

RITE OF CONFIRMATION 2020



Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh & Kilfenora

Introductory Rite

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

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters,
to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries,
let us acknowledge our sins.

**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.**

Celebrant: May almighty God Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us into everlasting life.

All Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

All: **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 you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
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.
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.
Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Celebrant: 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 in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 2:1-11)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.

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 his own language.

They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’, they said, ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps. 103:1.24.29–31.34)

**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 you 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 my 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 (1 Cor. 12:3–7.12–13)

In the one Spirit we were all baptised.

No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is 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 sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. 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 were 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

The Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

(Jn 20:19–23)

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you’.

‘As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit during the homily



Renewal of Baptismal Promises

After the homily the Celebrant questions the children:

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

The candidates respond together:

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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 in the sacrament of Confirmation?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

Candidates: 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 reply: Amen.

Laying on of Hands

Then the Celebrant (together with the priests assisting him) stands with joined hands, facing the people, and says:

My dear friends:

In baptism God our Father gave the 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 then pray in silence for a while.

The following hymn may be sung if desired.

Come Holy Ghost, Creator come,
Descend from heaven's throne,
Come take possession of our hearts,
And make them all your own.

Then come great Spirit to your own,
Our hearts make pure and strong,
Direct our weary steps today,
And turn our wills from wrong.

All glory to the Father be,
With his eternal Son,
The same unto the Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

The Celebrant (and the priests assisting him) impose their hands over those to be confirmed.

The Bishop 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 judgement 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.

All: Amen.

Anointing with Chrism

The candidates to be confirmed line up standing at the altar rails. The Sponsor places their right hand on the candidate's right shoulder and a priest/teacher tells the Celebrant the first Christian name and the Confirmation name of the candidate to be confirmed.

The Celebrant traces the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidates with chrism, saying:

N....., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

The candidate replies: Amen.

The Celebrant adds: Peace be with you.

The candidate answers: And with your Spirit.

During the anointing with chrism suitable hymns may be sung, such as:

My God, accept my heart this day,
And make it wholly thine,
That I from thee no more may stray,
No more from thee decline.

Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,
And seal me for thy own;
That I may see thy glorious face,
And worship at thy throne.

Let every thought, and work, and word,
To thee be ever given;
Then life shall be thy service, Lord,
And death the gate of heaven.

Prayer of the Faithful

The Prayer of the Faithful to be composed by the local community.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

When the Prayer of the Faithful has been said, Mass continues in the normal way. Some of those confirmed take part in the Offertory procession while the offertory hymn is sung.

Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrant Receive in your mercy, O Lord,
the prayers of your servants
and grant that, being conformed more perfectly to your 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 II

The Celebrant, with hands extended says:

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.

Celebrant: 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:

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
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 way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY,
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Celebrant: The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.**

Celebrant: Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of Life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.
Remember, Lord, your Church,
Spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Francis our Pope, and Brendan our Bishop,
and all the clergy.

*Remember also, Lord, your servants
whom you have been pleased to confirm today
by bestowing the Holy Spirit
and keep them in your grace.*

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages,
that we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

All: Amen.

Communion Rite — Deasgnátha na Comaoineach

Ceiliúraí Aitheanta an tslánaithe dár dtreorú
agus briathar Dé dár dteagasc,
tá sé de mhisneach againn a rá.

Pobal: **Ár nAthair atá ar neamh,
go naofar d’ainm, go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh,
mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin,
agus ná lig sinn i gcathú, ach saor sinn ó olc.**

Ceiliúraí: Saor sinn ó gach olc, impímid ort, a Thiarna.
Tabhair dúinn go cineálta síocháin lenár linn,
ionas go mbeimid, le cúnamh do thrócaire,
saor ón bpeaca i gcónaí
agus slán ón uile bhuairt
agus sinn ag súil leis an dóchas naofa
agus le teacht ár Slánaitheora, Íosa Críost.

Pobal: **Óir is leatsa an ríocht agus an chumhacht agus an ghlóir trí
shaol na saol.**

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 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
forever.**

Ceiliúraí: A Thiarna Íosa Críost, a dúirt le d'Aspail:
Fágaim síocháin agaibh,
tugaim daoibh mo shíocháin:
ná féach ar ár bpeacaíne
ach ar chreideamh d'Eaglaise;
deonaigh síocháin a thabharit di agus í a aontú,
faoi mar is toil leat féin,
tusa a mharieann agus a rialaíonn trí shaol na saol.

Pobal: Amen.

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.

Ceiliúraí: Síocháin an Tiarna libh i gcónaí.

Pobal: Agus le do spiorad féin.

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

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: May this mingling of the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

**Pobal: A Uain Dé, a thógann peacaí an domhain,
déan trócaire orainn.
A Uain Dé, a thógann peacaí an domhain,
déan trócaire orainn.
A Uain Dé, a thógann peacaí an domhain,
tabhair dúinn síocháin.**

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.

People: **Amen.**

Concluding Rite

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your Spirit.

Final Blessing

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.

People: 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.

People: 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.

People: Amen.

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

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The Mass has ended, go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

