

Parish of Annaclone

CONFIRMATION

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CONFIRMANDI 2020

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**SIGN OF THE CROSS
INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME
OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray,
Graciously pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, O Lord,
so that, walking in oneness of faith and strengthened by the power of his love,
we may come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever.
All Amen

PENITENTIAL RITE

Canon: Let us pause for a moment to recall the times when we have failed to love as
Jesus called us to and ask forgiveness for our failings.

Canon: For the times we destroyed things in the world around us,
Lord have mercy. **All: Lord have mercy.**

Canon: For the times we acted with anger and were quarrelsome,
Christ have mercy. **All: Christ have mercy.**

Canon: For the times we were hurtful towards our families and friends.
Lord have mercy. **All: Lord have mercy.**

LITURGY

First Reading: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the Apostles had all met in one room,
when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the
noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something
appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to
rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and
began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven,
and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men
speaking their own language.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed them in a loud voice: 'Men of
Judaea, and all of you who live in Jerusalem, make no mistake about this, but listen
carefully to what I say, Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God,
by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was
among you, as you know.



This man who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

R.) Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

- 1) Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are. How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
- 2) You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and renew the face of the earth. (R.)
- 3) May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May the thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R)

Second Reading: A Reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There are a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given to him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given to him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophesy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we are all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation: -

Alleluia. Alleluia
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia

Canon: The Lord be with you
All: And with your spirit

Gospel Luke 4: 16 - 22

Canon: A reading from the Holy Gospel.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Gospel is read by Canon)

Bishop: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Canon reminds the congregation of the gift and call which the Sacrament of Confirmation signifies.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

The teacher(s) presents the candidates for Confirmation. The names of the candidates are called and they stand to renew the promises which their Godparents made for them at Baptism.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Canon: Do you reject Satan and all his works and empty promises?

All: I do.

Canon: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Canon: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Canon: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit and giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation, will be given to you in a special way?

All: I do.



Canon: Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

All: I do.

Canon: (to the congregation) This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church in Christ Jesus Our Lord which we are proud to profess.

All: Amen.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS



Canon asks the congregation to join him in praying, that God may send the Holy Spirit on the young people to be confirmed.

Bishop: My dear people,
in Baptism God our Father gave
the new birth of eternal life
to his chosen sons and daughters.

Let us pray to the Father
that He will pour out the Holy Spirit,
to strengthen these His sons and daughters
with His gifts and anoint them,
to be more like Christ
the Son of God.

All pray in silence for a short while.

Canon extend their hands over the young people to be confirmed, to call upon God to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

Canon: All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and by the Holy Spirit,
You freed your sons and daughters
from sin and gave them new life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide,
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgement and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Anointing With Chrism

When the young people come forward the Canon makes a sign of the cross with chrism, each saying:

Canon: N . . . Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Canon: Peace be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.



**During the anointing an appropriate music will be played.
After the anointing the Priest washes his hands.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Canon: The Holy Spirit, God's spirit of love, who dwells within each one of us, has come to these young people. United together in the same Holy Spirit, we now make our needs known to God with hope and confidence in our hearts.

Reader 1- Darragh

We pray for the Church, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Archbishop Eamon, and Canon Kearney, our Priest and for all the people of our Parish.

Lord, bless them in their work for you. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader 2- Ava

People have helped us to grow in our Catholic faith. We pray for our parents, teachers and sponsors. We pray that we may follow their good example as they lead us in the ways of faith and Christian living. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader 3- Conor

We pray for our families; help them to guide us throughout our lives. We ask you to give them the strength to guide us through any difficult times which may lie ahead. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader 4- Sean

We pray that men and women continue to hear their call to live the Christian life. We pray especially that more will answer the call to serve God's people in the priesthood and religious life. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader 5- Leo

We pray for all our family and friends who have died. May they experience the endless joys of Heaven. Send your Spirit to their families to give them strength in their lives. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader 6- Roise

God our Father, bless all of us who have received your Holy Spirit in Confirmation. May the same Holy Spirit come alive in our lives so that we can fulfil the commitment we have undertaken through this sacrament. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Canon: God our Father, listen to our prayers. May your Holy Spirit always remain with us and help us as we spread your Kingdom here on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

And now at the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say together:

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.
Amen

REFLECTION 1 – Sarah

This is a special day!
We have received a wonderful gift – the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The Holy Spirit has entered our lives bringing the gifts of Joy, Peace and Courage and an important opportunity to renew the promises which were taken on our behalf at Baptism. Let us be grateful for our faith and for the power of the sacraments in bringing us closer to God

REFLECTION 2 – Ellie-Kate

May we always remain grounded and settled in our beliefs, by the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit in our daily activities. Lord, through your preparation and sharing in this sacrament, you have brought us closer to you and to each other. Grant that through the power of your Holy Spirit, we may continue to grow in your love and help promote your kingdom of love, Justice and peace throughout our lives.

Confirmation Pledge

Primary 7's

God our Father, I have received the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit today and I want to live like Jesus.

I promise to use wisely the gifts you have given me.

I promise not to take alcoholic drink until I am eighteen.

I promise not to take illegal drugs.

I rely on the Holy Spirit to give me strength and courage in keeping these promises.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

FINAL PRAYER

Instruct, O Lord, in the fullness of the law those you have endowed with the gifts of Your Spirit that they may constantly show to the world the freedom of your adopted children and, by the holiness of their lives exercise the prophetic mission of your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Final Blessing (Kneel)

Canon: God our Father made you his children by water and the Holy Spirit; may He bless you and watch over you with His Fatherly love.

All: Amen

Canon: Jesus Christ the Son of God, promised that the Spirit of Truth would be with His Church forever; may He bless you, and give you the courage in professing the true faith.

All: Amen

Canon: The Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples and set their hearts on fire with love. May He bless you, keep you one in faith and love, and bring you the joys of God's Kingdom.

All: Amen

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

All: Amen.





Pope Francis I



Primary 7