

CONFIRMATION MASS 2020

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

Saturday, 3 October 2020

Celebrant:
Fr Dominic McKenna



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BOREHAMWOOD



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

THE INTRODUCTORY RITE

GREETING

Fr Dominic: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr Dominic: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Fr Dominic: 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.

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

All: Amen

Fr Dominic: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Fr Dominic: Christ have mercy

All: |Christ have mercy

Fr Dominic: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy



COLLECT

Fr Dominic: 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 Galatians (5:16-17. 22-25)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgences is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95

℟̕ Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.
℟̕

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. ℟̕

Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: "God is
king." ℟̕

Let the heavens rejoice
and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it
thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for
joy. ℟̕

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, holy Spirit,
send forth a ray
of your light from
on high!
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 Luke

With a large crowd gathering and people from every town finding their way to him, he used this parable:

"A sower went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell on the edge of the path and was trampled on; and the birds of the air ate it up. Some seed fell on rock, and when it came up it withered away, having no moisture. Some seed fell amongst thorns and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell into rich soil and grew and produced its crop a hundredfold." Saying this he cried, "Listen, anyone who has ears to hear!"

His disciples asked him what this parable might mean, and he said, "The seed is the word of God. Those on the edge of the path are people who have heard it, and then the devil comes and carries away the word from their hearts in case they should believe and be saved. Those on the rock are people who, when they first hear it, welcome the word with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of trial they give up. As for the part that fell into thorns, this is people who have heard, but as they go on their way they are choked by the worries and riches and pleasures of life and do not reach maturity. As for the part in the rich soil, this is people with a noble and generous heart who have heard the word and take it to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



THE CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES

Catechist: Fr Dominic, 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.

Fr Dominic: Are they ready to receive this Sacrament?

Catechist: With the grace of God they are.

HOMILY BY FR DOMINIC

Please sit for the homily.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

After the homily, the candidates stand:

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

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

Fr Dominic: 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.

Fr Dominic: 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.

Fr Dominic: 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.

Fr Dominic: 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 Fr Dominic, standing, facing the people, with hands joined, says:

Fr Dominic: 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 Fr Dominic lays hands over all those to be confirmed (as do priests who are associated with him).

Fr Dominic: 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 Fr Dominic.

Fr Dominic: *N.*, be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen

Fr Dominic: Peace be with you

Candidate: And with your spirit

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

All stand.

Fr Dominic: 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.

Reader: We pray for the Pope and Bishops that the Holy Spirit will continue to give them the wisdom to lead the Catholic Church. *[short pause]* Lord hear us ...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray for comfort for everyone having a difficult time. We pray especially for those affected by the pandemic. *[short pause]* Lord hear us ...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray for guidance for those being confirmed today; may they be closer to God. We also pray for those who have taken the step to further their knowledge of God. *[short pause]* Lord hear us ...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray for people with addiction. Through faith in God, may they get the help they need to recover. *[short pause]* Lord hear us ...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray for our dearly departed that they may soon enjoy eternal life with our heavenly Father. *[short pause]* Lord hear us ...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray for those who are mourning, that God may give them the strength and guidance during this difficult period in their lives. *[short pause]* Lord hear us ...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray for those that get bullied in school that God gives them strength and love. *[short pause]* Lord hear us ...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray for the homeless that they get shelter to be safe and healthy. *[short pause]* Lord hear us ...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray for the people stuck in war zones and that they get the help they need. *[short pause]* Lord hear us ...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Let us now turn to Our Lady for our own petitions.

All: Hail Mary ...

Fr Dominic: 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

Fr Dominic: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Fr Dominic: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.



Fr Dominic completes additional personal preparatory rites and then all stand.

Fr Dominic: 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 Fr Dominic says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fr Dominic: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Dominic: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Dominic: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

After the Preface, all pray:

HOLY HOLY

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. Fr Dominic continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of the Consecration:

Fr Dominic: 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:

Fr Dominic: 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: Amen



THE COMMUNION RITE

All stand.

Fr Dominic: 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.

Fr Dominic: 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.

Fr Dominic: 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.

Fr Dominic: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Fr Dominic: 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, there may be a period of silence, or Fr Dominic may say a few words. He then asks the people to stand for the following prayer.

Fr Dominic: Accompany with your blessing
from this day forward, O Lord,
those who have been anointed with the Holy Spirit
and nourished by the sacrament of your Son,
so that, with all trials overcome,
they may gladden your Church by their holiness
and, through their works and their charity,
foster her growth in the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING

Fr Dominic: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Dominic: Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: Now and forever.

Fr Dominic: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Fr Dominic: 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

Fr Dominic: 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.

Fr Dominic: 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.

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

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Fr Dominic: Go forth, the Mass is ended

All: Thanks be to God

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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