

*Bring me
what you have*



Congregational Leadership Handover Mass



1 February 2020, Baulkham Hills

Thanks and Handover of Leadership Mass

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Mass Setting Mass of St Francis



Acknowledgement of Land and Welcome



Mass of St Francis

Entrance Hymn

Table of Plenty *Dan Schutte*

***Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.***

O, come and sit at my table
Where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love. (R)

O, come and eat without money;
Come and drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life. (R)

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul. (R)

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest
Will send my rain on the soil. (R)

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The Introductory Rites



Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

This water has been carried from the well at Mary MacKillop Place.

It was a source of nourishment and refreshment for the traditional owners of the land, the land itself, Mary MacKillop and the early Sisters.

Celebrant

Dear Friends,

We ask our God
to bless us with the gift of creation, living water,
sprinkled on us now as a memorial of our baptism.

Living God, + bless this water.
Renew the living springs of your grace within us
so that with hearts enlivened
we may be grounded in mission
and minister with Christ in the Cosmos
for ever and ever

Assembly

Amen.

The Congregation will now be sprinkled with blessed water.

The Deeper River Digby Hannah

There's a river running deep within the silence of our souls
Where the quenching, healing waters carve their art.
At its source a spring of living water surging and sustained;
It's the voice of Jesus waiting for the listening of our hearts.



Sometimes the river of our life winds wandering away.
Sometimes the rapids tumble restlessly.
Comes the time to stop and find the deeper river running strong,
To drink refreshing waters and to hear the Spirit's song. (R)

Hear the call to thirsty people, there's no need to thirst again.
To the weary, come beside still waters lie.
Full of goodness, full of mercy, our cup will overflow,
When the call of that deep river is a voice we've come to know. (R)

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After the sprinkling the Presider prays:

Presider May almighty God cleanse us of our sins and through
the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to
share at the table of his Kingdom.

Assembly Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in 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. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.
O God, source of all goodness,
who have shown us
in Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods
people of faith living by the power of the Cross and
trust in Providence.
Teach us, we pray, by their example
to live the Gospel in changing times
and to respect and defend
the human dignity of all in our land.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy Of The Word



First Reading

1 Kings 17:7-16

Psalm

Praise the Lord for the Lord is Good

Christopher Willcock sj

Verses sung by Cantor

Cantor

Praise the Lord for the Lord is good.

Assembly

Praise the Lord for the Lord is good.

Cantor

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
To make music to your name, O Most High.
To proclaim your love in the morning
And your truth in the watches of the night. (R)

Cantor

Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad
For the work of your hands I shout with joy.
O Lord, how great are your works!
How deep are your designs! (R)

Cantor

The just will flourish like the palm tree
And grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the Lord
They will flourish in the courts of our God. (R)

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Gospel

Matthew 15:29-39

Reflection

Sr Colleen O'Sullivan

Ritual Of Thanks And Taking Up Of Office

The outgoing Congregational Leader and her Team are called forward.

Sr Colleen On behalf of all the Sisters in our Congregation, we express our gratitude and appreciation to you, Sr Monica and your Council – Srs Catherine Shelton, Marion Gambin, Louise Reeves and Maryellen Thomas.

Sr Monica Sisters, I have completed my term of office as your Congregational Leader as elected in the 26th General Chapter. I give thanks to God and to you my Sisters for your trust and love over the past six years.

Team Members Sisters, we have completed our term of office as General Councillors. We too give thanks to God and to you our Sisters for your trust and love over the past six years.

Sr Colleen I now invite those who have served as Regional Leaders to stand. Srs Mary Ellen O'Donoghue, Margaret Cleary, Annette Arnold, Kerrie Cusack and Pauline Morgan, who is in Ireland and unable to be with us. Sisters as you move towards completing your term as Regional Leaders, we also extend our gratitude to each of you and to the members of your Teams.

Thanksgiving *We give you thanks, we give you thanks
For the grace to receive, in you we believe.
We give you thanks, we give you thanks
With faith and hope and love we give you thanks.*

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The outgoing Congregational Leadership Team return to their seats.

Sr Colleen

We now call from our midst Sr Monica Cavanagh who has been re-elected by the 27th General Chapter to the ministry of Congregational Leader for a further term of six years.

Monica, our Constitutions describe your role as 'keeping alive the apostolic zeal at the heart of the charism, helping to break new ground at the service of the reign of God, while maintaining strong bonds of unity'.

