

Opening Prayer

Fr. McGrath- Let us Pray. Father, you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for his Church. Hear our prayers for Kelly and Bobby. 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

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Song of Songs (2:10-14, 16)

Psalm 32 (Ps 32:12,18,20-22, R: v.5)

Response: The Lord fills the earth with His love.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. In him do our hearts find joy. We trust in his holy name.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:31-1)

The word of the Lord.

All- Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! God is love; Anyone who lives in love Let us love one another
lives in God as God has loved us. and God lives in him Alleluia ! Alleluia!

Gospel

Fr McGrath- The Lord be with you.

All- And also with you.

Fr McGrath - A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All - Glory to you, Lord.

Fr McGrath - Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. If you do as I command you, I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father. You did not choose me, no , I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the father will give you anything you ask in my name."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr McGrath- HOMILY

THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

Fr McGrath- Kelly and Bobby, 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 united 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. 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." 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, as I ask you, have you come here of your own free will and choice an without compulsion to marry each other.

Kelly and Bobby- We have.

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

Kelly and Bobby- We will.

DECLARATION OF CONSENT

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

Fr McGrath- Bobby, do you take Kelly as your wife, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health all the days of your life.

Bobby- I do.

Fr McGrath- Kelly, do you take Bobby as your husband, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health all the days of your life.

Kelly- I do.

Fr McGrath- What God joins together man must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with his blessings.

All- Amen.

BLESSING OF THE RINGS

Fr McGrath- Almighty God, bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love. May Kelly and Bobby always be true to each other. May they be one in heart and mind. May they be united in love forever. through Christ, our Lord.

Kelly and Bobby- Amen.

Kelly, wear this ring as a sign of our love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Bobby, wear this ring as a sign of our love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE LIGHTING OF THE MARRIAGE CANDLE

Fr McGrath- Now that they have been united in marriage, Kelly and Bobby are one in God's sight. As a symbol of this oneness, they will together light one candle from the flame of their individual candles, proclaiming that no longer can their lives be separate.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr McGrath- Now that Kelly and Bobby have given themselves to each other in Christian marriage, let us ask God our Father to keep them and all married couples faithful to him, and united in themselves.

We pray for Kelly and Bobby, that the Lord who has brought them to this happy day will keep them forever in love and fidelity.

Lord hear us.

All - Lord graciously hear us.

Fr McGrath- We pray for the parents and families of Kelly and Bobby, for their friends and all who have helped them to become husband and wife. Lord bless them and keep them always in your care.

Lord hear us.

All Lord graciously hear us.

Fr McGrath- We pray for all those who have died, for those whom we ourselves have loved. We also pray for all the departed members of the families. We ask you Lord to reward them for the love and kindness they shared with us in life and we pray that God will one day unite us again in the joys of our eternal home.

Lord hear us.

All Lord graciously hear us.

Fr McGrath- We pray for married couples and those preparing for marriage, that they may love, respect and forgive one another and that their love will continue to grow.

Lord hear us.

All- Lord graciously hear us.

Fr McGrath- We pray for the sick, lonely and victims of injustice in the world. That the lord may bless them with his love.

Lord hear us.

All- Lord graciously hear us.

Fr McGrath- We pray that we may all be inspired when life seems dull and strengthened in times of trial. That we may have understanding in moments of tension and be filled with gratitude when all goes well.

Lord hear us.

All Lord graciously hear us.

Fr McGrath- We pray for all here present. May the Lord gently hold each one of us in the palm of his loving hands, and may he draw us closer to himself and to each other.

Lord hear us.

All- Lord graciously hear us.

Fr McGrath- God our Father, you have taught us that love is fulfilling of the law: may Kelly and Bobby grow in love for each other, and always remain in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

We make these prayers through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

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**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.**

Fr McGrath- Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us your peace in our day.

In your mercy keep us free from sin
And protect us from all anxiety
As we wait in joyful hope,
For the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

NUPTIAL BLESSING

Let us ask God to bless Kelly Bobby, now married in Christ and unite them in his love.

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 day 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 witness in the world. May old age come to them in the company of their friends and may they reach at last the kingdom of heavWe ask this through Christ our Lord.

All- Amen.

RITE OF PEACE

Lord Jesus 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 forever and ever.

All-Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Fr McGrath- The Lord be with you.

All - And also with you.

Fr McGrath- The Lord Jesus was present at the wedding in Cana. Today may he bless you and your families and friends.

All- Amen.

Fr McGrath- May the peace of Christ ever dwell in your home. May the angels of God protect it, and may the holy family of Nazareth be its model and inspiration.

All- Amen.

Fr McGrath- The Mass is ended, go in peace.

All- Thanks be to God

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

To our Family & Friends

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted us in the preparation for this ceremony and everyone who joined us on this happy day.