



FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Primary 5C

Mrs Kelly/ Mrs O'Kane

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 Doherty (P1)

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

Having listened to the word of God in the Gospel, let us now think of our needs and turn to God in prayer.

The response to the prayers is 'Lord graciously hear us.'

Child 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 McKeown and our priest, Fr. Boland.
Bless them.
Lord hear us.

All Lord graciously hear us.

Child We pray for the hungry, the sick, and those in pain.
Bless them.
Lord hear us

All Lord graciously hear us.

Child We pray for all those who have died recently.
May they live forever, and share the happiness of
heaven.
Lord hear us

All Lord graciously hear us.

Child We pray for our families and friends.
Bless us, and help us to be kind and loving.
Lord hear us

All Lord graciously hear us.

Child We pray for everyone here at this Mass.
Bless us all.
Lord hear us

All Lord graciously 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

Bind Us Together

**Oran McGavigan
Lola Mae McKane**

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Lola-Grace Barkley

Noah Mullen

Thomas Berrigan

Anna Nagy

Michael Boyce

Ronan Neeson

Aaron Connolly

Morayo Odeyemi

Ellie Diver

Tommy O'Neill-Bates

Isla Goodall

Rhyllie Parke

Ryan Gormley

Martin Porter

Samuel Hood

Amelia Scarlett

Tyler McAdams

Megan Skeffington

Lara McCay

Caiden Sweeney

Tori McLaughlin

Auguste Zujevaite

Kayla Melaugh