**Celebration of the Word**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

**23rd Week in Ordinary Time.**

***Leader’s copy***

Before the liturgy begins, the prayer leader sits in his/her place in quiet preparation for a few moments. The opening hymn begins when the prayer leader stands.

**Introductory Rites**

**Opening Hymn** Stand

As the opening hymn is sung a reader carries the Lectionary aloft through the body of the church, places it on the ambo and takes his/her place among the people.

**Christ Be Beside Me**

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,

Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me, Christ be below me,

Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,

Christ all around me, shield in the strife.

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,

Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,

Christ be on all tongues telling of me.

Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,

In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

**Greeting**

Leader: *(While making the Sign of the Cross)*

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

**All: Amen.**

**Leader:** Your word, O God, is a lamp for our steps.

**All: And a light for our path.**

**Introduction**

We gather here today as Church to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word. Christ is present with us as he promised: present in this assembly of his people and in the proclamation of God’s Word.

It is most appropriate, then, that on this day when we cannot gather with our priest for the celebration of Mass, we gather for this Celebration of the Word. We remember the belief of the Church

that it is God who speaks to us whenever

the Scriptures are proclaimed in church

and we ready ourselves to welcome God’s Word once more into our lives. (pause)

As we begin, let us hold Bishop Denis, our priests, our parish and our diocese in prayer. (pause)

**Collect**

Leader: Let us pray. (Pause)

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting

inheritance.

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.**

***Sit***

**Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading**

Lectionary P 753 read by the parish reader who carried in the Lectionary.

***A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Corinthians 6:1-11***

***Silence***

**Psalm**

Lectionary P 753

If this psalm is recited, the same reader who proclaimed the first reading leads the psalm in the normal manner.

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 149: 1-6, 9**

**Response:** *The Lord takes delight in his people.*

***Silence***

**Gospel Acclamation**

***Stand***

When the leader stands, a familiar Alleluia can be sung by all the people. The verse may be recited.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Lectionary P 754

A parish reader, and not the leader, proclaims this reading.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke 6:12-19

*Jesus spent the whole night in prayer and he picked twelve whom he called ‘apostles’.*

***Silence****:*

*Pray, ponder and reflect on the Word of God*

***Sit***

**Sung response**

**Stand**

**Be Still and Know that I am God**

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am God

I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee,

I am the Lord that healeth thee,

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust

Or

**Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**

Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy One is here

Come bow before Him now

With reverence and fear

In Him no sin is found

We stand on holy ground

Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around

He burns with holy fire

With splendour He is crowned

How awesome is the sight

Our radiant King of light

Be still for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**Leader:** (From their place)

In trust and confidence, we ask God to look with favour once more on the needs of our community of faith.

**Reader:** (From the ambo)

We pray for all who help share the Word of God in our parish, for our parish team, readers, baptism team members,

teachers, parents that their love of the Word may deepen and grow.

Lord, hear us.

**Response:** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who have spoken God’s Word to us in the past and who witnessed to that Word in all they did.

Lord, hear us.

**Response:** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese. May they be blessed and strengthened in these days away.

Lord, hear us.

**Response:** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the many needs of the people of our parish, for those intentions named and unnamed.

Lord, hear us.

**Response:** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the sick and the dying and all who care for them. May they know the healing embrace of the living Word of God.

Lord, hear us.

**Response:** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all our faithful departed.

May they find mercy with God

and fullness of life in his presence.

Lord, hear us.

**Response:** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The reader returns to his/her place.

**Prayer for the Diocese**

Leader: Together we pray our Prayer for the Diocese...

Lord,

bless the faith community of Kildare &

Leighlin which traces its origins to

Brigid, Conleth and Laserian.

May it be outstanding in charity

as St. Brigid of Kildare,

may it be constant in faith

as St. Conleth of Old Connell,

wise and prayerful as St. Laserian of Leighlin.

Bless its Bishop, priests, religious & laity.

Fill them with the light of your love.

Bless its young people.

Help them to seek your truth.

Bless all who are poor or weak or

wounded by life’s hurts.

Grant them justice, light and hope.

Sin é ár nguí tré Críost ár dTiarna.

Amen.

**Concluding Rite**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Leader:** With trust in our Father in heaven, we pray as Jesus taught us,

Our Father...

**Concluding Prayer**

**Leader:** Grant that your faithful, O Lord,

whom you nourish and endow with life

through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son’s great gifts

that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Closing Verse**

**Leader:** *(While making the Sign of the Cross)*

The Lord bless us ✞, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

**Leader:** Go in the peace of Christ.

**All:** **Thanks be to God**

**Closing Hymn**

**Hail Queen of Heaven**

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star.  Guide of the wand'rer here below!   
Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care. Save us from peril and from woe.   
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea, pray for the wanderer. Pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid, we sinners make our prayers thro' thee.   
Remind thy Son that He has paid the price of our iniquity.   
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea, pray for the sinner. Oh, pray for me.