In taking up the office of Congregational Leader do you commit yourself to serve as the Constitutions ask?

Sr Monica

With the grace of God I do.

Sr Colleen

Monica, do you commit yourself to leading our Congregation with the vision of the 27th General Chapter.

Sr Monica

With the grace of God and in communion with you, my Sisters across the Congregation, I do.

Sisters

Monica, we thank you for your generosity in placing your gifts at the service of our Congregation as our Leader for the next six years. We gift you now with this image reflecting our readings – 'bring me what you have.'

Sr Monica

I receive this symbol which speaks of promise and providence. May I faithfully live the call which has been entrusted to me. May I trust in the silent work of God to provide.



Sr Colleen

We now call forward the members of the General Council also elected by the 27th General Chapter Srs Josephine Dubiel, Mary Ellen O'Donoghue, Clare Conaglen and Louise Reeves.

Sr Monica

Srs Josephine, Mary Ellen, Clare and Louise, your role, as described in the Constitutions, is 'to provide me with counsel in all sincerity and frankness and to assist me in cultivating a global vision, assimilating and analysing relevant information and keeping up to date with events, ideas and trends'. In taking up this office do you commit yourself to serve as the Constitutions ask?

Team

With the grace of God and in communion with you our Sisters across the Congregation, we do.

Sr Monica

Srs Josephine, Mary Ellen, Clare and Louise, I gift you with this image of the loaves and fish. May it inspire and remind you to bring what you have and to trust in the silent work of God to provide.

Sr Colleen

Together with Monica, these Sisters form the Congregational Leadership Team for the next six years. Let us acclaim our new leadership.

Response

Joseph Holy Dom S Moreno

Joseph holy, faithful guardian,
Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin,
Loving teacher of God's Word.

***Joseph holy, faithful guardian,
Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin,
Loving teacher of God's Word.***

You the model of obedience,
You the poor and humble worker,
You the patron of the Church. (R)

Then we ask you, Joseph faithful
Help us always be attentive,
List'ning, hearing God's own Word. (R)

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Address by Sr Monica



Universal Prayer

Celebrant

Dear friends, Jesus was moved by compassion to respond to those in need. In this liturgy as we give thanks and pray for our leadership teams, we entrust these prayers to our Provident God.

Reader

For all members of the Church:

Assembly

That we may allow God's Word to enter our hearts, bringing us into a deeper relationship with Christ, and inspire us to live more fully for Christ each day.

Reader

For our world:

Assembly

That all who are suffering from natural disasters will be strengthened, given hope and helped to restore their lives.

Reader

For all those called to leadership:

Assembly

That leaders, especially our Josephite Sisters, will be inspired by the words of scripture and respond to their call with boldness, trust and conviction.

Reader

For those who are struggling:

Assembly

That those who feel excluded and made vulnerable by any form of misuse of power be cared for with compassion, understanding and warmth.

Reader

For those who are experiencing pain, loss and hurt:

Assembly

That in a spirit of hope we will reach out with a promise of life and wholeness to those who find themselves walking in darkness.

Reader

For those who have died:

Assembly

We give thanks for those who have gone before us and remember those who have died recently from natural disasters.

Celebrant

We offer these prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly

Amen.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation Of The Gifts

Hymn

Barley Loaves and Fishes *Michael Herry fms*

*This table of life all gather round:
Our simple gifts can change to things profound.
Though there's not much in my bag,
What I've got Lord, you can have,
For you to multiply to make go round.*

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Holy, Holy, Holy

(sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n 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.

The Mystery of Faith

(sung)

When we eat this Bread and drink the Cup,
We proclaim your Death,
O Lord, until you come again.

Amen

(sung)

Amen, Amen, Amen.



The Communion Rite



Our Father

Lamb of God

(sung)

Communion Hymn

Come To The Feast *Marty Haugen*

To ev'ryone that thirsts:
Here is an end to hunger:
And ev'ryone who labours:
All you who have no money:

The waters of the Jordan
The waters of your birth.
The waters that renew you.
O come to the feast.

To ev'ryone who seeks:
Hear me and share the riches:
And ev'ryone who mourns:
Now is an end to sadness:

The streams of joy and gladness.
The rains that bring you joy.
The waters that restore you.
O come to the feast.

