

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR
THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE
ORDINATION TO
THE PRIESTHOOD OF
FR. EDWARD GALLAGHER



ST. BRIGID'S
CHURCH
CARNHILL
DERRY

Thursday
13th June, 2019



ST. PATRICK'S
CHURCH
GREENCASTLE
CO. TYRONE

Friday
14th June, 2019

Ordained in St. Brigid's Church, Carnhill, Derry
Sunday 12th June, 1994 by Most Rev. Francis Lagan DD
CC Holy Family Parish, Derry (1994 - 1998)

Derry Diocesan - Mission Outreach to Belize, Central America
Associate Pastor and Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish San Ignacio (1999 - 2004)

CC Cappagh, Co. Tyrone (2004)

CC Limavady, Co. Derry (2004 - 2013)

Adm. Long Tower, Co. Derry (2013 - 2015)

PP Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (2015 -)

ENTRANCE HYMN Till the End of My Days (Thursday)
Christ Be Our Light (Friday)

KYRIE [sung]

GLORIA [sung] (Thursday)

FIRST READING A reading from the Prophet Micah
Seamus Gallagher (Thursday) Catriona McCullagh (Friday)

"With what gift shall I come into Yahweh's presence
and bow down before God on high?

Shall I come with holocausts,
with calves one year old?

Will he be pleased with rams by the thousand,
with libations of oil in torrents?

Must I give my first-born for what I have done wrong,
the fruit of my body for my own sin?"

What is good has been explained to you, man;
this is what Yahweh asks of you:

only this, to act justly, to love tenderly

and to walk humbly with your God. *The Word of the Lord*

PSALM (sung) To you Lord, I lift up my soul *Sarah Gallagher (Thursday)*
Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each
by name. Come and in follow me, I will bring you home.
I love you and you are mine. *Tara Connelly (Friday)*

SECOND READING A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
Rachel Quinn (both days)

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed
in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear
with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has
forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep-them
together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in
your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one
body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each
other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing
psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything
except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through
him. *The Word of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION O'Caroll *Mairead Hillen (Thursday) • Celtic (Friday)*

GOSPEL READING *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus said: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you.

“But alas for you who are rich : you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

“Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

The Gospel of the Lord

HOMILY Fr. Eddie Gallagher (Thursday)
Fr. Brendan Crowley (Friday)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Aidan Tejada (Thursday)
Lauren O'Neill • Colleen Brogan • Aidan Tejada (Friday)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS Evelina Gallagher • Sadie Gallagher (Thursday)
Evelina Gallagher • John James McElduff • Katie McGurk (Friday)

~ INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ~

HOLY, HOLY [sung] (Thursday) **MYSTERY OF FAITH** [sung] (Thursday)

DOXOLOGY / GREAT AMEN [sung] **OUR FATHER** [sung] (Thursday)

LAMB OF GOD [sung]

POST COMMUNION REFLECTION *Reflection on Priesthood by St. Oscar Romero*
Fr. Chris Ferguson (Thursday) • Rev. Jason Kernohan (Friday)

RECESSIONAL HYMN Till the End of My Days (Thursday)
Christ Be Beside Me (Friday)

POST COMMUNION REFLECTION

By Archbishop Oscar Romero, Saint of the Catholic Church

It helps, now and then, to step back
And take the long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
It is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of
The magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete,
Which is another way of saying
That the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goal and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything

And there is a sense of liberation in realising that.

This enables us to do something,

And to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,

An opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,

But that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders,

Ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

