

The Chrism Mass

Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin



‘Three Deaneries, Fifty-Six Parishes:
United in prayer, together while apart’

6 April 2020

Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow

Some of the hymns and prayer texts for use within the Mass...

At this Mass Bishop Denis blesses
the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens
and consecrates the Oil of Chrism.

We invite you to unite in prayer with Bishop Denis,
our priests and the whole diocesan family.
As you do so, you might like to light a candle.

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Introductory Rite

Entrance Hymn:

Faithful is the Lord
(Liam Lawton, trad. Air)

*Faithful is the Lord our King, Let us all in Glory Sing
Ever sing with sweet accord. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord .*

1. God of life and God of seed. God of nations, lands and creeds
God of heaven, God of earth. God made man in lowly birth.
2. God of stars and God of seas. God of harvest, God of wheat.
God of hillside, God of field. God of love in Christ revealed.
3. God the Father, God the Son. God the Spirit, Three in one
God who dwells in every heart. God ever faithful be not far.

Penitential act Response – Kyrie, eleison / Christe, eleison

Gloria Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-3. 6. 8-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33
(Setting Liam Lawton)

The Lord hears the Cry of the Poor
Glorify the Lord, O Glorify the Lord.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel

Luke 4:16-21

Renewal of Priestly Promises

Bishop Denis: Beloved Sons,
Wherever you are this night,
in this Cathedral, in your home or elsewhere,
be assured of the companionship of your Bishop and God's holy people,
as I invite you now to renew the promises you once made and join in saying
together:

Priests: I renew my dedication to Christ as Priest of his New Covenant.

At my ordination,
I accepted the responsibilities of the Priesthood
out of love for the Lord Jesus and his Church.
I resolve to unite myself more closely to Christ
and to try to become more like Him,
by bringing his peace and love to my brothers and sisters,
at the joyful sacrifice of my own ambition.

I resolve to be a faithful minister of the mysteries of God,
to celebrate the Eucharist and other liturgical services with sincere devotion.
I resolve to imitate Jesus Christ, the head and the shepherd of the Church,
by teaching the Christian faith
for the well-being of the people I am sent to serve.
May the Lord Jesus, in his love, keep us close to him always.

Bishop Denis to the people: As for you, dearest sons and daughters,
Who are watching and praying with us this night
I ask you to pray for your Priests,
that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them,
and keep them faithful as your ministers of Christ,
the High Priest,
so that they may lead you to him,
who is the source of salvation.

People: **Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.**

And pray also for me,
that I may be faithful to the apostolic office
entrusted to me in my lowliness
and that in your midst I may be made day by day
a living and more perfect image of Christ,
the Priest, the Good Shepherd,
the Teacher and the Servant of all.

People: **Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.**

May the Lord keep us all in his charity and lead all of us,
shepherds and flock, to eternal life. All: **Amen.**

Blessing of oils

Oil of the Sick

Oil of Catechumens

Oil of Chrism *At the point below, all the priests in the sanctuary area and watching are invited to extend their right hand toward the Chrism until the end of the prayer, in silence.*

Therefore, we beseech you, O Lord,
that by the power of your grace
this mingling of fragrance and oil
may become for us a sacrament of your ✠ blessing.

Pour out in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit
on our brothers and sisters anointed with this oil;
adorn with the splendour of holiness
the places and things signed by these sacred oils;
but above all, by the mystery of this oil,
bring to completion the growth of your Church,
until she reaches that measure of fullness
in which you, resplendent with eternal light,
will be all in all, with Christ in the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Act of Spiritual Communion My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Deep and Lasting Peace

(Michael Joncas)

*In the breaking of the bread, Deep Peace , Deep Peace.
Heaven's peace on earth is spread , Deep and lasting peace.*

A Coronavirus Prayer Loving and healing God,

we, the people of Kildare & Leighlin turn to you in prayer,
confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment.
We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.
May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God,

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.
Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.
May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.

Comfort their family and friends.

Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.

Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in
the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.

Bless them and keep them safe.

O God of creation and life,

we place ourselves in your protection.

May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow.

St Brigid, pray for us.

St Conleth, pray for us.

St Lazerian, pray for us.

May all the saints of God, pray for us. Amen.



Concluding Rite

Recessional Hymn

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.