

The Wedding Ceremony

Of

Ciara

&

Mark

St. Bridget's Church

Saturday 14th February 2015

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Daily Prayers

A Website of Daily Prayer and Reflection

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*“On this day I marry my best friend,
the one I laugh with, live for,
love and dream with,
whose dreams I’ll share
for the rest of my life”.*

*Today we begin the rest of our life
Together forever as husband and wife.
Our dreams came true, with love and more—
Adventures to have and the world to explore.
We’ll share our joys, we’ll share our sorrows;
We can already see many bright tomorrows.
We’ll share our friends and family, too,
And you are part of that special crew.
Thank you for celebrating our wedding day.
As we share our vows, we just want to say:
These wedding memories will become a treasure,
And seeing you here is part of the pleasure.*

*We would like to now invite you to the Sheraton Hotel,
for some food, some dancing and a few drinks as well.
We need to be seated for 5pm
So let’s make our way there and let the party begin!*

*With love,
Mum & Dad (Mark)
14th February 2015*

Communion

Music: Instrumental

Communion Reflection

Read by Martin

Prayer after Communion

Fr. John: Let us pray. Lord, in your love you have given us this Eucharist to unite us with one another and with you. As you have made Ciara and Mark one in this sacrament of marriage and in the sharing of the one bread and the one cup, so now make them one in love for each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Concluding Rite

Fr. John: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Fr. John: May the Lord Jesus, who graced the marriage at Cana by his presence, bless you and your loved ones.
All: Amen.

Fr. John: May he, who loved his church to the end, unceasingly pour his love into your hearts.
All: Amen.

Fr. John: May the Lord grant that, bearing witness to faith in his resurrection, you may await with joy the blessed hope to come.
All: Amen.

Fr. John: And May almighty God bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Fr. John: Go forth the mass has ended.
All: Thanks be to God.

Signing of the Register

Music: Lady of Knock / When Love is found

Recessional

Music: May God Bless this couple

The Wedding Party

Celebrant Fr. John

Bride Ciara

Groom Mark

Bridesmaids 1.
2.

Best Man

Groomsman

Flower Girl

Ushers

Readers

Prayers of the Faithful 1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Offertory Procession 1.
2.
3.
4.

Communion Reflection 1.

Music 1.

Entrance Procession

Music: Be Thou My Vision

Lighting of the Candles

Ciara and Mark each light a single candle, signifying that they have come here today as individuals to be joined in their love for one another.

Introductory Rite

Fr. John: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr. John: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Penitential Rite

Fr. John: As we offer this Nuptial Mass for Ciara & Mark, let all who are here today renew our love, loyalty and fidelity to God and to one another. Let us prepare ourselves for these celebrations by calling to mind our sins.

All: I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

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

All: Amen.

Fr. John: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Fr. John: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Fr. John: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

in the power to know and love. You call them to share life with each other, saying, "It is not good for man to be alone." You bless them with children to give new life to your people, telling them, "Increase and multiply, and fill the earth." We call to mind the faithful companionship of Abraham, our father in faith and his wife Sarah. We remember how your guiding hand brought Rebecca and Isaac together, and how through the lives of Jacob and Rachel you prepared the way for your kingdom. Father, you take delight in the love of husband and wife, that love which hopes and shares, heals and forgives. We ask you to bless Ciara and Mark as they set out on their new life. Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy, fortitude and peace. Strengthen them to do your will, and in the trials of life to bear the cross with Christ. May they praise you during the bright days, and call on you in times of trouble. May their children bring them your blessing, and give glory to your name. Let their love be strong as death, a fire that floods cannot drown, a jewel beyond all price. May their life together give witness to their faith in Christ. May they see long and happy days, and be united forever in the kingdom of your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Rite of Peace

Fr. John: 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

Fr. John: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your Spirit.

Fr. John: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

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.

Fr. John: 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.

one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, with St. Mary and all the saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on Earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and Noel our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own. Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you; in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world. To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy forever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

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.

Communion Rite

Fr. John: 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.

Nuptial Blessing

Fr. John: We call God our Father. Let each of us now ask him, in silence, to bless these children as they begin their married life. Father, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You made us. You made all that exists. You made man and woman like yourself

The Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest, 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.

