

Mass for Ireland



In honour of
The Holy Family
of Nazareth

St. Mel's Cathedral
Longford

Rosary 2.30 p.m., Holy
Mass 3 p.m., Holy Hour
for Ireland 4 p.m.

Celebrant
Bishop Colm O'Reilly

Musical Director
Thady O'Connor

Organist
Fintan Farrelly



SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2016 - SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

“The family is the true measure of the greatness of a nation”.
St. John Paul

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AN TEAGHLACH NAOFA



Welcome to everyone who has joined us today in St. Mel's Cathedral, in the heart of Ireland. We come together today to pray for our families, for our beloved nation and for the protection of human life. We wish to thank Bishop Francis Duffy for welcoming us to St. Mel's and Bishop Emeritus Colm O'Reilly for celebrating mass for us today.

An Teaghlach Naofa (The Holy Family) is a prayer network for the protection of Ireland in these times. We, the people of Ireland, must stand firm in the faith of our fathers and entrust our families and our nation to the loving care of The Holy Family.

An Teaghlach Naofa is in honour of The Holy Family of Nazareth and under the patronage of St. John Paul who loved the people of Ireland so much. Leaving our shores, St. John Paul told us, "Keep true to the faith, to the prayers and values you have learned and pass on that heritage to your children, for it is rich and good". St. John Paul's wish, "that every home in Ireland, may return, or begin again to be, a home of daily family of prayer".

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, enfold our families and our nation in your loving care. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we love you, pray for us and our families and bring us all to heaven.

"May the light of Christ, the light of faith, continue always to shine out from Ireland. May no darkness ever be able to extinguish it".

St. John Paul

We ask all present to join in the singing today for "when a congregation sings together in one voice, there is a vibrant joy created in the soul".

St. John Paul

2.30 P.M. ENTRANCE PROCESSION

We will enter the cathedral in procession and behind the banner of The Lamb of God. We will carry roses and place them on the altar of The Holy Family. These will be blessed for you to collect later and bring home.

Procession Hymn

Christ be our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us your own, Your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!

Now will the fire kindled in darkness
Burn to dispel the shadows of night,
Star of the morning, Jesus our Saviour,
You are the world's true light.

This is the day of new beginnings,
This is the day when heaven meets earth,
This is the day filled with God's glory,
Promise of our new birth.

Into this world morning is breaking,
All of God's people, lift up Your voice,
Cry out with joy, tell out this story,
All of the earth rejoice.

2.35 P.M. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O Salutaris Hostia

O salutaris Hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

O saving Victim, opening wide,
The gate of heaven to man below!
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

To Thy great name by endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, one in Three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with Thee. Amen

2.40 P.M. THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The joyful mysteries of the rosary for the protection of the unborn and the families of our nation.

Prayer petitions may be left in the basket at The Holy Family altar. These prayers will also be placed at the altar of The Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto.

3 P.M. HOLY MASS

Today is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass is offered for the protection of sacramental marriage between man and woman as instituted by God and in thanksgiving to God for this gift and the gift of every new life created by God, and for our nation.

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, a faithful and prudent steward, whom the Lord set over His household.

Entrance Hymn

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
all on earth Thy scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain;
everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,

fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name Thee,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim Thee,
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Lord Have Mercy

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison, Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison

Gloria

Response (sung)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel

The Word of the Lord came to Nathan: "Go and tell my servant David, Thus the Lord speaks: When your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. It is He who shall build a house for my name, and I will make His royal throne secure for ever. I will be a Father to Him and He a son to me. Your house and Your sovereignty will always stand before Me and Your throne be established forever".

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 88)

His dynasty shall last forever

His dynasty shall last for ever,
Through all ages my mouth will proclaim Your
truth,
Of this I am sure, that Your love lasts forever,
That Your truth is firmly established as the
heavens.

I have made a covenant with My chosen one,
I have sworn to David My servant,
I will establish Your dynasty for ever,
And set up Your throne through all ages.

