

**ORDINATION
TO THE
PERMANENT DIACONATE**



OF

**DECLAN BARRY
&
DECLAN COLGAN**

**PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT:
ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN**

**ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH
BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS
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Processional

Though we are many (Bernard Sexton)

*Though we are many, we are one body,
we who come to share this living bread;
Cup of salvation, shared among all nations,
nourishing us now and evermore.*

1. We gather in this place
round the table of the Lord.
Christ's presence is revealed
in our communion and his Living Word.

2. Now our communion recalls
Christ's death and resurrection.
This living sacrifice
is our salvation now and evermore.

3. And through this shared Eucharist
we are the living Church.
We witness to Christ's love
His living body active in our world.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

All: Amen

Archbishop: Peace be with you

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE:

To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries let us open our spirits
wide with humility,
and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:

Archbishop: Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy. **All: Lord, have mercy.**

Archbishop: Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

Christ, have mercy. **All: Christ, have mercy.**

Archbishop: Lord Jesus, you nourish us with your body and blood:

Lord, have mercy. **All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

All: Amen.

COLLECT Archbishop: Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the ministers of your Church
to seek not to be served
but to serve their brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that these your servants,
whom you graciously choose today for the office of Deacon,
may be effective in action, gentle in ministry,
and constant in prayer.

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 second letter of St Paul to Timothy

1:6-14

I am reminding you now to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power and love and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy -not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace.

This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News; and I have been named its herald, its apostle and its teacher. It is only on account of this that I am experiencing fresh hardships here

and now; but I have not lost confidence, because I know who it is that I have put my trust in, and I have no doubt at all that he is able to take care of all that I have entrusted to him until that Day.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 16 (Paul Inwood)

O Lord, you are the centre of my life:

I will always praise you,

I will always serve you,

I will always keep you in my sight.

Gospel acclamation: Mass of Renewal

(Bernard Sexton)

GOSPEL:

JOHN 12: 20-26

Deacon: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour."

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

The Rite of Ordination

Calling of the Candidates

Deacon: Let those who are to be ordained deacon
please come forward.

DECLAN BARRY

DECLAN COLGAN

(on hearing their name, each one stands and responds saying: “Present”)

Presentation of the Candidates

Fr. John Gilligan: Most Reverend Father, Holy Mother Church asks you to ordain these men, our brothers, for service as deacons.

Archbishop: Do you judge them to be worthy?

Fr John Gilligan: After inquiry among the people of Christ and upon recommendation of those concerned with their training,
I testify that they have been found worthy.

Election by the Archbishop and Consent of the People

Archbishop: We rely on the help of the Lord God
and our Saviour Jesus Christ, and we choose these men,
our brothers, for the order of deacons.

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Veni, creator Spiritus
mentes tuorum visita,
imple superna gratia,
quae tu creasti pectora.

Qui diceris Paraclitus,
altissimi donum Dei,
fons vivus, ignis, caritas
et spiritalis unctio.

Tu septiformis munere,
digitus paternae dexteræ
tu rite promissum Patris
sermone ditans guttura.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
et Filio qui a mortuis
Surrexit, ac Paraclito,
in saeculorum saecula.
Amen.

EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates then stand before the Archbishop who questions all of them together:

Archbishop: My sons, before you are ordained deacons,
you must declare before the people
your intention to undertake this office.

Are you willing to be ordained for the Church's ministry
by the laying on of hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates: I am.

Archbishop: Are you resolved to discharge the office
of deacon with humility and love in order to assist the bishop and the priests and
to serve the people of Christ?

Candidates: I am.

Archbishop: Are you resolved to hold the mystery of the faith
with a clear conscience, as the Apostle urges,
and to proclaim this faith in word and action as it is taught
by the Gospel and the Church's tradition?

Candidates: I am.

Archbishop: Are you resolved to maintain and deepen
a spirit of prayer appropriate to your way of life
and, in keeping with what is required of you,
to celebrate faithfully the liturgy of the hours
for the Church and for the whole world?

Candidates: I am.

Archbishop: Are you resolved to shape your way of life

always according to the example of Christ,
whose body and blood you will give to the people?

Candidates: I am, with the help of God.

PROMISE OF OBEDIENCE

Each candidate goes to the Archbishop and, kneeling before him, places his joined hands between those of the Archbishop.

Archbishop: Do you promise respect and obedience
to me and my successors

Candidate: I do.

Archbishop: May God who has begun the good work in you
bring it to fulfilment.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Deacon: Let us stand

Archbishop: My dear people let us pray that the all-powerful Father
will pour out his blessing on these servants of his,
whom he receives into the holy order of deacons.

Deacon: Let us kneel:

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

The candidates prostrate themselves and the cantors lead everyone singing the litany

Litany of the Saints

John D. Becker

The Archbishop alone stands and prays:

Archbishop: Lord God, hear our petitions
and give your help to this act of our ministry.
We judge these men worthy to serve as deacons
and we ask you to bless them and make them holy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The candidates kneel before the Archbishop.

