



ORDER OF SERVICE

**Beckie Lousie Teresa
Connor**

&

**Kieran Thomas Patrick
Slaughter**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 2023

AT ONE IN THE AFTERNOON

SS PETER AND PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CO. CLARE, IRELAND

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY
FATHER PAT MALONEY

Bridal Party; Entrance

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

The Greeting

Penitential Rite

Father Pat invites the people to ask God to forgive their sins in these or similar words:

Father Pat. My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

After a brief silence, all make the same prayer for forgiveness..

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 and in what I have failed to do,

**They strike their breast
through 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.**

**Father Pat. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.**

All. Amen

Father Pat. Lord, have mercy. All. Lord, have mercy.

Father Pat. Christ, have mercy. All. Christ, have mercy.

Father Pat. Lord, have mercy. All. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

**Father Pat. Glory to God in the highest,
Father Pat. & All. and peace to his people on earth,**

Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God and Father,

We worship you; we give you thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

Receive our prayer.

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

Father Pat. Let us pray.

Father Pat and people say pray silently for a moment.

Father Pat. Father, you have made the bond of marriage

A holy mystery,

A symbol of Christ's love for his Church.

Hear our prayers for N. and N.

With faith in you and in each other

They pledge their love today.

May their lives always bear witness

To the reality of that love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever.

All. Amen

Liturgy of The Word

A reading from the Old Testament

Responsorial Psalm

A reading from the New Testament

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia'

Homily

The Rite of Marriage

**All stand, including the Beckie and Kieran, whom Father Pat now
addresses.**

Father Pat. Dear children of God,

You have come today to pledge your love before God and before the Church here present in the person of the priest, your family and friends.

In becoming husband and wife you give yourselves to each other for life. You promise to be true and faithful, to support and cherish each other until death, so that your years together will be the living out in love of the pledge you now make. May your love for each other reflect the enduring love of Christ for his Church. As you face the future together, keep in mind that the Sacrament of marriage unites you with Christ, and brings you, through the years, the grace and blessing of God our Father, Marriage is from God: he alone can give you the happiness which goes beyond human expectation, and which grows deeper through the difficulties and struggles of life.

Put your trust in God as you set out together in life. Make your home a centre of Christian family life. (In this you will bequeath to your children a heritage more lasting than temporal wealth). The Christian home makes Christ and his Church present in the world of everyday things. May all who enter your home find there the presence of the Lord; for he has said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Father Pat. Now, as you are about to exchange your marriage vows the Church wishes to be assured that you appreciate the meaning of what you do, and so I ask you:

Have you come here of your own free will and choice to marry each other?

Both: We have

Father Pat. Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

Both: We will

Father Pat. 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

Father Pat then invites the couple to declare their consent.

Father Pat. I invite you then to declare before God and his Church your consent to become husband and wife.

They join hands

Kieran. I, Kieran., take you, Beckie. as my wife,

For better, for worse,

For richer, for poorer,

In sickness and in health,

Till death do us part.

Beckie. I, Beckie., take you, Kieran. as my husband,

For better, for worse,

For richer, for poorer,

In sickness and in health,

Till death do us part.

Blessing of Rings

**Father Pat, Almighty God, bless this ring (these rings),
symbol(s) of faithfulness and unbroken love.**

May Kieran. and Beckie. always be true to each other,

may they be united in love forever,

Through Christ, our Lord.

Both. Amen

Kieran places Beckie's ring on her finger.

He may say:

Beckie., wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love. *

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

Beckie may place a ring on Kieran's finger.

She may say:

Kieran, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love. *

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

The couple are recommended to say together the following:

**We thank you, Lord, and we praise you
For bringing us to this happy day. You have given us to each other.**

Now, together, we give ourselves to you.

We ask you, Lord:

Make us one in our love; Keep us one in your peace.

Protect our marriage. Bless our home.

Make us gentle. Keep us faithful.

