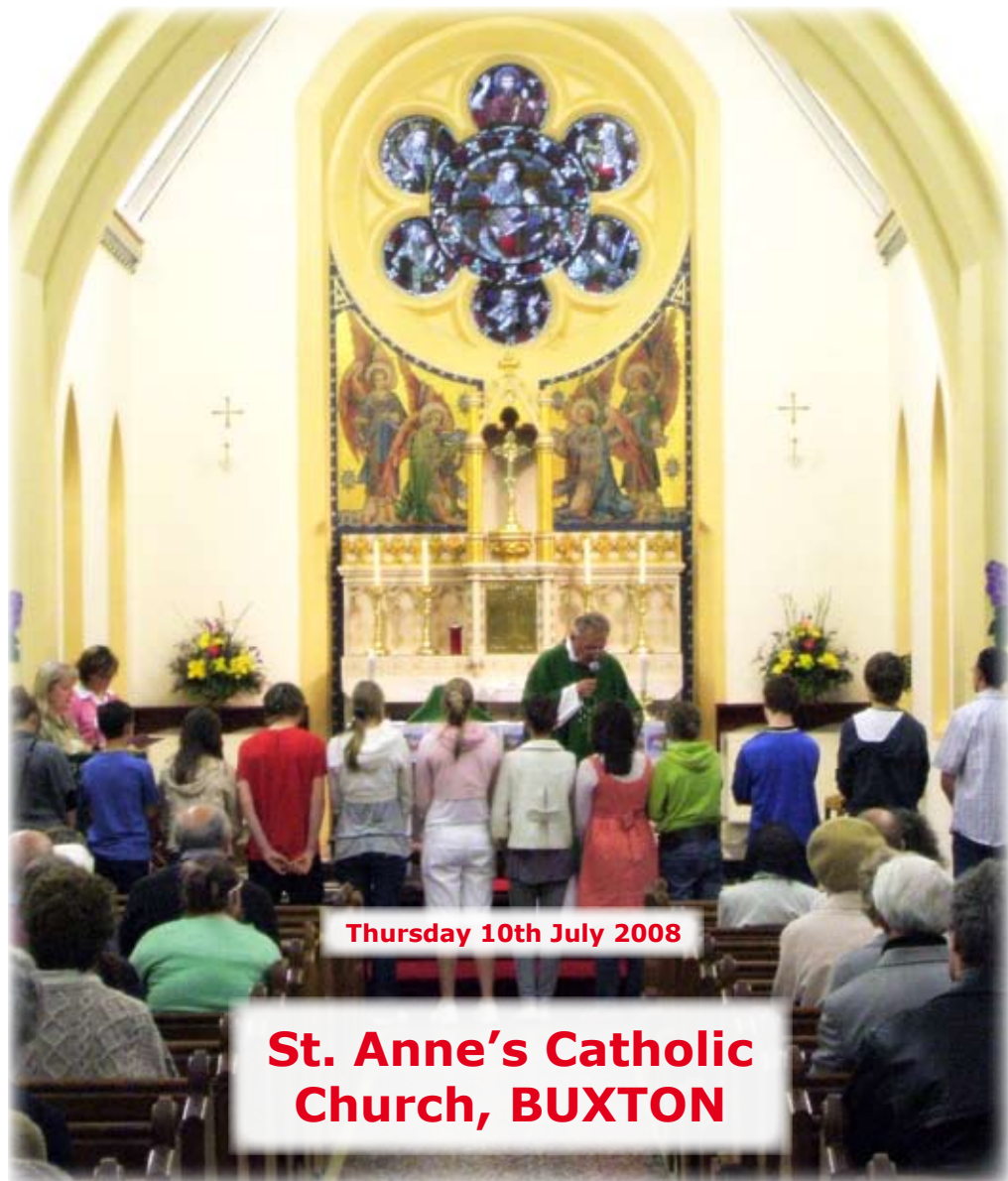


# **Celebration of Confirmation**



**Thursday 10th July 2008**

**St. Anne's Catholic  
Church, BUXTON**



# Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom

Understanding

Knowledge

Courage

Right Judgement

Reverence

**Wonder & Awe in God's Presence**

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

### ENTRANCE HYMN 453 - *Shine Jesus Shine*

Fr. Guest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

Fr. Guest: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

Fr. Guest: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Fr. Guest: You were sent to heal the contrite:  
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Fr. Guest: You plead with us at the right hand of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Fr. Guest: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

