Sacrament of Confirmation

St. Nicholas' Church, Stabannon
Wednesday 19th August 2020

"Come Holy Spirit"

Celebrant: Fr. Anselm Emechebe

Music:

Ann Clarke - Organist
Ruth Byrne – Soloist

Principals:

Michelle Flanagan – Scoil San Nioclás

Teachers:

Róisín Savage – Scoil San Nioclás

Entrance Hymn:

Greeting

Celebrant: In ainm an Athair agus an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh.
All: Amen
Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God be with you all.
All: And with your Spirit.

Penitential Rite (*All Stand)*

Celebrant: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.
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 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 to you my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.
Amen
Celebrant: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.
All: Amen

Opening Prayer

Celebrant: Fulfil for us your gracious promise, O Lord we pray, so that by his coming the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. One God, forever and ever.
All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: (Grace Gormley)

A Reading from the prophet Jeramiah

The Lord said to me, "I chose you before I gave you life and before you were born I selected you to be my prophet to the nations." I answered "Sovereign Lord, I don't know how to speak, I am too young." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say that you are too young but go to the people I send you to and tell them everything I command you to say. Do not be afraid of them for I will protect you. I, the Lord have spoken!" Then the Lord stretched out his hand, touched my lips and said to me, "Listen, I am giving you the words you must speak."

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (Sung)

Second Reading: **(Charlie Sands)**

A letter from St Paul to the Corinthians 12:4-11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Sung: *(All Stand)*

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:16-22
The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

Jesus came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

> The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
> for he has anointed me.
> He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
> to proclaim liberty to captives
> and to the blind new sight,
> to set the downtrodden free,
> to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'. And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily *(All Sit)*

Presentation of Candidates: (Principal Teacher)

We now present for confirmation the 6th class pupils of Scoil San Nioclás.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises *(Children stand)*

Celebrant: Do you reject Satan, and all his works and all his empty promises?
Children: I do.
Celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth?
Children: I do.
Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary?

Children: I do.
Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation will be given to you in a special way?
Children: I do.
Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?
Children: I do.
Celebrant: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.
All: Amen

The Laying on of Hands *(All Kneel)*

Celebrant: My dear people, in Baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to His 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)

Celebrant: 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 knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen

The Anointing with Chrism

The people sit. The children and their sponsors come forward and the priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each, saying:

Father Anselm: Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Child: Amen
Father Anselm: Peace be with you.
Child: And with your spirit.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: My dear friends:
Let us be one in prayer to God our Father as we are one in the faith, hope and love his Spirit gives.
1. (**Millie**) We pray for all of us confirmed here today by the gift of the Spirit, that we may give witness to Jesus Christ by life built on faith and love.
Lord hear us.
All: Lord graciously hear us.
2. (Mille) For our parents, families and friends, that the Holy Spirit may watch over and protect all those we love and keep us united in his peace.
Lord hear us.
All: Lord graciously hear us.
3. (Mille) For our sponsors. Lord pray that, guided by the Holy Spirit, they may shine a light for us as we continue to walk in your presence.
Lord hear us.
All: Lord graciously hear us.
4. (Max) For our parish community, that in our life and worship together, the Holy Spirit may give us hope and joy.
Lord hear us.
All: Lord graciously hear us.
5. (Max) We ask you to help and encourage our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Archbishop Eamonn, our priests, Father Anselm and all religious leaders as they guide us in faith.
Lord hear us.
All: Lord graciously hear us.

Celebrant: God our Father, you sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and through them and their successors you give the Holy Spirit to your people. May his work begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe.
All: Amen

Liturgy of the Eucharist *(All Sit)*

Presentation of the Gifts (Read by **Charlie McBride**)

In our offertory today, Father, we recall our growth to maturity and thank you for your care and protection over the past twelve years.

A baptismal candle, symbolising the beginning of our Christian lives.

The Oil of Chrism, symbolising our growth to maturity and our willingness to be full members of our Christian community.

The hosts and the wine, soon to become the body and blood of Christ. This reminds us of the care and concern that God has shown to us as we grow in his love.

Celebrant: Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
All: Blessed be God forever.
Celebrant: 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 forever.
Celebrant: 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 you hand for the praise and glory of your name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Receive in you mercy, O Lord the prayers of your servants. And grant that, being conformed more perfectly to you Son, they may grow steadily in bearing witness to Him as they share in the memorial of His redemption, by which He gained for us Your Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your Spirit.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.
Holy Holy *(Sung)*
You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created
rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all thins and make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.
Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,
that they may become the Body and blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.
For on the night he was betrayed
he himself took bread,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.
In a similar when supper was ended,
He took the chalice,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.
The mystery of faith.

Therefore, O Lord as we celebrate the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving

this holy and living sacrifice.
Look, we pray, upon the obligation of the Church
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one Spirit in Christ.
May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.
May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim church on earth,
with your servant our Pope Francis our Bishop Eamonn ,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your own.
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.
to our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy forever the fullness of your glory
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

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

Forever and ever.
Amen

Communion Rite:

Our Father (All stand)

Celebrant: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be 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 forever.

Celebrant: 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.

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

All: And with your spirit.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

(All Kneel)

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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

Concluding Rite: (All Stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: And may Almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen

Celebrant: Go forth, the mass has ended.
All: Thanks be to God.

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Max Halpenny
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