And when life is over, Unite us again

Where parting is no more, In the kingdom of your love.

There we will praise you, In the happiness and peace

Or our eternal home.

Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Reader 1. For Kieran. and Beckie. that the Lord,

Who has brought them to this happy day

Will keep them forever

In fidelity and love.

Let us pray to the Lord. (Repeat after each intercession).

All. Lord, hear our prayer. (Repeat after each intercession).

**Reader 2. For the parents of Kieran. and Beckie., for their friends and all
who have helped them to become husband and wife.**

**Reader 3. That the Lord may bless the world with his peace and protection
of his love.**

Reader 4. For our community and our families, who welcome Christ into their lives; that they learn to receive him in the poor and suffering people of this world.

Reader 5. For God's Church, the Bride of Christ, that it may be united in faith and love.

Reader 6. For all who are victims of injustice, and for those deprived of love and affection.

Reader 7. For married couples everywhere that their lives will be an example to the world of unity, fidelity and love.

Reader 8. For those who mourn, while we are rejoicing, that in their suffering and loneliness that may experience the strength of God's support.

Reader 9. For the faithful departed and especially for those whom we, ourselves, have loved, that God will one day unite us again in the joys of our eternal home.

Profession of Faith

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, through Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man: Who for us, too, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered, and was buried: the third day He rose according to the Scriptures, ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father: He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son: Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified: Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy, Christian, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the age to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Father Pat invites the people to pray.

Father Pat. Pray, brethren, 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.

Father Pat then says the prayer over the gifts.

Father Pat. Lord, accept the gifts we offer you on this happy day. In your
fatherly love watch over and protect N. and N., whom you have united in
marriage. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All. Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

Father Pat. Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. By this sacrament your grace unites man and woman in an unbreakable bond of love and peace.

You have designed the chaste love of husband and wife for the increase both of the human family and of your own family born in baptism.

You are the loving Father of the world of nature; You are the loving Father of the new creation of grace. In Christian marriage you bring together the two orders of creation; nature's gift of children enriches the world and you grace enriches also your Church. Through Christ the choirs of angels and all the saint praise and worship your glory. May our voices blend with theirs as we join in their unending hymn;

This is followed by Father Pat & All.

**Holy Holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

Acclamation of the people

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Father Pat invites the people to pray in these or similar words:

Father Pat. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our
Saviour gave us:

All. Our Father, who are 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.

Nuptial Blessing

Father Pat. Let us ask God to bless N. and N., now married in Christ, and
unite them in his love (through the sacrament of his body and blood).

Silent prayer. Then the priest continues:

God, our Father, creator of the universe, you made man and woman in your
own likeness, and blessed their union. We humbly pray to you for this
bridegroom and bride, today united in the sacrament of marriage. May your
blessing come upon them. May they find happiness in their love for each
other, (be blessed in their children,) and enrich the life of the Church. May
they praise you in their days of happiness and turn to you in times of
sorrow. May they know the joy of your help in their work and the strength
of your presence in their need. May they worship you with the church and
be your witnesses in the world. May old age come to them in the company
of their friends, and may they reach at last the kingdom of heaven. We ask
this through Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

Father Pat. Lord Jesuse Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

C. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And with you your Spirit

The priest may then say:

P. let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Father Pat then invites the people to communion.

Communion Antiphon

Prayer after Communion

Father Pat. Almighty God, may the sacrifice we have offered and the eucharist we have shared strengthen the love of N. and N., and give us all your fatherly aid. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

The register may now be signed at some suitable place in or near the sanctuary.

Concluding Rite

Father Pat. May God, the almighty Father, grant you his joy: may he bless you in your children.

C. Amen

Father Pat. May Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in his mercy help you in good times and in bad.

C. Amen

Father Pat. May the Holy Spirit of God always fill you with his love.

C. Amen

Blessing and Dismissal

Father Pat. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

Father Pat. The Mass is ended, go in peace. Or God in the peace of Christ. Or God in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

