



# *FIRST COMMUNION MASS*

*Primary 5B*

*Miss Kelly/ Mrs Connolly*

*Church of the Immaculate Conception*

*Strabane*

# **Introductory Rites**

## **Entrance Hymn**

**Circle of Friends**

**Lola Mae McKane**

## **Sign of the Cross**

Greeting

### **Celebrant**

Dear Children, you are very welcome. This is your day. This is your celebration. Today you will share the Bread of Life for the first time. We are all glad to be here to join in this celebration with you,

Dear parents, you are also welcome. When you brought your child for Baptism, he or she became part of the community of the Church. You promised to help your child to grow in faith and love as a child of God. You held the lighted candle as a sign of this task, which was entrusted to you. Today we celebrate with you another stage in your child's growth as a child of God.

## **Penitential Rite**

*(The celebrant invites the children to close their eyes and to acknowledge that there were times when they did not live like Jesus:*

*Times when the connection between themselves and others was broken or weakened.*

*Times when they strayed from God's love.)*

### **Celebrant**

Lord Jesus, you come to show us how to love.

Lord, have mercy.

### **Celebrant**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us when we are being selfish and think only of ourselves. Christ, have mercy.

### **Celebrant**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who searches for us when we are lost.

Lord, have mercy.

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

### **All**

Amen.

# Opening Prayer

## Celebrant

Let us pray that we may come to know and love God. (*Pause for silent prayer*). Loving God, you love us like a loving mother loves her children, and you care for us like a loving father cares for his children. Help us to learn to love you with an open heart.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

## All

Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

### Reading

John (6: 32, 33, 35, 55, 56)

One day Jesus said:

“My Father gives you bread from heaven,  
and this bread will make you good like him.”

Then he said:

“I am the bread from heaven.  
If you come to me  
you will never be hungry.

Yes, I have come to feed you,  
and if you eat my food  
you will live with me  
and I will live with you.”

This is the word of the Lord.

## All

Thanks be to God.

## **Responsorial Psalm (Sung)**

**Eat This Bread**

**Mrs Vaughan**

**Oran McGavigan**

**Alleluia**

**Celebrant**

The Lord be with you

**All**

And with your spirit.

**Celebrant**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (14:12-20, 22-26).

**All** (*making the sign of the cross on forehead, lips and breast*)

Glory to you, Lord.

**Celebrant**

Then he took some bread,  
he said the prayer of blessing,  
he broke the bread into pieces,  
and gave it to them all.

“Take this,” he said,

“This is my body.”

Then he took the cup of wine,  
he said the prayer of thanks,  
he passed the cup round to them  
and they all drank from it.

“This is my life blood,” he said,

“which will be poured out for you.”

Then they sang a hymn together  
And they went out to the Olive Hill.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **HOMILY**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

God our Father, we thank you for your goodness and love.  
Let us now pray for people and their needs.

We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop Donal  
and our priests.

Bless them.

Lord hear us.

We pray for the hungry, the sick and those in pain.

Bless them.

Lord hear us.

We pray for all those who have died recently.

May they live forever, and share the happiness of heaven.

Lord hear us.

We pray for our families and friends.

Bless us, and help us to be kind and loving.

Lord hear us.

We pray for everybody here at this Mass.

Bless us all.

Lord hear us.

## **Celebrant**

God our Father, hear our prayers which we present to you in the name of Jesus who is with us today and always, for ever and ever.

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory (Narrative and Instrumental)**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*(This preparation for the Eucharistic Prayer creates a context for the children by making links with the work they have been doing during the year.)*

## **Celebrant**

Lord, be pleased with the gifts we bring to the altar. May we continue to grow in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All**                    Amen

**Celebrant**        For all our family connections

**All**                    We give thanks and praise to God.

**Celebrant**        For all our friendship connections

**All**                    We give thanks and praise to God.

**Celebrant**        For all the people we are connected to at school.

**All**                    We give thanks and praise to God.

**Celebrant**        For all the people we are connected to in the Parish.

**All**                    We give thanks and praise to God.

**Celebrant**        For all the people we are connected to in God's family.

**All**                    We give thanks and praise to God.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**



V The Lord be with you.

R **And with your spirit.**

V Lift up your hearts.

R **We lift them up to the Lord.**

V Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R **It is right and just.**

Preface

**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.**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,  
so that they may become for us  
the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed  
and entered willingly into his Passion,  
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF 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, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it 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.

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial  
of his Death and Resurrection,  
we offer you, Lord,  
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,  
giving thanks that you have held us worthy  
to be in your presence and minister to you.  
Humbly we pray  
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,  
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.  
Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with Francis our Pope and Donal our Bishop  
and all the clergy.  
Remember also our brothers and sisters  
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,  
and all who have died in your mercy:  
welcome them into the light of your face.  
Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God,  
with the blessed Apostles  
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the  
ages,  
we may merit to be co- heirs to eternal life,  
and may praise and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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.  
Amen.

## **The Communion Rite**

### **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.

### **Celebrant**

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 for ever.

## **Celebrant**

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.

## **Celebrant**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## **All**

And with your spirit.

## **Celebrant**

May this mingling of the Body and Blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

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.

## **The Breaking of Bread**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
who, by the will of the Father

and the work of the Holy Spirit,  
through your Death gave life to the world,  
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,  
from all my sins and from every evil;  
keep me always faithful to your commandments,  
and never let me be parted from you.

## **Celebrant**

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**

### **Communion Hymns**

**If I Planted a Garden**

**Oran McGavigan  
Lola Mae McKane**

**As I kneel Before You**

**Lola Mae McKane**

### **Children's Prayer After Communion**

Lord Jesus, I love and adore you. You are a special friend to me. Welcome, Lord Jesus, O Welcome. Thank you for coming to me. Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you for giving yourself to me. Make me strong to show your love wherever I may be. Be near, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all of us children in your loving care and bring us to heaven to live with you there. I'm

ready now, Lord Jesus, to show how much I care. I'm ready now to give your love at home and everywhere.

## **Prayer After Communion**

Loving God, each day we see signs of your  
Love and goodness all around us.

Bless these children who have shared in the Bread of Life  
today.

May they know your love and protection.

May they learn from the love and life of Jesus, your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All**

Amen

## **Concluding Rite**

**Celebrant**

The Lord be with you

**All**

And with your spirit.

**Celebrant**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father,  
the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit

**All**

Amen

**Celebrant**

The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

## **Recessional Hymn**

**FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

Bobbie Barron  
Rhona Brown  
Callum Burns  
Amber Clarke  
Scarlett Crossan  
Caoimhe Darragh  
Freya Devenney  
Ruairi Diver  
Gerard Doherty  
Conall Duffy  
Ryley Gallagher  
Simon Glenn  
Holly Gormley  
Kayden Gormley  
Saoirse Logan  
Riley McCauley  
Cabhan McCrory  
Emma McElwee  
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Maisie Porter  
Shane Ruane  
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