

# WELCOME TO THE CLIFTON DIOCESE LGBT+ MASS



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ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO RC CHURCH

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## **Entrance Hymn: No. 784 Praise we our God...**

(Frederick Oakeley et al.)

### **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:** Today we hear how David refuses to give way to vengeance on King Saul; St Paul tells us to become more and more like Jesus, the heavenly man; and Jesus himself confronts us with the foolishness of God! He challenges us to love our enemies, to return blessing for a curse. He urges us to share the very compassion of God with a generous and giving heart. It is foolish talk, unrealistic idealism for the world ... Is it the same for us? Or have we the courage to live the foolish generosity of God here and now?

**Reader:** Jesus says: 'Love your enemies' ... when we hold onto grudges, past hurts, and meaningless animosities

**All:** Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison

**Reader:** Jesus says: 'Give to everyone who asks you' ... for meanness of heart and pocket, for lack of generosity with our time, our energy and our caring

**All:** Christe, Christe, eleison

**Reader:** Jesus says: 'Be compassionate - do not judge' ... when we ignore or make ourselves blind to the suffering of others, it will cost too much; for being judgemental rather than forgiving and understanding

**All:** Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison

**Richard:** May the compassionate Father embrace us;  
Jesus who died for love of his enemies and ours forgive us;  
may the Spirit given so generously empower us to be servants of reconciliation and peace;  
and bring all the world to everlasting life...

**All:** Amen.

## **Gloria**

*(Michael Perry)*

Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love him well;  
on the earth let all his people  
speak his grace, his wonders tell:

Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's king;  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with God in triumph seated  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:

Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!  
(2x)

## **Collect:**

*Richard:*

Compassionate God and Father,  
you are kind to the ungrateful,  
merciful even to the wicked.

Pour out your love upon us,  
that with good and generous hearts  
we may keep from judging others  
and learn your way of compassion.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

*All:*

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading:**

*1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23*

*At the end of the reading:*

*Reader:*

The word of the Lord

*All:*

**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 102 (103): 1-48, 10, 12-13

*Refrain:*           **The Lord is compassion and love**

## *Second Reading:*

*I Corinthians 15:45-49*

*At the end of the reading:*

*Reader:*           **The word of the Lord**

*All:*               **Thanks be to God**

## *Gospel Acclamation:*

*Jn 13:34*

*Reader:*           **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I give you a new commandment:**  
**love one another just as I have loved you,**  
**says the Lord.**

*All:*               **Alleluia!**

## *Gospel Reading:*

*Luke 6: 27-38*

*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*

## *Bidding Prayers*

*Reader:*           **Lord, we pray**

*All as response:*   **Teach us true Wisdom**

*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.**

## ***A Statement of Conviction and Commitment***

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

## ***Offertory Hymn: No 80/ Love divine, all loves excelling***

*(Charles Wesley)*

### ***Prayer over the Gifts***

*Richard:* Lord,  
as we celebrate these mysteries  
with fitting reverence,  
grant that the offering We make  
to the glory of your name  
may lead us to salvation.  
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: No. 594 Jesus Lamb of God**

*(Paul Inwood)*

### **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!

### **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.

*It is our parish policy that all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not feel comfortable with receiving communion for whatever reason, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing - please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*

### **During Communion: God is forgiveness (Taizé)**

God is forgiveness,  
Dare to forgive and  
God will be with you  
God is forgiveness,  
Love and do not fear.



## **Communion Hymn: No. 842 Come back to me...**

*(Gregory Norbet, based on Hosea)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Richard:** All-loving God,  
grant that we may come to the fullness of salvation,  
which is pledged to us through this eucharistic mystery.  
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

**Richard:** May the Lord bless us and keep us.

**All:** Amen.

**Richard:** May the face of the Lord shine upon us and be gracious to us

**All:** Amen.

**Richard:** May the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

**All:** Amen

**Richard:** May God bless us, the Father, and the Son, +  
and the Holy Spirit,

**All:** Amen

**Richard:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## **Recessional Hymn No. 847 O Lord, all the world belongs to you...**

*(Patrick Appleford)*

**In compliance with COVID-19 guidelines,  
please take this booklet away with you  
and do not leave it in the church - thank  
you!**

**PLEASE NOTE: The next LGBT+ Mass will be at 3pm on Sunday 27th March- please see below**

**INVITATION** Our LGBT+ Mass normally takes place on the third Sunday of the month, for March only this will be changed to the fourth Sunday (27th). This is because Father Richard and the parish will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest on 20th March and you are invited to join the parish Mass at 10.00am on that day and to share lunch with us afterwards. This will be an opportunity to express our thanks for Father Richard's uncompromising support for the LGBT+ community, one of many aspects of his ministry over so many years. Please do come along - you will be as welcome as ever and it promises to be a joyful and lively celebration!



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