

A warm welcome to you all. Thank you so much for being here!

## **Bridal Party**

Bride - Lauren McChesney Groom - Declan Price

Father of the Bride - Declan McChesney Mother of the Bride - Maryanne McChesney Father of the Groom - Gary Price Mother of the Groom - Angela Price

> Maid of Honor - Aveen Kinsella Bridesmaid - Arianna Mahon Boo Bridesmaid - Caoimhe Bennett Bridesmaid - Rhona Phipps

Best Man - Daniel Hughes Groomsman - Christopher Price Groomsman - Mark Rafferty Groomsman- Jonathan Price

# Offertory Procession

Readers - Keith Mahon, Daniel Freeman

Prayers of the Faithful - Laura Price, Amy Mackle, Hannah Harness,

Blaine Sherry & Ruth Boo-Leston

Reflection - Greg McChesney

#### Music

Erica Conway, Peter Benson & Gary Price

#### **Entrane Procession**

'I'll be out here'- Sung by Erica Conway

## **Introductory Rite**

Brendan Carr: In the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit  ${\it All: Amen}$ 

Brendan Carr: The grace of our lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

# **Lighting of the Candles**

Lauren & Declan light two candles at the altar representing their presence here today as two single individuals.

## **Penitential Rite**

Brendan Carr: Brother and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

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, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do; 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.

Brendan Carr: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us or sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

Brendan Carr: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Brendan Carr: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Brendan Carr: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

#### The Gloria

Brendan Carr: Glory to God in the highest.

All: And on earth peace to men 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, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the
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 sit 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

# First Reading On Love, by Kahil Gibran

Read by: Keith Mahon

\*With foreword from Marvanne McChesney to Declan McChesney

When love beckons to you, follow him, Though his ways are hard and steep. And when his wings enfold you, yield to him, Though the sword hidden among his pinions may wound you. And when he speaks to you believe in him,

Though his voice may shatter your dreams as the north wind lays waste the garden.

For even as love crowns you so shall he crucify you.

Even as he is for your growth so is he for your pruning.

Even as he ascends to your height and caresses
your tenderest branches that quiver in the sun,

So shall he descend to your roots and
shake them in their clinging to the earth.

Love gives naught but itself and takes naught but from itself.

Love possesses not nor would it be possessed;

For love is sufficient unto love.

When you love you should not say,

"God is in my heart," but rather, "I am in the heart of God."

And think not you can direct the course of love, for love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course.

Love has no other desire but to fulfil itself.

But if you love and must needs have desires,
let these be your desires: To melt and be like a
running brook that sings its melody to the night.

To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving; To rest at the noon hour and meditate love's ecstasy; To return home at eventide with gratitude; And then to sleep with a prayer for the beloved in your heart and a song of praise upon your lips.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Music by Peter Benson

## **Second Reading**

# A reading from the book of Sirach

Read by: Daniel Freeman

A loving partner is a safe shelter, whoever finds one has found a rare treasure. A loving partner is something beyond price, there is no measuring their worth. A loving partner is a life-saving remedy and those who respect their Lord finds true love.

For as a person is, so is their loved one.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel

Brendan Carr: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Brendan Carr: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to You, O Lord

Brendan Carr: Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My Own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is My commandments: love one another as I have loved you

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

## Homily

## Rite of Marriage

Brenda Carr: Lauren & Declan, you have come to this church today so that the lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest, your family and friends. In becoming husband and wife you give yourself to each other for life. You promise to be true and faithful, to be friends to one another and to support each other so that your years together will be the living out in love of the pledge you now make. Lauren and Declan, 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?

Lauren & Declan: We have

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

Lauren & Declan: We will

Brendan Carr: 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?

Lauren & Declan: We are

#### **Declaration of Consent**

Brendan Carr: I invite you then to declare, before God and His Church, your consent to become husband and wife.

Brendan Carr: Declan, do you take Lauren as your wife, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of your life?

