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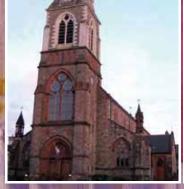
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"Jesus said: 'For everyone who raises himself up will be humbled, but anyone who humbles himself will be raised up'."

Luke: 18:14









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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;

turn to the Lord and his strength;

constantly seek his face.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and

of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Priest:

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred

mysteries.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Priest:

> Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You bring light to those in darkness:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, All:

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.

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: Almighty ever-living God,

increase our faith, hope and charity,

and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

35:12-14.16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable,

nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,

acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God. All:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R v.7

(R) This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)
- 2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. (R)
- 3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

> The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

All:

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Cf. Mt 11:25

18:9-14

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom

to mere children.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. All: Priest: A reading from the holy

Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself. "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself, will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. All:

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stand

THE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar.

The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

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.

Blessed be God for ever. All:

> The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

> The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:

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.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day

be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

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 OFFERINGS

Priest: Look, we pray, O Lord,

on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

PREFACE (III in Ordinary Time)

Priest: 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.

For we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal beings with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation, through Christ our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

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.

Congregation kneels

Priest: 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.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

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

Priest: 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 Leo our Pope and N our Bishop and all the clergy.

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, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Priest: 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.**

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

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

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord

Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

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.

Congregation kneels The celebrant says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: 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.

Priest: May the Body of Christ

keep me safe for eternal life.

Priest: May the Blood of Christ

keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 19:6

All: We will ring out our joy at your saving help

and exult in the name of our God.

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May the peace of God,

which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen

Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Priest: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

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We pray for our beloved dead:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Andrew Spratt: Patrick Joseph (Pat) McCartan: Patrick McClure. **MONTHS MIND:** Seamus O'Neill: Anne Young: Richard (Dick) Taggart: Jim McLoughlin.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Dessie O'Neill: Row Savage.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday 28 October - Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles **Wednesday 29 October** - St Colman

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER IS THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.

Masses: 11.00am Saturday

SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY.

Mass will be celebrated in Syro-Malabar Rite in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 26th October at 3.00pm.

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

The Annual Mass for our beloved dead will be held on Friday 7th November at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church. At the Liturgy we will remember all our dead and bereaved parishioners with a special emphasis on those who have lost loved ones within the past year. Invitations to our Remembrance Mass have been sent out to the families of deceased parishioners who have died since November 2024. Named candles will be available for relatives of those who have died within the past year. All extended family members, friends, neighbours and parishioners are welcome to attend.

If you have lost a loved one who has been laid to rest **OUTSIDE OF THE PARISH WITHIN THE PAST YEAR** and wish to light a candle in their memory at the Remembrance Mass, please contact Parish Office.

This kindly includes deceased family members and friends of parishioners of all nationalities.

Email: lisburn@downandconnor.org Tel: 028 92 660206

THE BBC RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING SERVICE have offered to broadcast live Our Holy Souls Sunday morning Mass on Sunday 2nd November. This programme will go on air at **9.00am**.

All warmly invited. Pleased be seated by **8.45am**.

This Mass will replace our normal 10.00am Sunday Morning Mass.

Mass at 12 noon as usual.

MASS OF HOPE

Suicide Awareness & Support Group invite you to our Mass of Hope. Sunday 16th November 2025 @ 3pm in Clonard Monastery. All families bereaved & all denominations welcome

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That extra hour might feel like a small gift, but it also marks the official end of British Summer Time and the start of darker evenings and shorter days.

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The November Dead Lists (envelopes provided) are available in church porches., Returned lists and donations should be placed in envelope and returned to the Parish Office letterbox (right of office door) or left in safe positioned in right hand side alcove of the church (beside Confession box).

All Masses will be offered during the month of November for names included on lists. **PLEASE RETURN ALL LISTS BEFORE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER IF POSSIBLE.**



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THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

I thank you, Lord, for the gift of life himself, for my birth, for my family and friends, for all those who help me in life, for the gift of those I meet each day, for every act of kindness I receive.

I thank you Lord, for the beauty of creation, for things in nature that give me joy, for the wonder of every living thing.

I thank you, Lord, for creating us in all in your image, for giving us hearts that can love like you, for the goodness of others, for those who help the poor and needy,

for those who show consideration, for being able to forgive like you, for fortitude through life's trials.

For your glory shining through those seeking to make the world a better place.

I thank you, Lord for sharing your life with us,

for suffering for our sakes, for giving yourself up on the Cross, for the splendour of your holiness, for loving us all, now and always.

For all this and more, I thank you, Lord, Amen.

The Prayer Trust.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL will launch their Annual Christmas Appeal Campaign from the pulpit week-end 1st and 2nd November. Reference will be made to the SVP Giving Tree located in front porch of church.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS will be available in church porches on 1st & 2nd November & 8th and 9th November.

Thereafter they may be obtained from the Parish Centre.

PAUSE FOR HOPE – SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER AT 3.30PM IN CLONARD CHURCH.

Bringing together in prayer those who have and have had cancer; their loved ones; those who care for them – doctors & nurses: those with special skills involved in the investigation and treatment of cancer; those in authority who have responsibility for providing resources; our scientists trying to find a cure. Following the service light refreshments will be provided, along with the opportunity to share stories and experience with others in a similar situation.

BULLETIN NOTICES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Bulletin Notices must be handed into the **Parish Office or left in Post Box** by 12 noon on Monday to be included in the weekend bulletin.

No notices regarding anniversaries, month's minds, etc to be left in sacristy.

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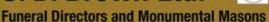
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