

# WELCOME TO THE CLIFTON DIOCESE LGBT+ MASS



**Sunday**  
*18 April 2021*

ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO RC CHURCH  
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## *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:* The disciples at Emmaus recognise the Risen Lord in the breaking of Bread and rush to tell the Good News to the others in Jerusalem. And there He comes once again to meet us his People: to stretch out his wounded hands, to walk our path with his feet pierced with love. He asks us to nourish him, with the depth of our love and strength of our faith. He sends us as His witnesses! Let us allow his Word to draw us again to pray for mercy because as we resist our share in the Cross, so deprive our world of its share of Resurrection.

*Reader:* For being so slow to believe  
that love will turn our suffering into resurrection hope...

*All:* **Lord have mercy**

*Reader:* For lacking courage in witnessing to the name of Jesus  
and to the radical Gospel of our Risen Christ...

*All:* **Christ have mercy**

*Reader:* Because His resurrection is our Reconciliation;  
because His woundedness is our wholeness...

*All:* **Lord have mercy**

*Richard:* May the God of all life embrace us with mercy;  
may the Risen Lord touch us with forgiveness;  
may the Spirit of Easter Joy transform us  
into a living parable of reconciliation;  
bringing us and our world to everlasting life...

*All:* **Amen.**

**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*

*Richard:*

God of all the prophets,  
you fulfilled your promise of old  
that your Christ would suffer  
and so rise to glory.  
Open our minds to understand the Scriptures  
and fill us with joyful wonder in the presence of the risen Christ,  
that we may be his witnesses  
to the farthest reaches of the earth.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
who lives and reigns with you now and always  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

*All:*

Amen

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading:**

*Acts 3:13-15,17-19*

*At the end of the reading:*

**Reader:** The word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

*Psalm 4:2,4,7,9*

**Refrain:** Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

### **Second Reading:**

*1 John 2:1-5*

*At the end of the reading:*

**Reader:** The word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

*Jn 11:25, 26*

**Reader:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

**All:** Alleluia!

### **Gospel Reading:**

*Luke 24:35-48*

**Richard:** The Lord be with you

**All:** And with your Spirit

**Richard:** A reading from the Holy Gospel, according to Luke

**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**

## ***A Statement of Belief***

- Side A** We believe in God, Who is Love, creating all things in an explosion of love and affirming that everything and everyone created is very good. We believe that God has created each one of us without exception in the Divine image and likeness.
- Side B** Therefore, we commit ourselves to recognising that we all share our deepest identity as Children of God. We rejoice with gratitude in the rich diversity of all creation and the diverse identities of all human persons.
- Side A** We believe in Jesus Christ, the Immanuel who reveals a God who walks lovingly with us in our human condition and in all the struggles we encounter in life's pilgrimage. He listens to the cries of every human heart for acceptance and love.
- Side B** Therefore, we commit ourselves to making real His love for every human person of whatever identity, to walk alongside each other with compassion and care, protecting each other from all harm and discrimination.
- Side A** We believe in the Holy Spirit, the life-giver, the love-maker, the source of all unity and community. We believe that we are each a dwelling place of this Holy Spirit of God's loving and that there is no genuine love that is not Divine and Holy.
- Side B** Therefore, we commit ourselves to respect and to understand the different paths to holiness and love that the Holy Spirit calls each of us to walk; and we will support each other as we journey together as a gifted people of Mission.
- Side A** We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ, a Pilgrim People, a Sacrament of Christ's loving presence in the world, a Universal community of welcome for all people of every kind of diversity.
- Side B** Therefore we commit ourselves to building the Church as One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic - One family where we all belong equally; a Holy People where all help each other grow in the Holiness of loving; a truly Universal community where all humanity know they can flourish in their uniqueness and diversity; a community of Apostles and Prophets where each has the right and responsibility to speak their

voice, to proclaim the Gospel, to serve the Kingdom and to protect the human dignity of every person in every place.

**All:** As we believe, so may we live. Amen!

## ***Bidding Prayers***

**Reader:** Lord, we pray  
**All as response:** Be risen among us!

*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:** Lord, receive the gifts of your joyous Church.  
You have given us cause for great happiness on earth;  
grant us the consummation of that joy in heaven.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our 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:* Protect with loving-kindness, Lord,  
the people you have renewed  
through the paschal mystery of Christ,  
and grant them this reward:  
the resurrection of the body to glory everlasting.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

**Richard:** May the God who has redeemed you and made you adopted children through the resurrection of his only Son bless you and fill you with joy.

**All:** Amen.

**Richard:** May the God who has bestowed on you the gifts of redemption and lasting freedom make you heirs of eternal life.

**All:** Amen.

**Richard:** May the God who joined you to Christ's resurrection by faith and baptism lead you to live justly and so bring you to your home in heaven.

**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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