

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** ‘Glory and Praise to Our God

*Kneel*

**The GREETING**

**Archbishop Kieran:**

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Archbishop Kieran:**

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 with your spirit.

**THE RITE OF PENANCE**

**Archbishop Kieran:**

My brothers and sisters as we prepare to celebrate this confirmation Mass, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

**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 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.

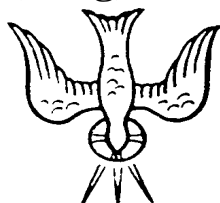
**Archbishop Kieran:**

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

**All:** Amen.

**Kyrie (Sung)**

**GLORIA: (Sung)**



## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Archbishop Kieran:**

Let us Pray:

Lord, send us your Holy Spirit to help us walk in unity of faith and grow in the strength of his love to the full stature of Christ, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Sit**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

*A reading from the First Book of Samuel*

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli; it was rare for the Lord to speak in those days, visions were uncommon. One day, it happened that Eli was lying down in his room. His eyes were beginning to grow dim; he could no longer see. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the Ark of God was, when the Lord called, Samuel! Samuel! He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down'. So he went and lay down.

Once again the Lord called, ‘Samuel, Samuel’! Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am since, you called me’. He replied, ‘I did not call you my son; go back and lie down. Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

Once again the Lord called the third time. He got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am since you called me’. Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, ‘Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening’. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, ‘Samuel, Samuel’. Samuel answered, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening’.

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Sing a Song to the Lord

**Second Reading**

*A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians (3:26-28)*

All baptized in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ.

You are, all of you, children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. All baptized in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Stand**

**Seinn Alleluia (sung)**

**GOSPEL**

*A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke (8: 4-15)*

*As for the part in the rich soil, this is people who take the word to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance.*

With a large crowd gathering and people from every town finding their way to him, Jesus 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 world 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.

## **HOMILY**

**All Sit:** Archbishop Kieran addresses all present, especially the boys and girls who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

### **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

*Candidates stand:*

**Archbishop Kieran:**

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

**Candidates:** I do.

**Archbishop Kieran**

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

**Candidates:** I do.

**Archbishop Kieran:**

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?

**Candidates:** I do.

**Archbishop Kieran:**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you Sacramentally in Confirmation?

**Candidates:** I do.

**Archbishop Kieran:**

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.

**Archbishop Kieran:**

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 LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*All kneel*

Archbishop Kieran faces the people and says:

My Dear friends,

In Baptism, God our Father gave new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters.

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

*All pray in silence.* The bishop and priests lay their hands upon the candidates, by extending their hands over them.

*Archbishop Kieran alone says:*

All powerful God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and 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 judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



## **ANOINTING WITH CHRISM**

**The children come forward,** followed by their sponsors. The children stand in front of Archbishop Clifford. The sponsors place their hands on the child's shoulder while he/she is being anointed. The Confirmation card is worn by the child.

**Archbishop Kieran:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Child:** Amen.

**Archbishop Kieran:** Peace be with you.

**Child:** And with your spirit

*During the anointing the Confirmation hymns will be sung:*

### **Hymns:**

- You Are Mine
- Mo Ghrá Thú, a Thiarna
- Father, in my Life I See



Stand

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Brothers and sisters, let us ask God our Father for all the gifts of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

1. Let us pray that God may bless Pope Francis, and our Archbishop, Most Reverend Doctor Kieran O'Reilly, who has conferred Confirmation on us, also all our priests, especially Father Irwin and Father O'Rourke, that their teaching and inspiration will lead us all forward under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

2. We pray and remember all those who have inspired and helped us on our journey of life so far. We remember in a special way today, those who cannot be with us, may their spirit continue to give us hope and strength.

Lord, hear us.

- 3 We pray that we all continue to see the importance of having priests, nuns and religious to carry God's message and example to the world. May the inspiration of the Holy Spirit give vocations to many and give faith and generosity to answer these vocations.

Lord, hear us.

- 4 We pray for all our teachers and those involved in our schools. They not only teach us the ordinary things of school, but help us to prepare for the sacraments and also provide opportunities to get great enjoyment and an opportunity to represent our school in different competitions. May they always continue such interest.

Lord, hear us.

- 5 We need much peace and justice in the world. May world leaders be inspired in their choices and work for peace. May each one of us work for greater peace, harmony and



helpfulness in our own parish. Help us to pray more often for the gift of peace.

Lord, hear us.

6 We pray today for all who are suffering illness. May God give them the strength and faith to remember that Jesus said “Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest”. Give your special help to our doctors, nurses and all who care for the sick and the dying.

Lord, hear us.

7 We pray for our parents, families, sponsors and friends. By their example in their daily lives, may they encourage us to grow together to holiness of life.

Lord, hear us.

Father, we offer you our prayers, confident that you will strengthen our faith by answering our petitions. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS-**

**Hymn:** Eat this Bread

*Kneel*

**Archbishop Kieran:**

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.

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**Archbishop Kieran:**

Lord, you have signed our brothers and sisters with the cross of your Son, and anointed them with the oil of salvation. As they offer themselves with Christ, continue to fill their hearts with your spirit.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

**All:** Amen.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*This is our great prayer of thanksgiving to God for the sacrifice of Christ.*

## **PREFACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 11**

**Archbishop Kieran:**

The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Archbishop Kieran:**

Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Archbishop Kieran:**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ Our Lord.

Ascending above all the heavens and sitting at your right hand, he poured out the promised Holy Spirit on your adopted children.

Therefore, now and for ages unending, with all the host of Angels, we sing to you with all our hearts, crying out as we acclaim:

**Hymn:** Holy Holy (sung)

## **ACCLAMATION OF FAITH**

Save Us, Saviour of the World (sung)

Amen (sung)

Lamb of God and Sign of Peace (sung)



### **Communion Hymns:**

- Though We Are Many
- Ithigí an t-arán seo

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **Archbishop Kieran:**

Lord, you give your Son as food to those you anoint with your Spirit. Help them to fulfill your law by living in freedom as your children. May they live in holiness and be your witnesses to the world. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## **THE SOLEMN BLESSING**

*All kneel.*

### **Archbishop Kieran:**

The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

### **Archbishop Kieran:**

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.

**Archbishop Kieran:**

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 courage in professing the true faith.

**All:** Amen.

**Archbishop Kieran:**

May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Archbishop Kieran:**

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Final Hymns:**

- Go Tell Everyone

This is what God asks of you,

Only this:

To act justly, to love tenderly,

and to walk humbly with

your God'.