## Sung GLORIA 25

Fr. Guest: God of power and mercy, send your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and make us temples of his glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### READING

#### **A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:4-13**

Brothers and sisters;

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

The spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others. Some of us can speak with wisdom, while others can speak with knowledge, but these gifts come from the same spirit. To others the spirit has given great faith or power to heal the sick or the power to work miracles. Some of us are prophets and some of us recognize God's Spirit is present. Others can speak different kinds of languages and still others can tell what these languages mean. But it is the Spirit who does all this and decides which gifts to give to each of us.

The body of Christ has many different parts, just as any other body does. Some of us are Jews and other Gentiles. Some of us are slaves and others free. But God's Spirit baptizes each of us and makes us part of the Body of Christ, Now we each drink from the same Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM 100 "Invitation to praise God"**

**R Send forth your spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

- 1 Acclaim Yahweh, all the earth  
serve Yahweh gladly,  
come into his presence with songs of joy! **R**
- 2 Know that he, Yahweh, is God  
he made us and we belong to him,  
we are his people, the flock that he pastures. **R**
- 3 Walk through his porticos giving thanks,  
enter his courts praising him,  
give thanks to him, bless his name! **R**
- 4 Yes, Yahweh is good,  
his love is everlasting,  
his faithfulness endures from age to age. **R**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### 37 - *Celtic Alleluia*

All: **Man does not live on bread alone,  
But on every word, that proceeds from the mouth of God.**

### 37 - *Celtic Alleluia*

## GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4: 16-22**

Candidates share their experience of the Confirmation programme.

## CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES

Catechist: As Catechist, I call the candidates of St. Anne's to indicate their willingness to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.  
*(each candidate is called by name and stands.  
The Catechist then addresses Fr. Guest)*

Catechist: I assure you Father, that these Candidates have received the necessary instruction. I therefore present them to you to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

**Lucy Bailey, Lauren Bridger  
Lucinda Bridger, Abigail Colclough  
Fiona Doig, Andrew Etchells  
Amy Hall, Charlotte Higgins  
Gabrielle Monaghan, Chrisopher Moore  
Sean Nickels, Tom Pitts  
Nick Short, Kieran Shuker  
Bethany Simpson, Lindsay Stephenson  
Luke Taylor, William Towers  
Jonathan Walker, Tina Olvez Wilshaw**

## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*Candidates stand*

Fr. Guest: Do you believe in God, The Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth?

Candidates: ***I do***

Fr. Guest: 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**

Fr. Guest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

Candidates: **I do**

Fr. Guest: Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

Candidates: **I do**

Fr. Guest: This is our faith, the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Fr. Guest: 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 the Father that he will pour out his Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The people stand and candidates kneel in their places.*

Fr. Guest: 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 forth 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

*Candidates & Sponsors come forward and stand before Fr. Guest. Candidate gives name card to Canon Bowdren. Sponsors put their right hand on candidates' right shoulder as they are presented.*

Fr. Guest: ..... be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: **Amen**

Fr. Guest: Peace be with you.

