

CONFIRMATION MASS 2019

St Teresa of the Child Jesus *and* Ss John Fisher and Thomas More

Saturday, 8 June 2019

Celebrant:
Bishop Paul McAleenan



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BOREHAMWOOD



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Oscar
Patrick D.
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Rachel
Raluchukwu
Riya
Sarah
Simone
Thomas
Tilly

THE INTRODUCTORY RITE

ENTRANCE HYMN

1 Come, set your rule and reign in
our hearts again,
Increase in us, we pray, unveil why
we're made.
Come, set our hearts ablaze with
hope,
Like wild-fire in our very souls,
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are your Church. We need
your power in us.

*Build your Kingdom here, let the
darkness fear;
Show your mighty hand, heal our
streets and land.*

*Set your Church on fire, win this
nation back;
Change the atmosphere,
build your Kingdom here, we pray.*

2 We seek your Kingdom first,
we hunger and we thirst,
Refuse to waste our lives
for you're our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released,
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;
We lay down our lives for heaven's
cause.
We are your Church. We pray:
'Revive this earth.'

GREETING

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.
All: Amen.
Bishop: Peace be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Bishop: Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
After brief pause ...
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,
And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, 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.

Bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

Choir: *Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.*
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

GLORIA

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

1 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, 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 are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

3 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.

COLLECT

Bishop: Let us pray.
Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,
That the Holy Spirit, coming near
And dwelling graciously within us,
May make of us a perfect temple of his glory.
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

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

So far then we have seen that, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory.

And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103: 1,24,27-28,30-31,33-34

R/ Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord god, how great you are.
How many are your works, O
Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due
season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have
their fill.

You send forth your spirit, they are
created;
and you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord last for
ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!

I will sing to the Lord all my life,
make music to my god while I live.
May my thoughts be pleasing to
him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will be my witness,
and you too will be witnesses,
says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

14:23-26

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not
keep my words.

And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent
me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my
name, will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to
you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



THE CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES

Catechist: Bishop Paul, the parishes of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, and St Teresa of the Child Jesus, ask you to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on these Candidates:

As the catechist calls out each name the candidate stands and says:

Candidate: I am present.

Bishop: Are they ready to receive this Sacrament?

Catechist: With the grace of God they are.

HOMILY BY BISHOP PAUL

Please sit for the homily.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

After the homily, the candidates stand:

Bishop: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to
you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the
day of Pentecost?

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: This is our faith.
This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Candidates: Amen.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Then the Bishop (while the priests associated with him remain by his side) standing, facing the people, with hands joined, says:

Bishop: Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

Then the Bishop lays hands over all those to be confirmed (as do priests who are associated with him). But the Bishop alone says:

Bishop: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The candidates come forward one at a time with their sponsors, and are anointed with the oil of Chrism. They then exchange the sign of peace with the Bishop.

Bishop: N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen

Bishop: Peace be with you

Candidate: And with your spirit

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

All stand.

Bishop: My dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly pray to God the almighty Father and be of one mind in our prayer, just as faith, hope and charity, which proceed from his Holy Spirit, are one.

After each intention which are all read and written by the candidates, there is a pause while the faithful pray. The reader says: **Lord, in your mercy.** All reply: **Hear our prayer.** Then the Bishop concludes with the following:

Bishop: Oh God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles and willed that through them and their successors the same Spirit be handed on to the rest of the faithful, listen favourably to our prayer, and grant that your divine grace, which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, may now spread through the hearts of those who believe in you. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

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| 1 Every nation, every tribe
come together to worship You.
In Your presence we delight.
We will follow to the ends of the
earth. | 2 As Your Spirit calls to rise
we will answer and do Your will.
We'll forever testify
of Your mercy and unfailing love. |
| <i>Alleluia, alleluia,
Receive the Power, from the Holy
Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Receive the Power to be a light
unto the world.</i> | 3 Lamb of God, we worship You.
Holy One, we worship You.
Bread of Life, we worship You.
Emmanuel, we worship You.
Lamb of God, we worship You.
Holy One, we worship You.
Bread of Life, we worship You.
Emmanuel, we will sing forever |

When he has received the bread and wine for the celebration, the Bishop offers prayer of blessing quietly at the altar. Sometimes these prayers are said aloud. If so, the assembly's acclamation each time is: **Blessed be God forever.**

The Bishop completes additional personal preparatory rites and then all stand.

Bishop: Pray, brethren (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.

Then the Bishop says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

After the Preface, all sing:

HOLY HOLY

Repeat each line after the cantor.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. The Bishop continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of the Consecration:

Bishop: The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

After the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer:

Bishop: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All sing:

All: Amen siyakudumisa
Amen siyakudumisa
Amen, Bawo; Amen Bawo;
Amen siyakudumisa.



THE COMMUNION RITE

All stand.

Bishop: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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

Bishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant
peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be
always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the
blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and
for ever.

Bishop: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave
you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith
of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and
ever.

All: Amen.

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

The Bishop may add:

Bishop: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
miserere nobis, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
miserere nobis, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

After his private prayers of preparation the Bishop genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice says aloud:

Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



COMMUNION HYMNS

COME, O COME, SPIRIT OF GOD WITH POWER

*Come, O come, Spirit of God with
power (repeat)*

- 1 Holy Spirit, Lord of light
From the clear celestial height,
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

*Like a shower from heaven come.
Like a mighty wind roar.
Let the tongues of your fire fall.
Come Spirit of God and dwell in
us.*

- 2 Thou, of all consolers best.
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

- 3 Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

- 4 Heal our wounds, our strength
renew;
On our dryness, pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide thy steps that go astray.

- 5 Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend.
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

- 1 Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love as you have
loved
and do as you would do.

- 2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.

- 3 Breathe on me, breath of God;
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heavenly fire.

- 4 Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect
life of your eternity.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: Now and forever.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Bishop: May God the Father almighty bless you,
whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters
reborn from water and the Holy Spirit,
and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.

All: Amen

Bishop: May his Only Begotten Son,
who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide in his
Church,
bless you and confirm you by his power
in the confession of the true faith.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May the Holy Spirit,
who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples,
bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one
into the joy of the Kingdom of God.

All: Amen.

Bishop: And may almighty God bless all of you
who are gathered here,
the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Bishop: Go forth, the Mass is ended

All: Thanks be to God

RECESSIONAL HYMN

WITH THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS

Lord, you give the great commission;
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

*With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
“I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intended,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity.



CONFIRMATION

PRAYER

Spirit of God, grant me:
The gift of **wisdom** to see the
world through your eyes,
The gift of **counsel**
To make difficult decisions,
The gifts of **knowledge** and
understanding to use my mind to
know you and to love you,
The gift of **fortitude**

To have the courage to live in the
faith despite the difficulties and
disappointments,
The gift of **piety** to be able to
express my special love
And commitment to you,
And the right kind of awesome
fear that makes me pause to
wonder and revere God's Love.
Amen.



With congratulations
and prayers from

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