

Pupils To Be Confirmed

Dearbhla Caulfield

Eoghán Connolly

Anna Donnelly

Ronan Donnelly

Berneen Gilroy

Emma Louise Magee

Zara McAnespy

Aodhán McCabe

Éabha McNamee

Christy Meegan

Connall Montague

Sean Montague

Darragh O'Hagan

Mrs. Doreen Barrett:

Éabha McNamee presents a Confirmation Book completed in school.

Emma Louise Magee presents a display of the Gifts Of The Holy Spirit from our Year Seven classroom.

Celebrant: Canon Noel McGahan

Welcome and God's Blessing on everyone here present.

The Lord be with you. **All:** And with your Spirit.

Introduction:

Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading: Anna Donnelly

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

God said let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let there be lights in the vaults of heaven to shine on the earth. And so it was. God made the two great lights. The greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw it was good. Evening came and morning came the fourth day.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Canon McGahan

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel:

A Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew:

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on a lamp stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of everyone, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily:

Confirmation Pledge:

Lord God, for love of you and through concern for my family, my friends and my future happiness: and out of my wish to serve Christ more generously. I promise, with your help, not to take alcoholic drink or drugs until I have the approval of my parents with God's help. Help me to keep this promise. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Canon McGahan:

Let us pray that the spirit will give us the courage to live in such a way that we will be lights of the world.

Dearbhla Caulfield:

We give thanks for the seven years we have had at St. Patrick's Primary School. We also pray that we will settle quickly at our new schools.

Lord hear us...

Ronan Donnelly:

We thank God for the gift of our teachers and all those who help us in school. They have shown us the meaning of love, truth, justice and peace for our own lives and our lives with others. May they be rewarded in heaven and on earth for helping to keep the light of faith burning in our lives.

Lord hear us...

Sean Montague:

We thank God for looking after us in this school and pray that He will look after us in our new schools. We also pray that the children who are coming into this school next year will settle in quickly and have a happy time.

Lord hear us...

Christy Meegan:

We pray that we may be more helpful in our homes and not grumble when our plans are upset. We pray that, during the summer holidays, we will be kept safe from harm.

Lord hear us...

Berneen Gilroy:

We pray for Pope Francis, for Lawrence our bishop and all our bishops, for Canon McGahan, Father Connolly and all others who have entered the religious life. We thank God for all the hard work they do.

Lord hear us...

Connall Montague:

We pray for members of our families who are sick, at home or in hospital, that they may get better soon. We pray particularly for those who have been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic throughout the world. May God's Spirit give them strength and courage.

Lord hear us...

Aodhán McCabe:

We pray for all who have died recently, especially our own family members. Grant them eternal rest.

Lord hear us...

After the Prayers of the Faithful the Parent with their Child come forward to the Paschal Candle and light the Baptismal Candle from the Paschal candle. The parent presents the candle to their child saying:

Name of Child

Let us together keep the light of faith burning in your life.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises:

Canon McGahan: Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises.

Year 7: I Do

Canon McGahan: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth?

Year 7: I Do

Canon McGahan: 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?

Year 7: I Do

Canon McGahan: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, who came upon the Apostles at Pentecost and is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

Year 7: I Do

Canon McGahan: Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Year 7: I Do

Canon McGahan: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Year 7: AMEN.

Parent: Mrs. Pauline Connolly

The candles we have given to you are a sign of the faith that we are passing on to you. It is the most precious gift that we have to give to you. We will be there to help you as you try to keep the light of faith burning in your life.

Teacher: Mrs. Doreen Barrett

We the teachers have been privileged to help these boys and girls to a deeper understanding of God's great love for them and his abiding presence with them. Our wish and our prayer for them is that by word and deed they will always have great faith in the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives and that by word and deed they will always spread God's Kingdom.

Parent: Mrs. Camilla McAnespy

These are the sons and daughters given to us by God, to be loved and cherished, healed and helped, scolded and forgiven, advised and warned, to be led by us into the fullness of manhood and womanhood. God our Father, we thank you for them. We thank you in a special way this evening that you know each one by name, that you are calling them into a deeper relationship with you and strengthen them with the gift of the Holy Spirit. May we be faithful to the desire to hand on to them, as a most precious gift the Light of Faith.

A Parent's Blessing: Mr. Terry O'Hagan

When you were born,
Our hearts were so full of happiness
That there was no room in us
For words.

When you were growing,
Our hearts were so full of care for you
That we spoke soothingly
And sometimes sharply.
Fearful for your safety,
But always
In the deepest places of our hearts,
We spoke lovingly.
Today,
As we watch you
Moving forward with your friends
We marvel at all you have done
And become.
Our spirits sing praise to God
For the gift that is you.

All Year Seven Pupils – (Standing)

Holy Spirit, I want to do what is right.

Help Me.

Holy Spirit, I want to live like Jesus.

Guide Me.

Holy Spirit, I want to pray like Jesus.

Teach Me.

Amen.

Concluding Prayer and Blessing: Canon McGahan

God our Father, bless these boys and girls, be with them all through their lives. Bless too, their families, their sponsors, teachers and their friends who make their community of living faith. We ask Mary our Mother and the Mother of the Church who was with the apostles on the first Pentecost, to watch over these boys and girls. Help them to face the future with hope and joy. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

All: Amen

May he let his face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

All: Amen.

May he look upon us with kindness and give us his peace.

All: Amen.

May Almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Go In Peace.

All: Thanks be to God.