Candidate: **And also with you.**

**HYMN:**

***St. Francis' Prayer***

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

- Fr. Guest: On this day of Confirmation, we pray that the Spirit of God, who has sealed our brothers and sisters forever, will guide us to seek the truth and hear the Word of God, so that we may be witnesses of Christ's presence in the world.
- Reader: We pray for the Holy Catholic Church; that the Spirit of Wisdom and understanding will keep us one with Benedict our Pope and Malcolm our Bishop.  
Lord hear us.
- Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**
- Reader: God Our Father, we pray that we will always be guided by your Holy Spirit and have the courage to do what you want us to do, every day of our lives.  
Lord hear us.
- Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**
- Reader: Father, we ask you to bless all families. Help all parents and children to show real love, respect and care for each other.  
Lord hear us.
- Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**
- Reader: We pray for children all over the world who are less fortunate than we are, the hungry, the homeless and the orphaned. We also pray especially for those who are suffering as a result of war or natural disasters.  
Lord hear us.
- Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**
- Reader: God Our Father, we ask you to bless the poor, the sick and the lonely in our Parish. Help us to reach out to them in real love and charity.  
Lord hear us.
- Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**
- Reader: We pray for all our deceased relatives and friends and all those who touched our lives in any way.  
Lord hear us.
- Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**
- Reader: Let us commend ourselves and all our prayers to Our Lady's intercession.

People: **HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy.  
Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us.  
And after this our exile show unto us  
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.**

Fr. Guest: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

Response: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Fr. Guest: Father of all good gifts, we offer you these prayers in gratitude and confidence, for we offer them to you through Jesus Christ your Son, Our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

**"WINGS"** by Carl Strommen

**Sung by Gabrielle Monaghan and Bethany Simpson**

*And give me wings to travel swiftly,  
O're fields of green and skies of blue.  
And let my wings lift me higher,  
and bring me home to you.*

*And give me wings to ride the wind,  
through winter's storm and summer's light.  
And let my wings lift me higher,  
and bring me through the night.*

**Chorus** - *Carry me high above the water.  
Carry me high above the plain.  
Carry me far beyond the rising of the sun.  
Bring me home again. (repeat)*

*And give me wings to see the mountain.  
To ride above the clouds so high.  
And let my wings lift me higher,  
And bring me through the night.*

*And give me wings to feel the wind-song.  
And let me fly above the sky.  
And let my wings lift me higher,  
and bring me to your side.*

**Chorus x 4** - *Bring me home again.  
Bring me home again.*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Fr. Guest: Father, we celebrate the memorial of our redemption by which your Son won for us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Accept our offerings, and send us your Holy Spirit to make us more like Christ in bearing witness to you in your world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### Sung HOLY HOLY - 60

People: **Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

DURING COMMUNION - **"What if God was one of us"** Joan Osbourne with pictures from The Lion King

**HYMN: 558 - *O the word Of My Lord***

**HYMN: 630 - *Spirit of the living God***

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Fr. Guest: Father, help those you have anointed by your spirit and fed with the body and blood of your Son. Support them through every trial and by their works of love build up the Church in holiness and joy. Grant this through Christ Our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Fr. Guest: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing: God Our Father, complete the work that you have begun and keep the gifts of your Holy Spirit active in the hearts of your people. Make them ready to live the Gospel and eager to do your will. May they never be ashamed to proclaim to all the world Christ crucified, living and reigning forever and ever.

All: **Amen**

Fr. Guest: And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father and the son, and the Holy Spirit come upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: 202 *Colours of Day***







**Left to right - Fr. Michael Bell, Fr Dennis Higgins,  
Fr Trevor Clarke, Bishop Malcolm Mahone**

**We thank Fr. Guest and the priests of the deanery for their presence today, and the catechists, parents and all the people of the parishes who have helped in any way with this celebration.**



**Left to Right - Mon Jonathan Moore, Fr John Sullivan,  
Fr. John Guest, Canon Daniel Bowdren**


**Thank you!**

**Please join us for refreshments in the  
Parish Centre after our celebration.**



# **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

**Love  
Joy  
Patience  
Peace  
Gentleness  
Goodness  
Kindness  
Faithfulness  
Self-control**



**Sue, Isobel, Lesley, Aileen, Fr. Dennis, Margaret, Andy**

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