And you who are enslaved:
This is the feast of freedom:
To all who live in fear:
Join in the feast with courage:

Come to the waters!
Come to the feast!
Come to the waters!
Come to the feast!
For this is life:
For this is life:
For this is life:

O come to the feast.

Come to the waters!
Come to the feast!
Come to the waters!
Come to the feast!
For this is life:
For this is life:
For this is life:

O come to the feast.

Come to the waters!
Come to the feast!
Come to the waters!
Come to the feast!
For this is life:

The waters that have freed you.
The saving streams of God.
To share around the table.
O come to the feast.

For this is life:
For this is life:

O come to the feast.

And all who are oppressed:
This is the feast of justice:
And you, the lost and broken:
This is the feast of healing:

Come to the waters!
Come to the feast!
Come to the waters!
Come to the feast!
For this is life:
For this is life:
For this is life:

To die and rise in Jesus.
To share the life of Christ
The bread and wine of justice.
O come to the feast.

O come to the feast.

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Communion Hymn

I Found The Treasure Daniel L. Schutte

Lord, to whom can I go? You alone speak the words of life.
You alone on the earth or in heaven above
Are my Saviour and my God. (R)

***I found the treasure in a field, that neither time nor death can steal.
I will sell what I have, give all that I am, to hold this treasure as my own.***

Jesus, Lord of my life, I can ask for nothing more
Than to see and believe that my life lies in You,
In the kingdom of my Lord. (R)

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Appointment Of Regional Leaders

Sr Monica

After prayer and consultation with the Sisters of our Congregation I have appointed Sisters to care for and lead each of our Regions. I ask that each of you come forward as I call your name:

Sr Brigitte – CentreWest, Sr Anne – New South Wales, Sr Moya – Aotearoa New Zealand, Sr Sue – Vic-Tas, Sr Lyn – Queensland.

Sr Anne – New South Wales and Sr Margaret – Ireland are not able to be with us.

Sisters, receive your Letter of Appointment as Regional Leader. We will send this Letter of Appointment to Margaret and Anne.

We acknowledge that the care and leadership of Nova Esperanza will be the responsibility of the Congregational Leadership Team and Katrina van Ruth as Community Leader.



Blessing Of The Congregational Leadership Team And Regional Leaders



Sr Colleen

I now invite the members of our Congregational Leadership Team and the Regional Leaders to come forward – Srs Monica, Josephine, Mary Ellen, Clare, Louise and Moya, Brigitte, Sue and Lyn.
We are mindful of Srs Margaret and Anne who are not able to be with us.

CLT and Regional Leaders come forward and stand facing the Gathering.

Sr Colleen

Sisters as you go now to lead and care for our Congregation we pray this blessing for you:

Sisters *Lectern Side*

May you walk faith-filled and confident through the years.
May love overflow from your heart and return to you a hundredfold.

Sisters *Organ Side*

May you recognise the fruits of your ministry of leadership.
May you trust that your efforts are worthwhile.

Sisters *Lectern Side*

May you be clothed in the calmness of Jesus and the strength of his kindness.
May you be attentive to what arises within you and nurture your whole self.

Sisters *Organ Side*

May you find a trusted companion to journey with you compassionately.
May the gift of hope be yours.

Sisters *Lectern Side*

May you always remember that your ministry of leadership and care finds its source in the One who says: 'bring me what you have.'

Celebrant

May the Creator of all that is, God among us and Sophia Wisdom, who calls us to heal, include, untether, set right and serve, bless us now and for ever.

Assembly

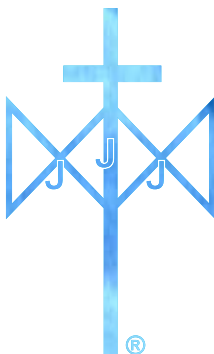
Amen.

Celebrant

Let us go in love and peace to be the face of God to all we meet.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.



Recessional Hymn

Song of God's People *Monica Brown*

***Let the trumpets sound, let the music play,
Let the song of God's people be heard,
And let the praise of God resound
Throughout heaven and earth.***

People of God sing out your praise,
Sing of the glory of our God,
Lift up your voice and let your praise be heard. (R)

The sick, the needy, the broken, the poor,
The rich, the strong, all gathered as one,
Blest and made whole in the love of our God. (R)

In you, O God we place our trust.
Your love and kindness, you lavish on us,
We celebrate your life in us, O God. (R)

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Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart