



INTRODUCTORY RITE

Fr. Richard: 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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Penitential Rite

Fr. Richard: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Fr. Richard: You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy

Fr. Richard: You plead for us at the right hand of the Father, Lord have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Fr. Richard: May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive ours sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Fiona Hanna
A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Continue to love each other like brothers, and remember to always welcome strangers, for by doing this, some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Keep in mind those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; and those who are being badly treated, since you too are in the one body. Marriage is to be honoured by all, and marriages are to be kept undefiled. Put greed out of your lives and be content with whatever you have; God himself has said: I will not fail you or desert you, and so we can say with confidence: With the Lord to help me, I fear nothing.

The word of the lord

All: Thank be to God

Second Reading - Lucy Dwyer
A reading from The First Letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let your love be genuine and sincerely prefer good to evil. Love one another with affection and have a profound respect for each other. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if difficulties come and keep on praying. Think of the needs of others. Seek to be compassionate and kind, humble and patient. Be tolerant with one another and be ready to forgive when one of you has a complaint about the other. The Lord forgives you so you must do the same. Do not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good.

The word of the lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

Gospel

Fr. Richard: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

A Reading from the Book of John The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples, and they remained there a few days.

Homily

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Fr. Richard: Dear children of God, you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest and this community. Christ blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism; now, by a special sacrament, he strengthens you to fulfil the duties of your married life.

Fr. Richard Nora and Tom 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?

Nora and Tom: We have.

Fr. Richard: Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your

Nora and Tom: We will.

Fr. Richard: 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?

Nora and Tom: We are.

DECLARATION OF CONSENT

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

Tom: I, Thomas, take you, Nora, as my wife, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, all the days of our life.

Nora: I, Nora, take you, Thomas, as my husband, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, all the days of our life..

Fr. Richard 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.

Tom: Nora, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love in the Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit.

Nora: Tom, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love in the Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit.

LIGHTING OF THE MARRIAGE CANDLE

Instrumental

Nora and Tom light their marriage candle which represents their sacramental union as husband and wife.

Prayers of the Faithful

Charlotte McIntyre

We pray for Nora and Tom, as they begin their married life together. May their home be full joy and laughter, may God give them good health, and may they always find happiness in each other.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Eilish Barry

For the parents, family and friends of the bride and groom, whose love and friendship have brought them to this happy day. May God bless them, and may they continue to give their love and support in the years ahead.





Clare Crazley

We pray for the faithful departed, and especially for those who we ourselves have loved, and who are very much in our thoughts today, that God will one day unite us again in the joys of our eternal home.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Charlie Mitchell

We are blessed today to be gathered together for a happy occasion. Let us give thanks for our own blessings, for the gifts of life and health, which we so often take for granted. We pray for all those who are suffering due to illness, loneliness, injustice, or poverty at this time.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Katie Dwyer

We pray for an end to violence, and for lasting peace in our country. We pray for all those who are victims of injustice, and for those deprived of love and affection. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

*Scaffolding - David Parke
Seamus Heaney*

Masons, when they start upon a building,
Are careful to test out the scaffolding;

Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points,
Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.

And yet all this comes down when the job's done
Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.

So if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be
Old bridges breaking between you and me

Never fear. We may let the scaffolds fall
Confident that we have built our wall.

Holy Communion for those who wish to receive.





CONCLUDING RITE

Final Blessing

Fr. O'Dwyer: May God the eternal Father keep you of one heart in love for one another, that the peace of Christ may dwell in you and abide always in your home.

All: Amen.

Fr. O'Dwyer: May you be blessed in your children, have solace in your friends and enjoy true peace with everyone.

All: Amen.

Fr. O'Dwyer: May you be witnesses in the world to God charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God.

All: Amen.

Fr. O'Dwyer: And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr. O'Dwyer: Let us go now in peace.

All: Amen