He will say to Me, You are My Father,
My God, the rock who saves Me,
I will keep My love for Him always,
With Him My covenant shall endure.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter to St. Paul to the Romans

The promise of inheriting the world was not made to Abraham and his descendants on account of any law but on account of the righteousness which consists in faith. That is why, what fulfils the promise depends on faith, so that it may be a free gift and be available to all of Abraham's descendants, not only those who belong to the Law but also those who belong to the faith of Abraham who is the Father of all of us. As scripture says: *I have made you the ancestor of many nations* – Abraham is our father in the eyes of God, in whom he puts his faith, and who brings the dead to life and calls into being what does not exist.

Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and believed, and through doing so, he did become the father of many nations exactly as he had been promised: *Your descendants will be as many as the stars*. This is the faith that was "considered as justifying him".

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal
glory
They are happy who dwell in your house, O
Lord, forever singing your praise.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal
glory

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of her was born Jesus who is called Christ.
This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name Him Jesus, because He is the one who is to save His people from their sins". When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do".

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful

Response

Lord, graciously hear us

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

I will never forget you my people

I will never forget you My people,
I have carved you on the palm of My hand,
I will never forget you,
I will not leave you orphaned,
I will never forget My own.

Does a mother forget her baby,
Or a woman the child within her womb,
Yet even if these forget,
Yes even if these forget,
I will never forget My own.

**(The offertory collection will go towards
masses for protection of human life and
masses for our bishops and priests).**

Holy Holy Holy

Sanctus Dominus Deus sabbaoth,
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua,
Hosanna in excelsis,
Benedictus qui venit in nomine domini,
Hosanna in excelsis.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world,
Save us, Saviour of the world,
For by Your cross and resurrection,
You have set us free, You have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
Misere nobis,
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
Misere nobis,
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona nobis pacem.

Communion Hymns

Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Here I am Lord

I The Lord of sea and sky
I have heard My people cry,

All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save,
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Be Still For the Presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here,
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear,
In Him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground,
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around,
He burns with holy fire
With splendour He is crowned,
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light,
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace,
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him,
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

A Mhuire Mhathair

A Mhuire Mháthair,
'Sé seo mo ghúí
Go maire Íosa, Go deo' nar gcroí
Ave Maria, mo ghrá Ave,
Is tusa mo mháthair is máthair Dé

A Mhuire Mháthair,
I rith mo shaoil, Bí liom mar dhídean,
ar gach aon bhaol

A Mhuire Mháthair
'tá lán de ghrás
Go raibh tú taobh liom, Ar uair mo bháis

O Come to The Garden Alone (Solo)

Communion Antiphon

Well done, good and faithful servant.
Come and share your master's joy.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.

Prayer to The Infant Child

Infant Jesus, meek and mild
Look on me a little child
Pity mine and pity me
Suffer me to come to Thee

Heart of Jesus I adore Thee
Heart of Mary I implore Thee
Heart of Joseph, pure and just
In these three hearts I place my trust.

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn Our Lady of Knock

There were people of all ages
gathered 'round the gable wall
poor and humble men and women,
little children that you called.
We are gathered here before you,
and our hearts are just the same
filled with joy at such a vision,
as we praise your name.

Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland,
all my cares and troubles cease
as we kneel with love before you,
Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace.

Though your message was unspoken,
still the truth in silence lies
as we gaze upon your vision,
and the truth I try to find.
Here I stand with John the teacher,
and with Joseph at your side
and I see the Lamb of God,
on the Altar glorified.

And the Lamb will conquer
and the woman clothed in the sun
will shine Her light on everyone.
Yes the lamb will conquer
And the woman clothed in the sun
Will shine her light on everyone.

3.50 P.M. HOLY HOUR FOR IRELAND

We will now adore Jesus in The Blessed Sacrament. The monstrance is The Holy Family monstrance designed by Noel Ward, from Tralee, Co. Kerry, used for the 50th International Eucharist Congress in Dublin, 2012.

O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Most Holy
O Sacrament Divine
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine (x3)

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Luminous Mysteries of the rosary will be offered for healing of our nation.

Prayer of Consecration of Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Refuge of Sinners, we entrust and consecrate ourselves, our family, our home, our Dioceses and Ireland, our country, to Jesus through your Immaculate Heart. As your children, we promise to follow your example in our lives by doing at all times the will of God.

O Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, we renew today the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation. Intercede for us with the Holy Spirit that we may be always faithful to your Divine Son, to His Mystical Body, the Catholic Church, and to the teachings of His Vicar on earth, our Holy Father the Pope.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Queen and our Mother, we promise to uphold the sanctity of

marriage and the welfare of the family. Watch over our minds and hearts and preserve our young people from dangers to their faith and the many temptations that threaten them in the world today.

We ask you, Mary our advocate to intercede with your Divine Son. Obtain for our country the grace to uphold the uniqueness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death.

O Blessed Mother, Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope, we wish that this Consecration be for the greater glory of God and that it lead us safely to Jesus your Son.

A Naomh-Mhuire, a Mháthair Dé, guigh orainn na peacaigh, anois agus ar uair ár mbáis. Amen.

Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

V Panem de caelo praestitisti eis
R Omnem delectamentum in se habentem

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! oe'r ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honour blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

V. Thou hast given them bread from heaven
R. Having within it all sweetness

Blessing of the roses

4.50 P.M. LITANY OF OUR LADY (The Litany of Loreto)

Procession singing The Litany of Our Lady (The Litany of Loreto), passing the Holy Family Altar and receive a blessed rose for your family.

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

In this the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we can receive the amazing gift of a plenary indulgence and complete remission of all temporal punishment in purgatory due to sin, for ourselves, or daily, for a holy soul in purgatory, if we:

- Go to confession / be in a state of grace with no attachment to venial sin

- Receive Holy Communion*
- Pray profession of faith – The Apostles Creed
- Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for intentions of Pope Francis
- Enter through The Holy Doors (on knees if able) and pray The Jubilee Prayer / reflection on mercy OR perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy or act of penance

*sick, housebound, prisoners, can receive Holy Communion without mass as long as in a state of grace.

AS WE LEAVE ST. MEL'S TODAY

As we go home from St. Mel's today, let us continue on as pilgrims journeying in prayer with The Holy Family. We ask Jesus, Mary and Joseph to watch over us and protect us and our families and all families across our nation and our loved ones abroad. Pray each day to The Holy Family and have a picture of The Holy Family in your home. Let us fulfil St. John Paul's wish, and make our home places of daily family prayer. Copies of our rosary & other prayers CD available in the porch. Proceeds to masses for Ireland. St. Mel's Cathedral new Stations of The Cross booklet, also in porch.

NEXT EVENTS

Spiritual Bouquet to Our Lady of Fatima for the 100th anniversary

Please join in The Spiritual Bouquet to Our Lady of Fatima, for the 100th anniversary, on behalf of the people of Ireland. Copies of spiritual bouquet/pledge cards are available in the porch.

24 Hour Vigil for the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima – 13th May '16

Unite in a 24 hour vigil for the feast of Our Lady on 13th May, starting at 6 p.m. on the 12th May and finishing at 6 p.m. on the 13th May, praying the rosary every hour on the hour, and reading extracts from the story of Fatima.

Novena to the Holy Spirit for a new Pentecost for Ireland 7th – 15th May '16

Join online in a novena to The Holy Spirit for a new Pentecost for Ireland.

CUP OF TEA!

There is a cup of tea in the Holy Family Centre from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Thanks to Kitty and friends.

Pope Francis Prayer to the Holy Family for families of the world

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
to you, Holy Family of Nazareth,
today we turn our gaze
with admiration and confidence;
in you we contemplate
the beauty of communion in true love;
to you we commend our families,
so that in them marvels of grace be renewed.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
alluring school of the Gospel:
teach us to imitate your virtues
with a wise spiritual discipline,
grant us a clear vision
that recognizes the work of Providence
in the daily realities of life.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
faithful custodian of the mystery of salvation:
help us to regain an appreciation for silence,
make our families cenacles of prayer
and transform them into little domestic
churches,
renew the desire for sanctity,
sustain the noble toil of work, of education,
of listening, of mutual understanding and of
forgiveness.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
reawaken in our society the consciousness
of the sacred and inviolable character of the
family,
an inestimable and irreplaceable good.
May every family be a place where goodness
and peace are welcomed:
for children and for the elderly,
for those who are sick and alone,
for those who are poor and needy.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
we pray to you with confidence, we entrust
ourselves to you with joy. Amen.

Thank you for coming. God bless and safe home - An Teaghlach Naofa - www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie

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