Opening Prayer

Fr. John: Let us pray. Father, you have made the bond of marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for his church. Hear our prayers for Ciara and Mark. With faith in you and in each other they pledge their love today. May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love. 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.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (2:18-24)

Ailish: The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God

made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body. The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (Sung)

On Eagle's Wings

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:31-13:8)

Brian: Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and know everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Sung)

Fr. John: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Gospel

Fr. John: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to you, Lord.**

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.**

Fr. John: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created, rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND EAT 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, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice 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.

The mystery of faith:

All: **When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.**

Fr. John: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look we pray upon the oblation of your church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body,

Lord hear us.
All: Lord graciously hear us.

Fr John: God, our Father, you have taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law; may Ciara and Mark grow in love for each other, and always remain in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Procession

Music: I am the bread of life

Fr. John: 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.

Lord, hear our prayers and accept the gifts we offer for Ciara and Mark. Today you have made them one in the sacrament of marriage. May the mystery of Christ's unselfish love, which we celebrate in this Eucharist, increase their love for you and for each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Fr. John: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Fr. John: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr. John: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Fr. John: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved son, Jesus Christ, your word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as Saviour and redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection. And so, with all the angels and Saints we declare your glory as with one voice we acclaim:

Fr. John: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first and keep the cheaper sort until the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine until now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Rite of Marriage

Fr. John: Dear children of God, you have come here today to pledge your love before God and before the Church here present in the person of the priest, your families and friends. In becoming husband and wife you give yourselves to each other for life. You promise to be true and faithful, to support and cherish each other until death, so that your years together will be the living out in love of the pledge you now make. May your love for each other reflect the enduring love of Christ for his Church. As you face the future together, keep in mind that the sacrament of marriage unites you with Christ, and brings you, through the years, the grace and blessing of God our Father: Marriage is from God: he alone can give you the happiness which goes beyond human expectation, and which grows deeper through the difficulties and struggles of life. Put your trust in God as you set out together in life. Make your home a centre of Christian family life. The Christian home makes Christ and his church present in the world of everyday things. May all who enter your home find there the presence of the Lord; for he has said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Now as you are about to exchange your marriage vows, the Church wishes to be assured that you appreciate the meaning of what you do, and so I ask you:

Have you come here of your own free will and choice to marry each other?

Both: **We have.**

Fr. John: Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

Both: **We will.**

Fr. John: Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you, and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ, and his church?

Both: **We are.**

Declaration of consent

Fr. John: I invite you then to declare before God and his Church your consent to become husband and wife.

Mark: **I, Mark, take you Ciara, as my wife, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of my life.**

Ciara: **I, Ciara, take you Mark, as my husband, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of my life.**

Fr. John: What God joins together man must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent you have given and enrich you with his blessings.

Blessing of the rings

Fr. John: Almighty God, bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love. May Ciara and Mark always be true to each other, may they be one in heart and mind, may they be united in love forever, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Mark: **Ciara, wear this ring as a sign of our love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

Ciara: **Mark, wear this ring as a sign of our love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

Lighting of the Marriage Candle

Ciara & Mark now light a single candle from the individual candles lit earlier representing their joining together as husband and wife.

Prayer of the newly married couple

Both: **We thank you, Lord, and we praise you for bringing us to this happy day. You have given us to each other. Now, together, we give ourselves to you. We ask you, Lord: make us one in our love; keep us one in your peace. Protect our marriage. Bless our home. Make us gentle. Keep us faithful. And when life is over unite us again where parting is no more, in the kingdom of your love. There we will praise you in the happiness and peace of your eternal home.**

All: **Amen**

Prayers of the faithful

Fr. John: Now that Ciara and Mark have given themselves to each other in Christian marriage let us ask God our Father to keep them and all married couples faithful to him, and united in themselves:

1 : For Ciara and Mark, that the Lord who has brought them to this happy day, will keep them forever in fidelity and love. Lord hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

2 : For the parents, families and friends of Ciara and Mark, and all who have helped them to become husband and wife. May they continue to help, support, and love them in the years that lie ahead. Lord hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

3 : For the faithful departed and for those whom we, ourselves have loved, especially Bridget, Bernard, Seamus & Sean, that God will unite us all again in the joys of our eternal home. Lord hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

4 : For those who mourn while we are rejoicing, that in their suffering and loneliness they may experience the strength of God's support. Lord hear us.

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

5 : For all those who are sick and less fortunate than ourselves. We ask you Lord to give them the strength and support that they need.