

# WELCOME TO THE CLIFTON DIOCESE LGBT+ MASS



**Sunday**  
*21 March 2021*

ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO RC CHURCH  
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Today's Mass is offered for and in memory of Elaine Sommers

## *Introductory Rites*

*Richard:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen**

*Richard:* The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

*All:* **And with your Spirit**

## *Penitential Rite*

*Richard:* In just two weeks time we shall celebrate the incomparable joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus foreshadows his own resurrection by bringing his friend Lazarus from the tomb into life. He reveals to all that he is victorious over death itself. But the greatest victory Jesus wins is over the death that is sin, which distorts and wounds our world with its oppressive structures, dehumanises our sisters and brothers, destroys our people with war and abuses our beautiful planet. There is so much to 'unbind and set free'! Let us repent, and invite Jesus to rise victorious over sin and oppression within us, unbinding us, liberating us and sending us to heal and set free in the power of His Love.

*Reader:* For not setting free those trapped in the tombs  
of war and violence, poverty, oppression and modern slavery;  
for not loving enough to free people from loneliness & depression

*All:* **Lord have mercy**

*Reader:* When we bind each other by our criticism and condemnation,  
our discriminations and injustices;  
for entombing others in our un-forgiveness and harshness

*All:* **Christ have mercy**

*Reader:* Because you call our name and draw us out of death and sin  
into life, freedom, wholeness, holiness and humanity

*All:* **Lord have mercy**

*Richard:* You are a God of Life, not of death: may your mercy unbind us and heal us, your word call us into life and reconciliation, and your forgiveness lead us to perfect freedom, drawing us to everlasting life... and bring us and all the world to everlasting life

*All:* **Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

**Richard:** Merciful God,  
you showed your glory to our fallen race  
by sending your Son  
to confound the powers of death.  
Call us forth from sin's dark tomb.  
Break the bonds which hold us,  
that we may believe and proclaim Christ,  
the cause of our freedom  
and the source of life,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen

## The Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

*At the end of the reading:*

**Reader:** The word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 129(130)*

**Refrain:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:8-11*

*At the end of the reading:*

**Reader:** The word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Jn 11:25, 26*

**Reader:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will never die.

**All:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

## *Gospel Reading:*

*John 11:1-45*

*Richard:* The Lord be with you  
*All:* And with your Spirit  
*Richard:* A reading from the Holy Gospel, according to John  
*All:* Glory to you, O Lord

### *At the end of the reading:*

*Richard:* The Gospel of the Lord  
*All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

## *The Homily*

*Richard*

## *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

## *Bidding Prayers*

*Reader:* Unbind us, Lord  
*All as response:* Set us free

*Towards the end of the prayers*

**All:** Hail Mary, Full of Grace the Lord is with thee  
Blessed art thou amongst women and Blessed is the fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of  
our death. Amen.

**Richard:** Pray, my sisters and brothers,  
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,  
our loving 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*

**Richard:** Almighty God,  
listen to our prayers:  
as you have instructed your servants in the Christian faith,  
so purify their hearts by the power of this sacrifice.  
Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

**Richard:** The Lord be with you  
**All:** And with your Spirit  
**Richard:** Lift up your hearts  
**All:** We lift them up to the Lord  
**Richard:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**All:** It is right and just.

*We pray the preface until the Holy, Holy:*

**All:** 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.

*Richard continues to lead us in the Eucharistic Prayer*

*Richard:* The mystery of faith

*All:* Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus come in glory.

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Doxology and Great Amen*

*All:* 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 Lord's Prayer***

*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.

*Richard:* Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, grant us peace in our days; by the  
help of your mercy, keep us free from sin and protect us in the time  
of trial, as we await in joyful hope the coming of  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*All:* For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.

## ***Prayer for Peace***

*All:* Lord Jesus Christ, you 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 us peace  
and unity in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

*Richard:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*All:* And with your Spirit  
*We offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

## ***Breaking of the Bread***

*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.

## *Invitation to Communion*

*We respond to the invitation saying:*

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

## *Act of Spiritual Communion*

Jesus, my Brother and Lord,  
I recognise you present with me  
in the Breaking of the Bread and the sharing of the Cup,  
in this most holy Sacrament of Your Body and Blood.  
I love you Who come to me in the poverty of this bread and wine  
and desire with all my heart to receive you into the core of my being.  
It hurts that I cannot at this time eat Your Body and drink Your Blood, but I truly  
believe you do come to me in all fulness.  
For Your love unites me spiritually with my Eucharistic Community,  
with Your whole Body, the Church.  
I believe nothing can separate me from Your love.  
I thank you with all my being that I am now one with you  
and my sisters and brothers in Your Church  
through this Holy Eucharist.  
Praise to You, my Food and my Love, my Brother and my Lord!

**AMEN!**

## *Prayer after Communion*

*Richard:*

We ask, almighty God,  
to be numbered always among the members of Christ,  
whose body and blood we share  
in this sacrament of unity.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

## *Blessing and Dismissal*

*Richard:*

God of salvation, let your Son's passion and death  
be for your people protection from evil in this life  
and the sure hope of glory in the life to come.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*Richard:* May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, +  
and the Holy Spirit, come down on us all and remain with us for ever.  
*All:* Amen

*Richard:* Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
*All:* Thanks be to God!

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please take this booklet away with you and  
do not leave it in the church - thank you!**

***NEXT LGBT+ MASS AT ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO  
3PM 21 MARCH***

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# A PRAYER FOR LENT

Creator God,  
You who formed my inmost being;  
Knit me together in my mother's womb,  
You, who affirm my deepest yearnings,  
and channel my desires towards the great end of your love,  
Send down your angels  
as I enter this wilderness to "come back" to you

I am marked with the sign of your cross  
And through this ritual of dust and ashes  
I know of my beginnings and endings with you.

This comforts me  
And assures me of your loving embrace - Even those parts of me  
that the world treats with scorn

May your angels minister to me, direct me, Strike rocks to quench my  
thirst

And as I empty myself to be filled with your light and truth I ask that  
my life journey on as testament to your surprising grace







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