

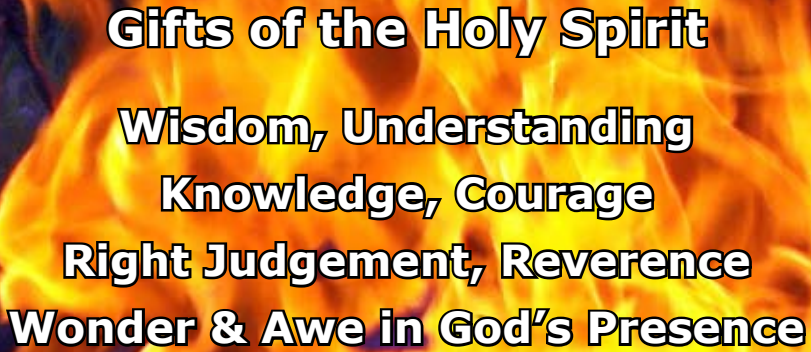
THE HOLY SPIRIT



Celebration of Confirmation

St. Anne's Catholic Church, BUXTON

Thursday 9th July 2009



Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Wisdom, Understanding
Knowledge, Courage
Right Judgement, Reverence
Wonder & Awe in God's Presence

INTRODUCTORY RITE

ENTRANCE HYMN 330 - *He's got the whole world in his hand*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON - *The love of God has been poured into our hearts by his Spirit living in us, Alleluia*

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.**

Fr. Guest: Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ into our world. Father, Let the Spirit you sent to begin the teaching of your Gospel continue to work in our world, through our hearts and the hearts of all who believe.

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 for 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

FIRST READING (Ecclesiastes 2: 4-9)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. but if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him. If it is cold, two can sleep together and stay warm, but how can you keep warm by yourself? Two men can resist an attack that would defeat one man alone.

A rope made of three cords is hard to break.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R The Lord comes to rule his people with fairness

1. Sing psalms to the lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets, and the sound of the horn
Acclaim the King, the Lord. **R**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. **R**
3. For the Lord comes, comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
And the peoples with fairness! **R**

SECOND READING (John 14: 15-18)

A reading from the letter of John

This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life for us. We too, then, ought to give our lives for each other. If rich people see others in need, but have no pity on them, how can they claim to love God? My children, our love should not be just words or talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

37 - *Celtic Alleluia* x2

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

37 - *Celtic Alleluia* x1

GOSPEL (Matthew 5: 13-16)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

REFLECTION: - 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

Dominic Bunka (Peter)

Shannon Carr (Annette)

Conor Muir-Cochrane (Patrick)

William Crisp (Frederick)

Sophie Etchells (Anne)

Hannah Faugno ()

Michael Featherstone (Stephen)

Lydia Fitzgerald (Hope)

Beth Hambleton (Francis)

Bradley Hodgson (George)

Jordan Hollister (Rocco)

John Howatt (Andrew)

Lawrence Short (Peter)

Gail Skyes (Alexis)

Niamh Vize (Carra)

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: *Footprints in the sand.*

Sung by: Gail Sykes, Niamh Vize, Shannon Carr, Beth Hambleton

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: The Holy Spirit, Guide and Friend, you are the one who helps us, you are the wind, fire and water, you watch over us, you are everywhere in the world, in nature, in our friends, and in our happiness. We are sorry for the times we have not recognized you.

Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: Friends and families: We thank you for the friends and families that have influenced our lives. They are your most precious gift to us. We are sorry for the times we have taken them for granted. We ask that our families will always stay close together.

Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: The Sick: We pray for the families who have lost people from illness. We pray that all the ill people in the world will get better soon. And if they do not, keep them safe in your arms.

Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: For the world: We ask you to guide and watch over the many people affected by war, poverty, thirst, hunger and what is caused by foreign governments. Please give these people the great opportunities life can have and please watch over them always.

Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Fr. Guest: 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.**

"I AM A SMALL PART OF THE WORLD" - choir

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Fr. Guest: Father
May your Spirit lead us into truth and reveal to us the full meaning of this Eucharist. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
Today you send the Holy Spirit on us marked out to be your children by sharing the life of your only son, and so you brought the pascal mystery to its completion.
Today we celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and we receive the Gifts of The Holy Spirit.
And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in thier unending hymn of praise.

Sung HOLY HOLY - 65

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.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

***Let your light shine before others, that they may see
your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.***

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

HYMN: 165 - *Be still for the presence of the Lord*

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Fr. Guest: Today, you have enlightened our minds by the outpouring of
your Holy Spirit. May you bless us and give us the gifts of
the Spirit forever.

All: **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Fr. Guest: You have nourished us through our sharing in this
celebration of the Eucharist. Fill us with your Spirit and
make us one in peace and love.

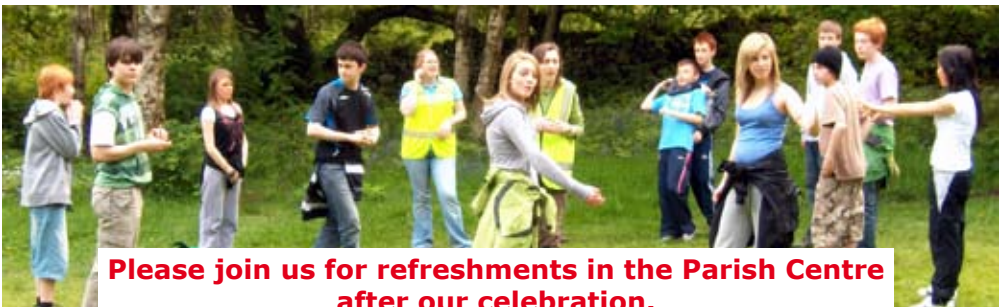
All: **Amen**

Fr. Guest: May the fire of the Spirit that burned in the hearts of the
disciples make our hearts glow with your light, so that we
will shine before others and show love through our actions

And may Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son
and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 672 *The Spirit Lives to set us free*



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





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

Thank you!

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

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