

May the Holy Spirit
dwell in your heart always
and keep you strong in the faith.
God bless you today and always!



Ardkeeran NS



Coolbock NS



Sooley NS



Kilross NS



DIOCESE
OF ELPHIN

Sacrament of Confirmation 2020



Friday, 25th September

4pm - Ardkeeran NS & Coolbock NS

Saturday, 26th September

2.00 pm - Sooley NS | 4.30 pm - Kilross NS



Riverstown



Sooley



Glenn

THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, RIVERSTOWN

ENTRANCE HYMN

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Introduction and Welcome

- Bishop : In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All : **Amen**
Bishop : The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All : **And with your spirit**

PENITENTIAL ACT

- Bishop : Friends, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the Sacred mysteries.

*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 in what I have failed to do,*

and striking their breast they say:

*through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;*

Then they continue:

*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.*

- Celebrant : May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All : **Amen**
Bishop : Lord, have mercy.
All : **Lord, have mercy.**
Bishop : Christ, have mercy.
All : **Christ, have mercy.**
Bishop : Lord, have mercy.
All : **Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

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

Bishop : Grant, we pray, Almighty and merciful God, that the Holy Spirit, coming near and dwelling graciously within us, may make of us a perfect temple of His glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All : **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Fr. Yashin

A Reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah (32:15-18)

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land and fertile land become forest. In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home in safe houses in quiet dwellings.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm – (Sung)

Second Reading:

Fr. Yashin

A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians (5:22 - 25)

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of Your faithful
and enkindle in them the Fire of Your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Fr. A.B. O' Shea

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

Priest : A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
(12: 1-3; 8-9; 11-12)

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

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against hypocrisy. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

"I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God...

When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily

Bishop Kevin

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Lighting of Baptismal Candles:

The sponsors are invited to stand in their place, holding their candle. Using a taper, designated adults take a flame from the Paschal candle and light each candle held by the sponsors. The sponsor sits after their candle is lit.

The sponsor (or proxy) should sit beside the candidate. Candles should not be lit in proximity to hand sanitiser.

Calling of the Candidates

Fr. Yashin

This is a special day for our Parish as these young people gathered here with their parents will receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Today, they will make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, to bear witness to the Catholic Faith handed onto them by the community.

So, I now call the following by name and invite them to publicly make this commitment before God and His church.

*Parish Priest calls the names of those to be Confirmed
Having been called, each candidate stands as does his/her sponsor.*



CONFIRMANDS

Ardkeeran NS & Coolbock NS

- ◆ Donnacha Benson
- ◆ Jack Brehony
- ◆ Aoibhinn Conlon
- ◆ Roisin Duffy
- ◆ Isobel Foley
- ◆ Ciara Gilligan
- ◆ Maebh Harte
- ◆ Ruairi Kelly
- ◆ Troy Kelly
- ◆ Mia Leonard
- ◆ Darragh McKeon
- ◆ Liam Mc Dermott
- ◆ Hayley Mullaney
- ◆ Leah Mullaney
- ◆ Cara Tighe
- ◆ Sophie Williams
- ◆ Shane Jinks

Sooney NS

- ◆ Scott Raymond Carty
- ◆ Kyrin Chidiebere
- ◆ Thomas Joseph Devaney
- ◆ Amelia Louise Doyle
- ◆ Ciara Duffy
- ◆ Ava Harrison
- ◆ Clara McGovern
- ◆ Aine McHugh
- ◆ Sheenagh McMorow
- ◆ Erin O Hara
- ◆ James Kerins O Connor
- ◆ Christopher O Neill
- ◆ Hannah Rainey
- ◆ Caoimhe Scanlon
- ◆ Amy Sheridan
- ◆ Amy Taheny
- ◆ Aoibheann Taylor

Kilross NS

- ◆ Chloe Yvonne Coen
- ◆ Luke David Collery
- ◆ Cara Egan
- ◆ Jack Kieran Gorman
- ◆ Aaron Steven Loughheed
- ◆ Emma McDermott
- ◆ Ava Sheridan

Handing on the light of faith

Once all the names have been called, the Bishop now invites the sponsors to pass on the lighted candle to the candidate for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. And both remain standing.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Bishop : Do you reject Satan and all his empty promises?

Candidates : **I do.**

Bishop : Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates : **I do.**

Bishop : 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?

Candidates : **I do.**

Bishop : Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

Candidates : **I do.**

Bishop : Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Candidates : **I do.**

Bishop confirms their profession of faith by proclaiming the faith of the Church:

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

All : **Amen.**

Candidates and sponsor remain standing

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Facing the people with his hands joined, Bishop now says:

Bishop : My dear friends: in Baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to His chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that He will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen His sons and daughters with His gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.