The Archbishop lays his hands on each of them, in silence.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The candidates remain kneeling. With hands extended over them the Archbishop says the prayer of consecration:

Almighty God, be present with us by your power.

You are the source of all honour,

you assign to each his rank,

you give to each his ministry.

You remain unchanged,

but you watch over all creation and make it new
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord:

He is your Word, your power, and your wisdom.

You foresee all things in your eternal providence
and make due provision for every age.

You make the Church, Christ's body,

grow to its full stature as a new and greater temple.

You enrich it with every kind of grace

and perfect it with a diversity of members

to serve the whole body in a wonderful pattern of unity.

You established a threefold ministry of worship and service
for the glory of your name.

As ministers of your tabernacle you chose the sons of Levi
and gave them your blessing as their everlasting inheritance.

In the first days of your Church

under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit

the apostles of your Son appointed seven men of good repute

to assist them in the daily ministry,

so that they themselves might be more free

for prayer and preaching.

By prayer and the laying on of hands

the apostles entrusted to those chosen men

the ministry of service at tables.

Lord, look with favour on these servants of yours,

whom we now dedicate to the office of deacon,

to minister at your holy altar.

Lord, send forth upon them the Holy Spirit,

that they may be strengthened

by the gift of your sevenfold grace

to carry out faithfully the work of the ministry.
May they excel in every virtue: in love that is sincere,
in concern for the sick and the poor, in unassuming authority,
in self discipline, and in holiness of life.
May their conduct exemplify your commandments
and lead your people to imitate their purity of life.
May they remain strong and steadfast in Christ,
giving to the world the witness of a pure conscience.
May they in this life imitate your Son,
who came, not to be served but to serve,
and one day reign with him in heaven.
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.
A//: Amen

INVESTITURE WITH STOLE AND DALMATIC

The newly ordained deacons stand and are vested in their stoles.

PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

*The newly ordained deacons go to the Archbishop and kneel before him.
He places the Book of the Gospels in the hands of each one and says:*

Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are.
Believe what you read, teach what you believe,
and practise what you teach.

KISS OF PEACE *Archbishop stands and gives the kiss of peace
to each of the new deacons.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Dominican Magnificat (Feargal and Breda King)

To praise, my soul rejoices in God,
To praise, My soul shall glorify the Lord,
He who is mighty has done great things for me
Behold the Servant of God!

Magnificat! Magnificat! Anima mea Dominum
Magnificat! Magnificat! Anima mea Dominum

To bless, to bless the people of God
To bless, to bless the name of the Lord
All generations shall call her blessed
Behold the servant of God

Archbishop: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever

Archbishop: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever

Archbishop: 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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Archbishop: Holy Father,
whose Son chose to wash the disciples' feet
and so set us an example,
accept, we pray, the oblations of our service,
and grant that,
offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice,
we may be filled with a spirit of humility and zeal.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Preface of Christ, Source of all Ministry

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Archbishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Archbishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right and just.

Sanctus Mass of Glendalough (Liam Lawton)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Lord, God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world,
Save us, Saviour of the world,
For by Your Cross and Resurrection
You have set us free, You have set us free

Archbishop: 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. The people acclaim: Amen!

COMMUNION RITE

Archbishop: Guimis chun an Athair faoi mar a mhúin
ár Slánaitheoir dúinn a dhéanamh:

**All: Ár n-Athair atá ar neamh, go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht, go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh
mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú, ach saor sinn ó olc.**

Archbishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress, as we await
the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ

**All : For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

Archbishop: 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.**

Archbishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

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, grant us
peace**

Archbishop: 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.**

Communion Hymns

Communion

In Christ Alone (Stuart Townsend)

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –

For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The Servant Song (Richard Gillard)

Will you let me be your servant?
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on the journey
We are travellers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you

I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through

Will you let me be your servant?
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Archbishop: Grant, O Lord, to your servants,
whom you have replenished
with heavenly food and drink,
that, for the sake of your glory and the salvation of believers,
they may be found faithful
as ministers of the Gospel,
of the Sacraments and of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

WORDS OF THANKS: FR JOHN GILLIGAN

CONCLUDING RITE:

All stand

Archbishop: **The Lord be with you**

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: **Bow down for the blessing.**

Archbishop:

**May God, who has called you
to the service of others in his Church,
give you great zeal for all,
especially the afflicted and the poor.**

R. Amen.

**May he, who has entrusted you
with preaching the Gospel of Christ,
help you, as you live according to his word,
to be its sincere and fervent witnesses.**

R. Amen.

**May he, who has appointed you stewards of his mysteries,
make you imitators of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and ministers of unity and peace in the world.**

R. Amen.

**And he blesses all the people, adding:
And may almighty God bless all of you,
who are gathered here,
the ✠ Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.**

R. Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional: Praise the Lord All you Nations (F. O'Carroll)

Praise the Lord all you nations.

Acclaim him all you peoples.

Strong is his love for us.

He is faithful forever.

Alleluia, allekuia, alleluia, alleluia.