,
though 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.

The Bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

Gloria

(Said)

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Opening Prayer

The Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Read by Vesta*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said:
'Rulers of the people, and elders! If
you are questioning us today about
an act of kindness to a cripple, and
asking us how he was healed, then I
am glad to tell you all, and would indeed
be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that
it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one
you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no
other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your
presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but
which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world
given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'



The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm ~ sung response.

(Sung by the Niamh & Aoife only)

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful,
and light up in them the fire of your love.
Send out your Spirit and they shall be created
and you will renew the face of the earth.

**Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful,
and light up in them the fire of your love.
Send out your Spirit and they shall be created
and you will renew the face of the earth.**

Communion Hymn

(Sung by the music group only)

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

**So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God:
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

And I'll never know how much it cost,
to see my sin upon that cross.
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to see my sin upon that cross.

Chorus

Post Communion Prayer

The Bishop: Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.



The Concluding Rites

The Bishop: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon Bow down for God's blessing.

The Bishop: Confirm, O God,
what you have brought about in us,
and preserve in the hearts of these young people
the gifts of the Holy Spirit: may they never be ashamed
to confess Christ crucified before the world
and by devoted charity may they ever fulfil his commands.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
That with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
With the Blessed Apostles, and all the Saints
who have pleased you throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

The Great Amen

Through him and with him and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All **Amen**

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

All **Our Father...** *(Said)*

The Bishop: ...as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace

The Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign language of peace.

Agnus Dei

All: **Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace**

The Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but
only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

The Bishop: The Body of Christ.

All: **Amen.**

(For Communion, please follow the directions from the ushers)

Second Reading: *Read by Peter*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed

we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep and my own know me.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: **Glory to you Lord.**

Deacon: Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away

as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man

and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;



and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.
'The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

*(After the Homily, everyone remains seated,
Two of the catechists and Fr. David will then present the candidates to the Bishop)*

The Rite of Confirmation.

Fr David: Most Reverend Father,
I present to you the following parishioners who wish to receive
the Sacrament of Confirmation. I invite each candidate to stand,
along with their sponsor, when their name is read out.

*(The Catecharist reads out the candidates' names; when their names are read, each candidate, together with
their sponsor, stands in their place.)*

*Once the names have been read, the Parish Priest sits down and one of the catechists, standing at the Ambo,
addresses the Bishop, while the candidates and their sponsors remain standing)*

Stuart: Most Reverend Father,
We have been commissioned by our parish to prepare these
young people to be confirmed. We have done our best to help
them to grow in their Christian faith. In doing so, we have shared
the joys and struggles of our own faith, along with our
experiences of forgiveness, peace and community.

Olivia: We find that they are ready and worthy to receive the sacrament
of Confirmation. We thank them, because our faith has been
deepened by sharing their journey with them, and we thank their
parents and sponsors for their support and cooperation.
On behalf of our parish, we recommend that these young people
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it:
For this is my body which will be given up for you.**

In the same way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
For this is the chalice of my blood;
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.**

Eucharistic Acclamation

The mystery of faith

All: Save us Saviour of the World, for by your
cross and resurrection you have set us free

The Bishop: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his
Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood
of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Francis our Pope and Patrick our Bishop
and all the clergy.

Remember also, Lord, your servants whom you have been
pleased to confirm today by bestowing the Holy Spirit,
and keep them in your grace.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.

Prayer over the Offerings.

The Bishop: Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

The Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

The Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.



Preface

The Bishop: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For, when your children were scattered afar by sin,
through the Blood of your Son and the power of the Spirit,
you gathered them again to yourself,
that a people, formed as one by the unity of the Trinity,
made the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit,
might, to the praise of your manifold wisdom,
be manifest as the Church.
And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

Sanctus

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharist Prayer II

The Bishop: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.
Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
By sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
So that they may become for us
the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Bishop: Dear catechists, thank you for your generosity in preparing your
fellow parishioners to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I
accept your recommendation that they are ready and worthy to
be confirmed.

The Bishop: Dear candidates for Confirmation,
I now invite you,
in front of your families, sponsors and friends,
to make for yourselves the promises
which your parents and godparents made for you
when they brought you to be baptised.
And so I ask you:

Do you reject Satan,
and all his works and empty promises?

Candidates: I do.

The Bishop: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: I do.

The Bishop: 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?

Candidates: I do.

The Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you
in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles
on the day of Pentecost?

Candidates: I do.

The Bishop: Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Candidates: I do.

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

All: Amen.

(The candidates kneel.)

The Bishop: Dearly beloved,
let us pray to God the almighty Father,
for these, his adopted sons and daughters,
already born again to eternal life in Baptism,
that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them



to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

(All pray in silence for a short while. Then, the Bishop, together with those other priests present, extends his hands over the candidates.)

The Bishop: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(The candidates sit down. Each candidate comes forward to be confirmed, accompanied by their sponsor, who places their right hand on the candidate's right shoulder. The Bishop makes the Sign of the Cross with the Sacred Chrism on the candidate's forehead.)

The Bishop: ... be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmed: Amen.

The Bishop: Peace be with you.

Confirmed: And with your spirit.

(After Veni Sanctus Spiritus has finished, we stand for the Prayer of the Faithful.)

Universal Prayer

The Bishop: Let us pray to God our Father, who in his love has entrusted us to the care of his son Jesus Christ, The Good Shepherd.

Clare: For these sons and daughters of God, confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, that they may give witness to Christ by lives built upon faith and love.

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Clare: For their parents and sponsors who are called to guide them in faith; that by word and example they may always encourage them to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Clare: For young people looking for a purpose in life; that they may be attentive to the voice of the Lord, who may be calling them to serve in the priesthood or Religious Life.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Clare: We pray for our own intentions in a few moments of silence
(longer pause).

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Clare: Let us seek the prayerful intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our Saviour:

**All: Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners**

now and at the hour of our death.

The Bishop: Father, hear our prayers and may your goodness and mercy be poured into our hearts through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit until we arrive at the eternal pastures of heaven, led by your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever...

All: Amen

Preparation of the gifts.

(Izabella & Louise will bring the bread and wine to the altar.)

Offertory Hymn

(Sung by the music group only)

Take, O take me as I am

Summon out what I should be

Set your seal upon my heart

And live in me.

The Bishop: Pray brethren,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
For the praise and glory of his name,
For our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