Declan: I do.

Brendan Carr: Lauren, do you take Declan for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of your life?

\*\*Lauren: I do.\*\*

Brendan Carr: What God joins together, man must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with his blessings.

### **Blessing of Rings**

Brendan Carr: Almighty God, bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love. May Lauren and Declan always be true to each other, may they be one in heart and mind, may they be united forever, through Christ our Lord.

Lauren and Declan: Amen

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

Brendan Carr: I now pronounce you husband & wife.

## The lighting of the Marriage Candle

Brendan Carr: Lauren and Declan, in lighting this candle you are saying that henceforth you are no longer two but one. One in love, life, hope, faith, in everything. We pray that as you light this candle, your life may be a long and happy one together. May you always be as one body, at peace with yourselves and with God.

# Prayer of the Newly Married Couple

# Prayers of the Faithful

**Reader One:** God, we pray for Lauren and Declan as they begin their married life together. May their home be filled with joy and love, may God give them good health and may they always find happiness in each-other. Lord hear us.

Reader Two: We remember Lauren's dad Declan, who would have loved to share in the love and happiness of this day. We are eternally thankful for the beautiful memories he has left with us. May he watch over us today and be ever present in guiding Lauren & Declan as they begin their married lives together. Lord hear us.

Reader Three: We pray for Lauren and Declan's parents, brothers, and full family circle. In this marriage, two families become united.

May both families continue to be a source of love, kindness and guidance throughout Lauren & Declan's lives. Lord hear us.

**Reader Four:** We pray for all family and friends who have gathered here today from near and far. We give thanks to their friendship, love and support. Lord hear us.

**Reader Five:** We pray for all here present today. May they find love in their homes, fulfilment in their work and contentment in their hearts. Lord hear us.

# Offertory Procession Offertory hymn

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Brendan Carr: Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and which human hands have made. It will become the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Brendan Carr: Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Brendan Carr: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 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 Holy Church.

#### Communion Rite

Brendan Carr: Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Saviour gave us.

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 trespassed, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, by deliver us from evil.

## **Nuptial Blessing**

Brendan Carr: Let us ask God to bless Lauren and Declan, now married in Christ and unite them in his love. Go, our Father, creator of the universe, your made man and woman in your own likeness and blessed their union. We humbly pray to your for Lauren and Declan today united in the sacrament of marriage. May your blessing come upon them. May they find happiness and love for each other, be blessed with children and be examples to others in the way they live. 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 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 company of their friends and may they reach, at last, the Kingdom of Heaven. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

#### The Rite of Peace

Brendan Carr: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but the faith of your church, and graciously grant us the peace and unity in accordance with your will, where you live for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Brendan Carr: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your Spirit.

# **Prayer after Communion**

## Einstein on the Beach, by Philip Glass

Read by: Greg McChesney

The day with its cares and perplexities is ended and the night is now upon us. The night should be a time of peace and tranquility, a time to relax and be calm. We have need of a soothing story.

And what sort of story shall we hear? Ah, it will be a familiar story, a story that is so very, very old, and yet it is so new. It is the old, old story of love.

Two lovers sat on a park bench with their bodies touching each other, holding hands in the moonlight. There was silence between them,

So profound was their love for each other,
they needed no words to express it.

And so they sat in silence, on a park bench, with their bodies touching, holding hands in the moonlight.

Finally she spoke, "Do you love me?" she asked.

"You know I love you, darling," he replied.

"I love you more than tongue can tell

You are the light of my life my sun, moon and stars.

You are my everything.

Without you I have no reason for being."

Again, there was silence as the two lovers sat on a park bench, their bodies touching, holding hands in the moonlight.

Once more she spoke.

"How much do you love me?" she asked,

He answered, "How much do I love you? Count the stars in the sky

Measure the waters of the oceans with a teaspoon

Number the grains of sand on the seashore

Impossible, you say.