

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Song: A Thousand Years

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDELS

Siobhán and Stephen light individual candles reminding them of their Baptism and symbolising their arrival here today as single individuals to be united in the sacrament of marriage.

Fr Louis: May the Lord send you help from His holy place and from Zion may He watch over you. May He grant you your heart's desire and lend His aid to all your plans.

Fr Louis: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Fr Louis: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Louis: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

GLORIA

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

Fr Louis: Let us pray

Father, hear our prayers for Siobhan and Stephen who today are united in marriage before your altar. Give them your blessing and strengthen their love for each other.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Holy God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Read by: Colm O'Connor

A reading from the Book of Siarch

A gentle word makes many friends, a faithful friend is a secure shelter.

Whoever has found one has found a rare treasure. A faithful friend is someone beyond price. There is no measuring their worth. A faithful friend is a lifesaving remedy and those who respect the lord will find one. For as a person is, such will be his friend.

This is the word of the lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Read by: Nicola McKenna

A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of people or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Fr Louis

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:13-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lampstand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.’

THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

Fr Louis: Siobhan and Stephen you are about to celebrate this sacrament.
Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without
compulsion to marry each other?

Both: We have.

Fr Louis: Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of
your life?

Both: We will.

Fr Louis: Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you
and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church?

Both: We are.

Declaration of Consent

Fr Louis: I invite you then to declare before God and his Church your
consent to become husband and wife.

Fr Louis: Stephen, do you take Siobhán, as your wife, for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
all the days of your life?

Stephen: I do

Fr Louis: Siobhan, do you take Stephen, as your husband, for better, for
worse, for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
all the days of your life?

Siobhán: I do

Blessing of the Rings

Father Louis will bless the wedding rings.

Exchange of the Rings

Stephen: Siobhán, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Siobhán: Stephen, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Lighting of the Unity Candle

Song: Ag Criost an Siol

Siobhán and Stephen together light their marriage candle as a symbol of their love, which unites them in marriage.

Prayer of the newly married couple:

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Michael Martin: We pray for Siobhán and Stephen as they begin married life together. May the Lord strengthen their love and grant them a long, healthy and happy life together. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Robbie Foran: We pray for Siobhan and Stephen's parents, families and friends gathered here today who, through their love and support have helped them to become husband and wife. May they be a constant inspiration to Siobhán and Stephen in the years ahead. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Chris Magee: We pray for the sick and for those who care for them, may they be blessed with love support and comfort of the Lord. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Niall Cumasky: We pray for peace in the world, may all those who have been driven from their homes and lost loved ones through violence find peace once again. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Geraldine Costello: We pray for the deceased members of the Costello and Magennis families. Bless them and keep them in God's care so that one day God will unite us again in the joy of our eternal home. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Paul Mckenna: We pray for the private intentions of all those here today, that God may answer their prayer. Bless them with his love and guide them through life's difficult times. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Priest: Pray, my sisters and brothers that our sacrifice 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 church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Fr Louis: Lord accept our offering for Siobhán and Stephen. By your love and
providence you have brought them together; now bless them all the days of
their married life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Communion Rite

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

All: 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.

Communion Antiphon

Fr Louis: I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved
you, says the Lord. Sign of Peace