

READING

By Lorraine Duffy

1 Corinthians 12:31 -13:8

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 men 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.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

BY FR FRANK

(ALL STAND)

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus' words remind every married couple that they are the "light of the world". Married love is one of the main ways in which God shows Gods love to the world.

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 and trampled underfoot by men."

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub: they put it on the lamp-stand 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 Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOMILY

THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

THE QUESTIONS BEFORE THE CONSENT

THE CIVIL DECLARATION OF FREEDOM

THE CONSENT

THE RECEPTION OF THE CONSENT

THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF RINGS

BIDDING PRAYERS

Read by Fiona Sweeney, Taylor Sweeney,
Siobhan Casha-Fort & Rory Kavanagh

We pray for Thomas and Georgia as they begin their married life
together.

May their home be full of joy and laughter, may God give them good
health and may they always find happiness in each other.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We remember the smiles and laughter of those who have gone before us,
who would have loved to share in the joy and happiness of the day.

We thank God for the happy memories they have left with us
May God one day unite us again.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for the private intentions of all here present, that God may grant
you and your loved ones your requests, and guide you happily through
life.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all here present that God may give you peace in your hearts
for today, hope in your hearts for tomorrow and love in your hearts
forever.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.