

Mass for the Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino

ENTRANCE LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL SONG

African and No 458

PENITENTIAL RITE - RECOMMITMENT TO OUR BAPTISM

BLESSING OF THE WATER

RICHARD: As we give thanks for 173 years of mission and witness, we recommit ourselves to God's future for our parish of community and mission. Baptism is the foundation of our Life in Christ. Signed by the Cross of Christ and immersed in the Sacred Waters, we die to ourselves and rise with Christ, to live for Him, for each other and for our world; from the Fount of Living Water we drink deeply of the Holy Spirit, and cry out 'Abba! our Father!'. From every tribe and nation, race and people we are gathered into the one Family of all God's Children.

EUSTACE: Will you now renew your commitment as the People of the Water:
Do you renounce all evil in the world and in your own hearts?
Do you commit yourselves to living the holiness of the Beatitudes?

PEOPLE: We do renounce all evil, seeking to live the Holiness and Love of Christ.

MARY: Will you love God your Father with all your heart and strength?
Will you accept afresh the New Life won for you
by the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, brother to all Humanity?
Will you live faithfully as a member of God's Holy Church,
building together a Universal Communion of love for all the nations?
Do you open afresh your life to the Power and Gifts of the Spirit that we
might continue the Mission of the Church here long into the future?

**PEOPLE: Signed by the Cross of Christ, we will live our Baptism in love for
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the heart of the Church.**

RICHARD: Divine Trinity, bless anew the water of this Font
and renew the Grace of Baptism in each member of this Parish.
Empower us for our mission: to build our community in love and service
and so witness to the love of Christ in the heart of the Inner City,
In the Name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit...

PEOPLE: AMEN!

All are sprinkled with Baptismal Water as a sign that we seek to live our Baptism anew.

MEANWHILE CANTORS SING

No 407

GLORIA

No 530

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LECTERN - RECOMMITMENT TO GOD'S WORD African Song of Acclamation
The Books of the Word are brought to the Lectern, 'the Table of the Word'. Our priest and Readers go to the Lectern to welcome the Books of the Holy Scriptures, and all rededicate ourselves to the Word Who is Life for us, Bread for our Journey.

RICHARD: Our God is the One who speaks - a Word that creates, redeems and heals.
God speaks with such intensity that the Word was made Flesh in Jesus.
This Living Word is to be proclaimed in new ways
by this parish for years to come.
Let us always open our hearts to the Word Who is Life,
that the flesh of our lives will also carry the Word to the World.

MARGARET: Will you rededicate yourselves to being the People of the Word?
Will you allow the Word to gather you as one community?
Will you welcome the Word when it challenges you to change?
Will you, like Mary, ponder the Word in your heart and make it your treasure
and like St Nicholas build your lives upon the Rock of God's Word?

**PEOPLE: WE REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO BEING BOTH LISTENERS
AND DOERS OF THE WORD, PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL WITH
OUR LIVES SO THAT THE WORD WILL BE MADE FLESH IN US.**

FIRST READING	<i>Isaiah c34: vv 4-7</i>	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM		sung
SECOND READING	<i>James c2: vv 1-5</i>	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION		sung
GOSPEL	<i>Mark c7: vv 31-37</i>	
HOMILY		

RENEWAL OF COVENANT WITH THE POOR

RICHARD: As in the past, so into the future God entrusts to our parish the care of the poor of the city and beyond. God challenges us in our time especially to listen to the cries of our Common Home (the Earth) and the cries of the poor. The Holy Spirit will anoint us like Jesus to be Good News to the Poor as we rededicate ourselves as a community to live out with courage God's option for the poor, excluded and rejected. Challenged to work for a True Jubilee of Justice and Peace for our Earth and its peoples by remaining true of our Covenant with the Poor, and inspired by God's great Lover of the Poor, St Nicholas, we will stand in solidarity with the poor, root out discrimination, welcome the stranger among us and struggle with them for freedom and working for Peace seek to bring healing to Creation;
Do you reaffirm this Covenant with the Poor and Creation?

**People: WE REAFFIRM OUR PARISH COVENANT WITH THE POOR:
WE WILL STAND IN SOLIDARITY AND COMPASSION WITH THE POOR
WE WILL WELCOME AND LISTEN TO THE STRANGER;
WE WILL STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR ALL THE PEOPLES;
WE WILL CHANGE SO AS TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME, THE EARTH.**

INTERCESSIONS - AFTER EACH INTERCESSION, ALL SAY
RENEW YOUR PEOPLE IN LOVE...

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY No 473 Then the Blessing of the St Nicholas Bread

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Sanctus: No 559

Consecration: No 560

PEACE No 590

COMMUNION

Ubi Caritas
Spanish Hymn
No 882

AT THE TABLE OF THE EUCHARIST Rededication as the Community of the Bread and the Cup
After sharing the Eucharist together, the Priest stands once more at the Altar Table and lead us in
an Act of Rededication as the People of the Eucharist.

RICHARD: At the centre of every Catholic church stands the Table of the Lord.
May generations to come gather around this Eucharistic Table
to share the Breaking of the Bread, and to drink deeply
of His transforming love in the One Cup.
The Eucharist is the Sacrifice of Christ that has broken down the barriers
dividing us from each other; it is the centre of our lives,
the love that gathers us from every race, culture and language
into a Universal Community, a People of joyous diversity, the People of God;
the power which nourishes us and sends us in mission to our world.

ANDREW: Will you commit yourselves afresh to being the People of the Eucharist,
working in the years and decades that lie ahead of us as a parish
for the unity of the One Bread and One Cup
among yourselves and with Christians of every tradition?
Will you commit yourselves afresh to being the People of the Eucharist,
to break bread of justice, share the cup of suffering with the poor,
welcome the stranger and the outcast to our Table
and bring healing to our divided society?

PEOPLE: **WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS WE WILL BECOME THE LIVING
EUCHARIST IN THE HEART OF THE WORLD, SERVING UNITY.**

MINETTE: Will you commit yourselves afresh to being the People of the Eucharist,
by hungering for Christ's presence and thirsting for Christ's love ...
by expressing that love by humble service of the poor and broken
of your world?

PEOPLE: **WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS WE WILL DEEPEN OUR LOVE
FOR CHRIST, WHO WASHED OUR FEET AT THE FIRST EUCHARIST
AND TOLD US TO DO LIKEWISE.**

LITURGY OF BLESSING AND MISSION

THE BLESSING AND MISSION

Commissioning and Sending our Community for another year of Service and Witness to the Lord

RICHARD: We inherit a rich tradition of 173 years of faith and prayer,
witness and service ...
may the Father make us faithful
to all that has been handed on to us

PEOPLE: AMEN!

RICHARD: Jesus shares with us His dream of a world made new,
a New Heaven and New Earth where all creation is set free.
May we listen to his call, walk his Way, proclaim His Truth
and give Life by His Love
in new and challenging ways

PEOPLE: AMEN!

RICHARD: May the Holy Spirit, fall upon us ...
with life-giving Water to cleanse and heal;
with Fire to burn love into our hearts;
with Mighty Wind to empower us to be Prophets
that we will be a Parable of Communion in the Inner City
forging the future with new courage

PEOPLE: AMEN!

RICHARD: May Almighty God bless us all
Father + Son and Holy Spirit
now and forever ...

PEOPLE: AMEN!

RICHARD: Our Celebration is ended ...
go in the love of God,
the Freedom of Christ
and the power of the Spirit
to proclaim Good News to All Creation!

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

RECESSIONAL

No 854