All pray in silence for a short time.

The Bishop and the priests now extend their hands over the candidates and pray that God will send this Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and their guide.

With hands outstretched, the Bishop alone sings or says:

Bishop : All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit You freed Your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send Your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide.

Give them the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of right judgment and courage, the Spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the Spirit of wonder and awe in Your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All : **Amen.**



THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Wearing a face covering, the Bishop takes the tray with chrism, dish of cotton buds and dish for disposal of cotton buds. The candidate is now invited to hand back the Baptismal Candle to their sponsor and remains standing in their place to await the approach of the Bishop to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The candidate should be seated at the end of the pew nearest the aisle, holding their Confirmation card.

During the anointing, a suitable hymn may be sung.

The Bishop dips the cotton bud in the Chrism and makes the sign of cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:

Bishop : N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate : **Amen.**

Bishop : Peace, be with you.

Candidate : **And with your spirit**

INTERCESSIONS

(LET US STAND)

Response : **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bishop : My dear friends: let us be one in prayer to God our Father as we are one in the faith, hope, and love his Spirit gives.

1. For the holy People of God, in union with Francis our Pope and Kevin our Bishop, that God, who gathers us together by the Holy Spirit may help us grow in unity of faith and love until his Son returns in glory. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all people, of every race and nation, that they may acknowledge the one God as Father, and in the bond of common fellowship, seek his kingdom, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For the parents and godparents, sponsors, and teachers of those confirmed: that by word, and example they may always encourage them to follow the way of Jesus Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who are sick, suffering, homeless, or housebound: that they will know the healing touch of Christ and His comforting presence in their lives. Lord, hear us.. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those who are sad or anxious at this time, especially as a result of COVID 19: that the Lord may restore their confidence. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For our own private intentions, we pause in silence.....**Lord hear us.**
7. For our faithful departed, (those we have known and loved in this world and for all the deceased): that the Lord may gather them all more closely into His eternal loving embrace.

Celebrant : God our Father, You sent your Holy Spirit upon the apostles and through them and their successors You gave the Spirit to Your people. May the Spirit's work, which began at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All : **Amen**



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(OFFERTORY HYMN IS SUNG)

Invitation to Prayer

Bishop : Pray, dear friends, 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 Gifts

Celebrant : Receive in Your mercy, O Lord the prayers of Your servants and grant that, being conformed more perfectly to Your Son, they may grow steadily in bearing witness to Him, as they share in the memorial of His redemption, by which He gained for us Your Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

All : **Amen**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord, be with you.
And with your spirit

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

(Celebrant now says the Preface)

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

(SUNG OR SAID)

**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.**

Bishop : The mystery of faith.

All : **We proclaim Your Death, O Lord, and profess Your
Resurrection until You come again.**

*Celebrant takes the Chalice and the Paten with the Host and, raising both,
he says:*

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.



THE COMMUNION RITE

*After the chalice and paten have been set down, the Bishop, with hands
joined, says:*

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

He extends his hands and, together with the people, continues:

**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.**

With hands extended, the Bishop alone continues, saying:

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.

*He joins his hands.
The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:*

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are
Yours now and for ever.**

Then the Bishop, with hands extended, says aloud:

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.

He joins his hands.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

The people reply:

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All reply:

And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD

(said/sung)

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 Bishop genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised
above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people, says aloud:*

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 respond:

**Lord, I am not worthy
that You should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

*After this, he takes the paten or ciborium and approaches the communicants.
The Bishop raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the
communicants, saying:*

The Body of Christ.

The communicant replies:

Amen.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop : **Let us pray**, Accompany with Your blessing from this day forward, O Lord, those who have been anointed with the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Sacrament of Your Son, so that, with all trials overcome, they may gladden Your Church by their holiness and, through their works and their charity, foster her growth in the world. Through Christ our Lord.

All : **Amen.**

Thank You

Rev. Fr. A.B.O' Shea



SOLEMN BLESSING

Bishop : Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing

Bishop : May God the Father Almighty bless you, whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters reborn from water and the Holy Spirit, and may He keep you worthy of His Fatherly love.

All : **Amen.**

Bishop : May His Only Begotten Son, who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide in His Church, bless you and confirm you by His power in the confession of the true faith.

All : **Amen.**

Bishop : May the Holy Spirit, who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples, bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one into the joy of the Kingdom of God.

All : **Amen.**

Bishop : And may Almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All : **Amen.**

Bishop : Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

All : **Thanks be to God.**



Gifts of the Holy Spirit

WISDOM
UNDERSTANDING
COUNSEL
FORTITUDE
KNOWLEDGE
PIETY
FEAR OF GOD

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

LOVE
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL

