

**Solemn Dedication of  
the Church of  
The Immaculate Conception  
at Gobnascale**

*by*  
*The Most Reverend Edward Daly*  
*Bishop of Derry*

**on  
Sunday 31st. May 1981**

# FOREWORD

We heartily welcome all who have come here today to rejoice with us on this solemn occasion. We extend a special welcome to Bishop Edward Daly and we thank him for his interest and support from the moment the building of our new church was first mooted. We are also very pleased that so many priests who are natives of the parish, or who have served here in the past, have been able to join us in concelebrating the Mass of Dedication.

At last, having experienced for almost seven years the limitations imposed by the celebration of Sunday and Holyday Masses in the assembly-hall of our secondary school, the parishioners now have a worthy building in which their sacramental and devotional life may be nourished and in which they can participate fully in the supreme liturgical action of Holy Mass. The incorporation of a presbytery to house two curates as a feature of the design will, we feel sure, make possible a better service for those living in an area of the parish which has been developed intensely in recent years.

Particular pride is taken from the fact that a native of the parish designed our new church and that a parishioner constructed it. We warmly congratulate both men, and all those who have co-operated with them in this project, on a very fine achievement.

Our deepest gratitude is reserved for our own parishioners. Their encouragement and generosity have been truly heartening. Most parishes setting out to build a church would have the bulk of the money needed for it already gathered. In contrast, the parish of Glendermott was heavily in debt before embarking on this project. Future generations will have cause to marvel at the degree of confidence in God and the spirit of self-sacrifice displayed by the present parishioners.

We pray that our new church, dedicated today in honour of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may always be an effective sign of the abiding presence of God among his people. Through the intercession of Our Lady, may the peace of Christ be in the hearts and homes of all who come to worship here.

## **ABOUT THE NEW CHURCH . . .**

The plan of the church approximates to a fan-shape. A large sanctuary is arranged at the wider end. The congregation is thus gathered close to the Altar and encouraged to participate in the Mass and ceremonies. Advantage has been taken of the greater dimension across this end of the church to accommodate two confessionals and the organ on one side of the sanctuary, with the Baptismal Font and the Shrine of Our Lady on the other. On this latter side, set into the wall, is the foundation stone in polished Kilkenny limestone which was blessed by Pope John Paul II and was laid by Bishop Edward Daly.

A feature of the generous sanctuary is the elevated position of the Ambo and Chair which are raised four steps above the predella on which stands the onyx Altar mensa supported on twelve columns carved in the same material. The completely veiled Tabernacle is carried on a Sicilian marble shelf to one side of the sanctuary surrounded by four plaques with relief carvings symbolic of the Eucharist.

Along the low flanking walls of the nave sixteen square windows with leaded glazing, designed by Oonagh Madden, provide intervening positions for the lindenwood Stations of the Cross which were hand-carved in Germany. The four corners of the nave have been selected for the consecration crosses which are en suite with the foundation stone.

The main lighting of the church is from the large area of insulated glazing arranged around the apex of the roof. The double layers of this laminated glass allow unusual views from the nave of the large external cross.

The mahogany seating provides accommodation for a congregation of 600 and is subdivided by six aisles to permit convenient circulation for Holy Communion. No seat is further than 16 metres from the Altar.

At the narrower end, the main porch, with entrance doors on opposite sides, has been placed where it can also provide access to the sacristies and the presbytery. Because of the steep fall across the site it was found possible to plan the presbytery on two floors. At first floor level, which is a continuation of that in the church, accommodation has been provided for one visiting and two resident priests. The dining room, office, entrance hall and housekeeper's accommodation occupy the ground floor. At this level also is the boiler room containing two oil fired boilers, one for the presbytery and a second to circulate ducted warm air by means of an air-handling unit to the church. The system is designed to introduce external air in the event of excessive humidity.

Four graduated steel portal frames support the rising roof from its lowest level over the porch to its apex, where a base is provided for the four-metre high cross cast in fibre glass around a hollow steel cave. A series of semi-portals converging on the

apex define the folded roof form over the sanctuary. The reverse slope of roof over the presbytery is in traditional timber construction.

The continuous roof is covered with blue-black asbestos slating and lined internally in the church with redwood sheeting in a pattern of opposing diagonals. The portal frames have been sheathed to match. Externally the walls of the building are dry dashed with crushed shell chippings. Internally the walls of the church are finished with decorated rough cast plaster. The entire sanctuary is floored with German ceramic tiles and the floor of the nave is covered with nylon carpet.

## SOMETHING OLD

The Hammond Organ was presented to the parish for use in our new church by the United States Navy when the base at Clooney was decommissioned in 1977.

The statute of Our Lady was for many years in the Convent of Mercy, Pump Street. The Sisters have presented it to our new church.

The parish of Desertegney and Lower Fahan has presented us with the Baptismal Font and other items of Italian onyx and Sicilian marble which were in use at Saint Mary's Oratory, Buncrana for fifty years prior to its renovation in 1979. These now furnish our sanctuary with the addition of twelve new onyx supports for the altar and new top and bottom sheets of Sicilian marble for the altar table.

For all these gifts we are deeply grateful.

**The concelebrants of the Mass of Dedication are wearing the vestments which were specially designed for the Papal Mass at Knock in September, 1979. We are indebted to Monsignor James Horan for this privilege.**

## SIGNIFICANT DATES . . .

12 May 1978

F. M. Corr and Associates were commissioned by Reverend Austin Duffy, P.P., to design a new church to seat 600 people and a presbytery for two curates on a site at Trench Road which had been acquired by Reverend John McGaughey, P.P.

22 February 1979

Bishop Edward Daly gave formal approval for the title "Church of the Immaculate Conception.

30 May 1979

Sketch plans were approved by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

5 July 1979

Sketch plans were approved by the Diocesan Building Committee

30 September 1979

The Foundation Stone was blessed by Pope John Paul II during his Pastoral Visit to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock.

21 March 1980

Tenders for the construction of the new church and presbytery were received.

25 March 1980

The ceremony of cutting the first sod was performed by Reverend Austin Duffy, P.P.

2 April 1980

The tender submitted by Gerald McCormick to build the new church and presbytery for a sum of £258,000.00 was accepted.

12 May 1980

Gerald McCormick commenced work on the site. Under the terms of his contract the building is due to be completed by 12 August 1981.

26 July 1980

The ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone was performed by Bishop Edward Daly.

May 1981

The presbytery was formally handed over by the contractor. Reverend Eamon McDevitt, C.C., and Reverend Neil Farren, C.C., took up residence.

31 May 1981

The new church is solemnly dedicated ten weeks ahead of schedule. Deo gratias.

#### PREVIOUS CHURCH DEDICATIONS IN THE PARISH OF GLENDERMOTT . . .

1841 Saint Columb's Church at Waterside.

1917 Saint Canice's Chapel-Of-Ease at Enagh Lough (now replaced by Saint Oliver Plunket's Church in the new parish of Strathfoyle).

1930 Saint Mary's Church at Ardmore (since 1974 the parish church of the new parish of Ardmore).

1948 Saint Mary's Chapel-Of-Ease at Newbuildings.

1958 Chapel of the Good Shepherd Convent at Waterside.

#### PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

Most Reverend Edward Daly, Bishop of Derry

#### CONCELEBRANTS

Reverend Eugene Boland, C.C.  
Reverend Brian Brady, C.C.  
Reverend James Brennan, P.P.  
Reverend Colum Clerkin, C.C.  
Reverend Michael Collins, Adm.  
Reverend John Convery, P.P.  
Very Reverend Michael Conway, P.P., V.F.  
Reverend Harry Coyle, C.C.  
Reverend Joseph Deehan, O.M.I.  
Reverend John Doherty, O.P.  
Reverend Liam Donnelly, C.C.  
Reverend Austin Duffy, P.P.  
Reverend Neil Farren, C.C.  
Very Reverend Canon John Friel  
Reverend John Harkin, P.P.  
Reverend Kevin Hegarty, C.C.

Reverend Stephen Kearney, C.C.  
Reverend Desmond Kelly, P.P.  
Reverend Tom Kelly  
Reverend Denis McConologue, C.C.  
Reverend James McCrory, C.C.  
Reverend Eamon McDevitt, C.C.  
Very Reverend John McGaughey, P.P.  
Reverend Patrick J. McGoldrick, P.P.  
Reverend William McShane, C.C.  
Reverend Desmond Mullan, P.P.  
Reverend Francis O'Doherty  
Reverend Brian O'Donnell, C.C.  
Reverend Francis O'Hagan, C.C.  
Reverend Henry O'Kane  
Reverend John Quinn, P.P.

#### PRESENT IN SANCTUARY

Right Reverend Monsignor Bernard Kieft, P.P., V.G.  
Right Reverend Monsignor James A. Coulter

#### MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Reverend Edward Kilpatrick, Diocesan Secretary  
Reverend Aidan Mullan, Spiritual Director, Saint Columb's College

#### CANTORS

Reverend John Irwin, C.C.  
Reverend Kevin Mullan, C.C.

FIRST READER – Mr. Joseph Fegan, Deputy Mayor of Derry

PSALMIST – Mr. Eugene O'Hagan, Clerical Student

SECOND READER – Sister Maria, Superioress of the Good Shepherd Convent

ORGANIST AND CHOIR MASTER – Mr. Sean Friel

# **RITE OF DEDICATION**

## **PART ONE**

### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

#### **STAND**

#### **SOLEMN ENTRANCE**

*The clergy, the concelebrants and the bishop approach the closed doors of the new church from the outside, where a representative group of the people is already assembled.*

**BISHOP:**

The grace and peace of God  
be with all of you  
in his holy Church.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*Then the bishop briefly addresses the people.*

*The main contractor presents the keys of the new church to the bishop to mark the formal handing over of the completed building.*

*The architect then addresses the bishop and the people, pointing out what the new church expresses in its art and in its own special design.*

*The bishop then calls upon the parish priest of Glendermott, to whom the pastoral care of the church has been entrusted, to open the doors of the new church.*

*When this has been done the bishop invites the people to enter the church.*

**BISHOP:**

Go within his gates giving thanks, enter his courts with  
songs of praise.

As the procession enters the church; the following hymn is  
sung

**ALL:**

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Serve him with gladness, praise him well:  
Come now before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed,  
In his great love created man:  
God is our Shepherd, every need  
He has supplied since time began.**

**Enter his gates with songs of praise,  
Come to his courts, approach with joy:  
Honour and bless him all our days,  
Gladly for God our lives employ.**

**Truly, the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure:  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure.**

**STAND**

**BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER**

*The bishop blesses water with which to sprinkle the people as a sign of repentance and as a reminder of their Baptism and to purify the walls and the altar of the new church.*

**BISHOP:**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this solemn rite of dedication, let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water created by his hand.

It is a sign of our repentance, a reminder of our Baptism, and a symbol of the cleansing of these walls and this altar.

May the grace of God help us to remain faithful members of his Church, open to the Spirit we have received.

*All pray in silence for a brief period. The bishop then continues:*

God of mercy,  
You call every creature to the light of life,  
and surround us with such great love  
that when we stray  
you continually lead us back to Christ our head.  
For you have established an inheritance of such  
mercy  
that those sinners, who pass through water made  
sacred,  
die with Christ and rise restored  
as members of his body  
and heirs of his eternal covenant.  
Bless this water;  
sanctify it.  
As it is sprinkled upon us and throughout this church  
make it a sign of the saving waters of baptism,  
by which we become one in Christ, the temple of  
your Spirit  
May all here today,  
and all those in days to come,  
who will celebrate your mysteries in this church,  
be united at last in the holy city of your peace.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

*As the bishop sprinkles the people, the walls and the altar with the holy water, the following hymn is sung:*

**ALL:**

On this house your blessing, Lord.  
On this house your grace bestow.  
On this house your blessing, Lord.  
May it come and never go.  
Bringing peace and joy and happiness,  
bringing love that knows no end.  
On this house your blessing, Lord.  
On this house your blessing send.

On this house your loving, Lord.  
May it overflow each day.  
On this house your loving, Lord.  
May it come and with us stay.  
Drawing us in love and unity  
by the love received from you.  
On this house your loving, Lord.  
May it come each day anew.

On this house your giving, Lord.  
May it turn and ever flow.  
On this house your giving, Lord.  
On this house your wealth bestow.  
Filling all our hopes and wishes, Lord,  
in the way you know is best.  
On this house your giving, Lord.  
May it come and with us rest.

On this house your calling, Lord.  
May it come to us each day.  
On this house your calling, Lord.  
May it come to lead the way.  
Filling us with nobler yearnings, Lord,  
calling us to live in you.  
On this house your calling, Lord.  
May it come each day anew.

*When the singing is finished the bishop says:*

**BISHOP:**

May God, the Father of mercies,  
dwell in this house or prayer.  
May the grace of the Holy Spirit cleanse us,  
for we are the temple of his presence.

**ALL: Amen.**

BISHOP:

Gloria in excelsis Deo

CHOIR: Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

ALL: **Laudamus te.**

CHOIR: Benedicimus te.

ALL: **Adoramus te.**

CHOIR: Glorificamus te.

ALL: **Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.**

CHOIR: Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

ALL: **Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.**

CHOIR: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

ALL: **Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.**CHOIR: Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem  
nostram.ALL: **Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.**

CHOIR: Quoniam tu solus sanctus.

ALL: **Tu solus Dominus.**

CHOIR: Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.

ALL: **Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen**

BISHOP:

Let us pray

*All pray in silence for a brief period*

BISHOP:

Lord,  
 fill this place with your presence,  
 and extend your hand  
 to all those who call upon you.  
 May your word here proclaimed  
 and your sacraments here celebrated  
 strengthen the hearts of all the faithful.  
 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.

ALL: **Amen.**



## **RITE OF DEDICATION**

### **PART TWO**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**STAND**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*The bishop takes The Lectionary, shows it to the people, and says:*

**BISHOP:**

May the word of God always be heard in this place, as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before you and achieves your salvation within the Church.

**ALL: Amen.**

**SIT FIRST READER:**

**A reading from the book of Nehemiah.**

All the people gathered as one man on the square before the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses which the Lord had prescribed for Israel. Accordingly Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people — since he stood higher than all the people — Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, "Amen! Amen!"; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Ezra, priest and scribe, said to all the people, "This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep." For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, "Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold."

This is the word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMIST:**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**ALL: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**PSALMIST:**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

**ALL: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**PSALMIST:**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth,  
and all of them just.

**ALL: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**PSALMIST:**

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold;  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

**ALL: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**PSALMIST:**

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my Rescuer, my Rock!

**ALL: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**SECOND READER**

**A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.**

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the

one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. On this foundation you can build in gold, silver and jewels, or in wood, grass and straw, but whatever the material, the work of each builder is going to be clearly revealed when the day comes. That day will begin with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

This is the word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**STAND**

**CANTORS:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**CANTORS:**

In my house, says the Lord,  
the one who asks always receives;  
the one who searches always finds;  
the one who knocks will always have the door  
opened to him.

**ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**PARISH PRIEST:**

The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**PARISH PRIEST:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
Matthew.

**ALL: Glory to you, Lord.**

**PARISH PRIEST:**

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your

offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

*After the Gospel the bishop gives the homily.*

**ND** *After the homily the profession of the faith is said.*

**ALL:** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and  
was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and  
glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **RITE OF DEDICATION**

### **PART THREE**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE ANOINTINGS**

**TAND**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER**

**BISHOP:**

Let us ask the saints to support our prayers  
to God the Father almighty, who has made the hearts  
of his people faithful temples of his Spirit.

**TAND**

**LINTANY OF THE SAINTS**

**CANTORS:**

Lord, have mercy

**ALL: Lord, have mercy**

**CANTORS:**

Christ, have mercy

**ALL: Christ, have mercy**

**CANTORS:**

Lord, have mercy

**ALL: Lord, have mercy**

**CANTORS:**

Holy Mary, Mother of God

**ALL: Pray for us (this response is repeated after each of  
the follow invocations)**

**CANTORS:**

Saint Michael  
Holy Angels of God  
Saint John the Baptist  
Saint Joseph  
Saint Peter and Saint Paul  
Saint Andrew  
Saint John  
Saint Mary Magdalene  
Saint Stephen  
Saint Ignatius of Antioch  
Saint Lawrence  
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity  
Saint Agnes  
Saint Gregory  
Saint Augustine  
Saint Athanasius  
Saint Basil  
Saint Martin

Saint Patrick  
Saint Eugene  
Saint Benedict  
Saint Columba  
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic  
Saint Francis Xavier  
Saint John Vianney  
Saint Breacan  
Saint Catherine  
Saint Teresa  
Saint Brigid  
All holy men and women

**CANTORS:**

Lord, be merciful

**ALL: Lord, save your people (this response is repeated  
after each of the following invocations)**

**CANTORS:**

From all evil  
From every sin  
From everlasting death  
By your coming as man  
By your death and rising to life  
By your gift of the Holy Spirit

**CANTORS:**

Be merciful to us sinners

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer (this response is repeated after  
each of the following invocations)**

**CANTORS:**

Guide and protect your holy Church  
Keep the pope and all the clergy in faithful service to  
your church  
Bring all peoples together in trust and peace  
Strengthen us in your service  
Make this church holy and consecrate it to your  
worship  
Jesus, Son of the Living God

**CANTORS:**

Christ, hear us

**ALL: Christ, hear us**

**CANTORS:**

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

**ALL: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer**

**BISHOP:**

Lord,  
may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and of all the saints  
make our prayers acceptable to you.  
May this building,  
which we dedicate to your name,  
be a house of salvation and grace  
where Christians gathered in fellowship  
may worship you in spirit and truth  
and grow together in love.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

**END PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**BISHOP:**

Father in heaven,  
source of holiness and true purpose,  
it is right that we praise and glorify your name.

For today we come before you,  
to dedicate to your lasting service  
this house of prayer, this temple of worship,  
this home in which we are nourished by your word  
and your sacraments.

Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.  
The Church is fruitful,  
made holy by the blood of Christ:  
a bride made radiant with his glory,  
a virgin splendid in the wholeness of her faith,  
a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit.

The Church is holy,  
your chosen vineyard:  
its branches envelop the world,  
its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross,  
reach up to the kingdom of heaven.

The Church is favoured,  
the dwelling place of God on earth:  
a temple built of living stones,  
founded on the apostles  
with Jesus Christ its corner stone.

The Church is exalted,  
a city set on a mountain:  
a beacon to the whole world,  
bright with the glory of the Lamb,  
and echoing the prayers of her saints.

Lord,  
send your Spirit from heaven  
to make this church an ever-holy place,  
and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the waters of baptism  
overwhelm the shame of sin;  
here may your people die to sin  
and live again through grace as your children.

Here may your children,  
gather around your altar,  
celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Lamb,  
and be fed at the table  
of Christ's word and Christ's body.

Here may prayer, the Church's banquet,  
resound through heaven and earth  
as a plea for the world's salvation.

Here may the poor find justice,  
the victims of oppression, true freedom.

From here may the whole world  
clothed in the dignity of the children of God,  
enter with gladness your city of peace.

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.

**ALL: Amen.**

**STAND ANOINTING OF THE ALTAR AND THE WALLS OF THE CHURCH**

*The bishop anoints the middle of the altar table and each of  
its four corners with sacred chrism, saying:*

**BISHOP:**

We now anoint this altar and this building.  
May God in his power make them holy,  
visible signs of the mystery of Christ and his Church.

*After he has anointed the altar, the bishop gives the task of  
anointing the walls of the church to four of the curates of  
Glendermott by handing them vessels of sacred chrism.*

*Meanwhile the following is sung:*

**ALL: When time began, God walked with man,  
With Adam in the evening light;  
And when his people bore the ark  
Through trackless desert, day and night,  
God led them with a cloud by day;  
At night, with fire lit up their way.**

The Lord dwelt in Jerusalem,  
Enthroned above the Cherubim,  
And there the tribes of Israel  
Went up to praise and worship him  
Whose hand had made them strong to build  
The temple that his glory filled.

STAND

### INCENSATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH

*The bishop puts incense into two thuribles, saying:*

BISHOP:

Lord,  
May our prayer ascend as incense in your sight.  
As this building is filled with fragrance  
so may your Church fill the world  
with the fragrance of Christ

*Because it is at the altar that the memorial of the Lord is celebrated and his body and blood given to the people, we seen in the altar a sign of Christ himself. For this reason the bishop now uses one of the thuribles to reverence the altar with incense. The bishop himself is then saulted with incense. After this, two concelebrants incense the people and the walls of the church.*

*Meanwhile the following is sung:*

**ALL:** The Body of the risen Christ  
Is God's new dwelling place sublime  
And man's eternal temple here,  
Secure against eroding time.  
Built up of stones that live, it stands;  
God's holy house, not made with hands.

The loving Father bless and praise  
And Christ, His uncreated Son,  
Who with the Holy Spirit reigns  
In peace and love, for ever One:  
Blessed Trinity, since time began  
Abiding in the heart of man.

SIT

### LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND THE CHURCH

*The altar is now prepared for the celebration of Mass. The bishop gives the lighted paschal candle to the parish priest, saying:*

BISHOP:

Light of Christ,  
shine forth in the Church  
and bring all nations  
to the fullness of truth.

*All the candles in the church are lighted from the paschal candle. Meanwhile the Offertory is taken up.*

SIT

*Some members of the congregation bring the gifts in procession to the bishop.*

BISHOP:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**ALL:** Blessed be God for ever.

BISHOP:

By the mystery of this water and wine  
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ,  
Who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.

**ALL:** Blessed be God for ever.

BISHOP:

Lord God, we ask you to receive us  
and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you  
with humble and contrite hearts.

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my  
sin.

Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice 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 Church.

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

BISHOP:

Lord,  
accept the gifts of a rejoicing Church.  
May your people,  
who are gathered in this sacred place,  
arrive at eternal salvation  
through the mysteries in which they share.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

## **RITE OF DEDICATION**

### **PART FOUR**

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**KNEEL**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**BISHOP:**

The Lord be with you

**ALL:**

**And also with you.**

**BISHOP:**

Lift up your hearts

**ALL:**

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

**BISHOP:**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**ALL:**

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**BISHOP:**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you  
thanks.

The whole world is your temple,  
shaped to resound with your name.  
Yet you also allow us to dedicate to your service  
places designed for your worship.

With hearts full of joy  
we consecrate to your glory  
this work of our hands, this house of prayer.

Here is foreshadowed the mystery of your true  
temple;  
this church is the image on earth of your heavenly  
city:

For you made the body of your Son,  
born of the Virgin,  
a temple consecrated to your glory,  
the dwelling place of your godhead in all its fullness.

You have established the Church as your holy city,  
founded on the apostles,  
with Jesus Christ its cornerstone.

You continue to build your Church with chosen  
stones,  
enlivened by the Spirit,  
and cemented together by love.

In that holy city you will be all in all for endless ages,  
and Christ will be its light for ever.

Through Christ we praise you, Lord,  
with all the angels and saints in their song of joy:

**ALL:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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:**  
We come to you, Father, with praise and  
thanksgiving,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
Through him we ask you to accept and bless these  
gifts  
we offer you in sacrifice.  
We offer them for your holy catholic Church,  
watch over it, Lord, and guide it;  
grant it peace and unity throughout the world.  
We offer them for John Paul our pope, for me your  
unworthy servant,  
and for all who hold and teach the catholic faith  
that comes to us from the apostles.

**FIRST CONCELEBRANT:**

Remember, Lord, your people,  
especially those for whom we now pray.  
Remember all of us gathered here before you.  
You know how firmly we believe in you  
and dedicate ourselves to you.  
We offer you this sacrifice of praise  
for ourselves and those who are dear to us.  
We pray to you, our living and true God,  
for our well-being and redemption.

**SECOND CONCELEBRANT:**

In union with the whole Church we honour Mary,  
the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and  
God.  
We honour Joseph, her husband,  
the apostles and martyrs  
Peter and Paul, Andrew and all the saints.  
May their merits and prayers  
gain us your constant help and protection.

**BISHOP**

father, accept this offering from your whole family,  
and from your servants  
who with heart and hand have given and built this  
church  
as an offering to you in honour of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary.  
Grant us your peace in this life,  
save us from final damnation,  
and count us among those You have chosen

**BISHOP AND CONCELEBRANT:**

Bless and approve our offering.

make it acceptable to you, an offering in spirit and in truth.  
Let it become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ,  
your only Son, our Lord,  
the day before he suffered,  
he took bread in his sacred hands  
and looking up to heaven to you his almighty father  
he gave you thanks and praise.  
he broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body which will be given up for you.  
When supper was ended, he took the cup.  
Again he gave you thanks and praise,  
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:  
take this, all of you, and drink from it;  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all men  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.

**BISHOP:**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL:**

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**BISHOP AND CONCELEBRANTS:**

Father, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son.  
We, your people and your ministers,  
recall his passion, his resurrection from the dead,  
and his ascension into glory;  
and from the many gifts you have given us  
we offer to you, God of glory and majesty,  
this holy and perfect sacrifice,  
the bread of life  
and the cup of eternal salvation.  
Look with favour on these offerings and accept them  
as once you accepted the gifts of your servant Abel,  
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,  
and the bread and wine offered by your priest  
Melchisedech.  
Almighty God,  
we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice  
to your altar in heaven.  
Then, as we receive from this altar  
the sacred body and blood of your Son,  
let us be filled with every grace and blessing.

**THIRD CONCELEBRANT:**

Remember, Lord, those who have died  
and have gone before us marked with the sign of  
faith.



especially those for whom we now pray.

May these, and all who sleep in Christ,  
find in your presence light, happiness and peace.

#### FOURTH CONCELEBRANT:

For ourselves, too, we ask  
some share in the fellowship of your apostles and  
martyrs,  
with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas  
and all the saints.

Though we are sinners, we trust in your mercy and  
love.

Do not consider what we truly deserve,  
but grant us your forgiveness.

**BISHOP:**

Through Christ our Lord, you give us all these gifts,  
you fill them with life and goodness,  
you bless them and make them holy.

Through him, with him, in him.

#### BISHOP AND CONCELEBRANTS:

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
almighty Father  
for ever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

#### COMMUNION RITE

*Those who have already received Holy Communion today  
may receive again at this Mass of Dedication*

**BISHOP:**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father  
in the words our Saviour gave us:

**ALL:**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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.**

**BISHOP:**

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,  
and grant us peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin  
and protect us from all anxiety  
as we wait in joyful hope  
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**ALL:**

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

**BISHOP:**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your  
Church,  
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom  
where you live for ever and ever.

**ALL:**

**Amen.**

**BISHOP:**

The peace of the Lord be with you always

**ALL:**

**And also with you.**

**BISHOP:**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

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

**ALL:**

**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.**

**BISHOP:**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will  
of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit your  
death brought life to the world. By your holy body  
and blood free me from all my sins and from every  
evil. Keep me faithful to your teaching, and never let  
me be parted from you.

This is the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**ALL:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

**ALL:** LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is his word, love is his way,  
Feasting with men, fasting alone,  
Living and dying, rising again,  
Love, only love, is his way.

**REFRAIN** Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,  
Sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,  
Love, only love, is his mark. (Refrain)

Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
"This is my body, this is my blood,"  
Love, only love, is his sign. (Refrain)

Love is his sign, love is his news,  
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood."  
Love, only love, is his news. (Refrain)

Love is his news, love is his name,  
We are his own, chosen and called,  
Family, brethern, cousins and kin.  
Love, only love, is his name. (Refrain)

Love is his name, love is his law.  
Hear his command, all who are his:  
"Love one another, I have loved you."  
Love, only love, is his law. (Refrain)

### NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me:  
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to thee,  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone:  
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer my God to thee,  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.

There let the way appear steps unto heav'n  
All that thou sendest me in mercy giv'n:  
Angels to beckon me nearer my God to thee,  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.

Deep in thy Sacred Heart let me abide,  
Thou who hast come for me, suffered and died.  
Sweet shall my weeping be, grief surely leading me,  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.

### SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
Wash me, ye waters, streaming from his side.

Strength and protection may his passion be:  
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me:  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;  
In death's dread moments make me only thine;  
Call me, and bid me come to thee on high,  
When I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

**KNEEL**

### TRANSLATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TO THE TABERNACLE

After the distribution of Holy Communion a ciborium  
containing the Blessed Sacrament is left on the altar.

*All pray in silence for a brief period.*

**BISHOP:**

Let us pray.  
Lord,  
through these gifts  
increase the vision of your truth in our minds.  
May we always worship you in your holy temple,  
and rejoice in your presence with all your saints.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

*During the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the  
tabernacle the following is sung:*

**ALL:** Praised be the Lord our God,  
praised be his name.  
Sing Jerusalem his wondrous fame.

**Praised be our God, praised be our God,  
Praised be the Lord our God for evermore.**

*After the doors are closed the tabernacle is covered with a veil of the appropriate liturgical colour to indicate the presence of the Eucharist. Then the bishop lights the lamp which will burn perpetually before the Blessed Sacrament as a sign of honour paid to the Lord.*

*The parish priest gives a short address.*

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**BISHOP:** The Lord be with you

**ALL:** And also with you.

**PARISH PRIEST:**  
Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

**BISHOP:** The Lord of earth and heaven  
has assembled you before him this day  
to dedicate this house of prayer.  
May he fill you with the blessings of heaven.

**ALL:** Amen.

**BISHOP:** God the Father wills that all his children  
scattered through the world  
become one family in his Son.  
May he make you his temple,  
the dwelling place of his Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

**BISHOP:** May God free you from every bond of sin,  
dwell within you and give you joy.  
May you live with him for ever  
in the company of all his saints.

**ALL:** Amen.

**BISHOP:** May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

**PARISH PRIEST:**  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**STAND**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**Immaculate Mary!  
Our hearts are on fire,  
that title so wondrous  
fills all our desire.**

**Ave, ave, ave Maria!**

**We pray for God's glory,  
May His kingdom come!  
We pray for his vicar  
our Father in Rome.**

**Ave, ave, ave Maria!**

**We pray for our mother  
the Church upon earth,  
and bless sweetest lady,  
the land of our birth.**

**Ave, ave, ave Maria!**

**Now to God be all glory  
and worship for aye,  
and to God's virgin mother  
and endless Ave.**

**Ave, ave, ave Maria!**

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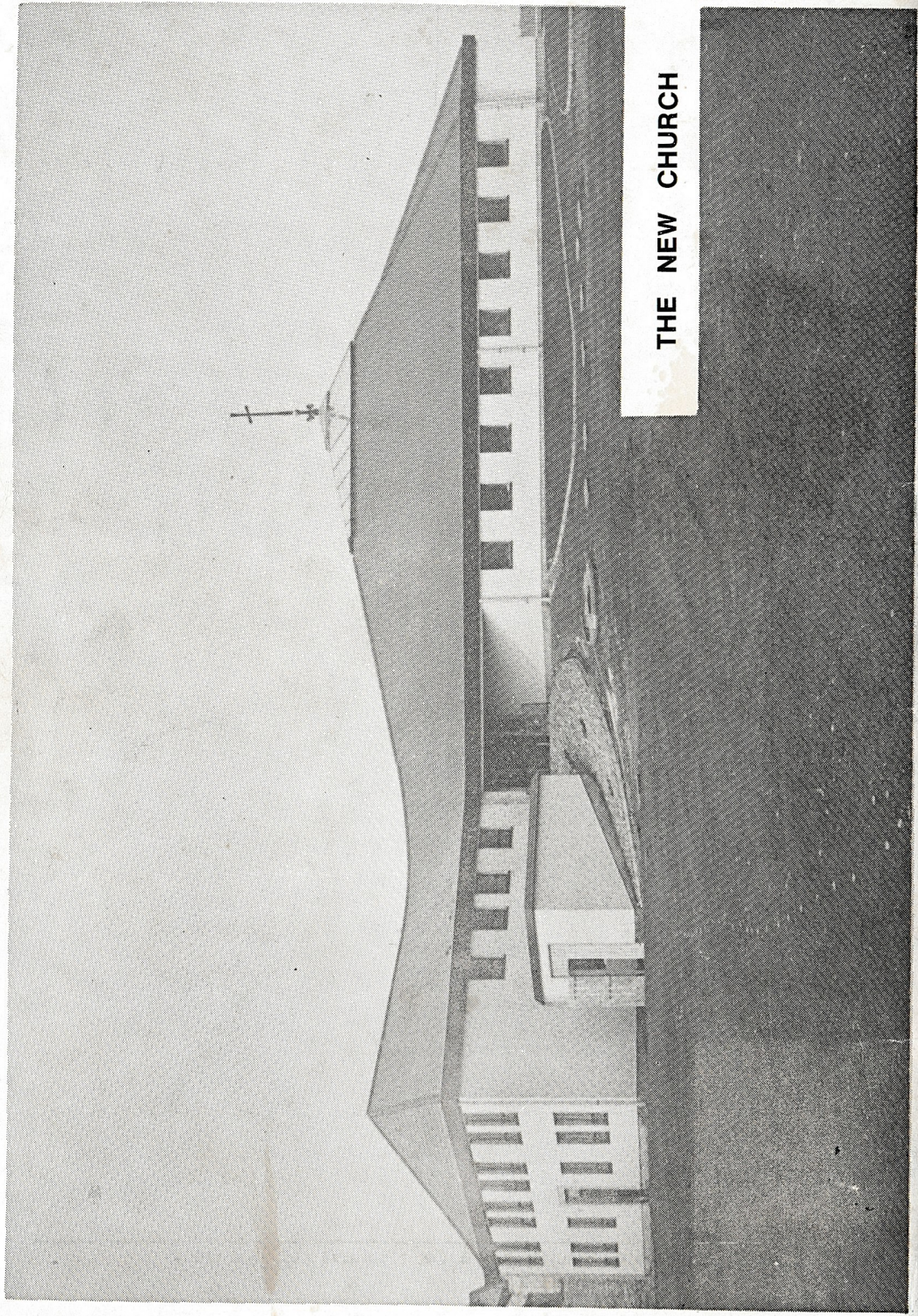
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