

We extend a warm welcome to all who  
have joined us today to celebrate our marriage.

We thank you for all the love you have given us.

We look forward to your  
continued support and friendship  
throughout our married life.

We hope you have an enjoyable and memorable day

*Le Grá*

# *Our Wedding Party*

**Bride:**

**Groom:**

**Celebrant:**

**Witnesses**

**First Reading:**

**Second Reading:**

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

**Music:**

# *Introductory Rite All Stand*

**Celebrant:** N and N, would like to welcome you to the celebration of their marriage. Before God and before you as witnesses, they are to pledge themselves to each other. They now invite each of you to join them in sharing the joy of the celebration and to pray with them that God may bless their marriage.

**Celebrant:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Celebrant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And with your spirit

## *Ceremony of Light*

N and N each light a candle representing their individuality and uniqueness

## *Penitential Rite*

**Celebrant:** Coming together as God's family with confidence, let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion with you all.

**Celebrant:** Lord have mercy.

**All:** Lord have mercy.

**Fr. Celebrant:** Christ have mercy.

**All:** Christ have mercy.

**Celebrant:** Lord have mercy.

**All:** Lord have mercy

## *Opening Prayers*

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. Father, hear our prayers for N and N who today are united in marriage before your altar. Give them your blessing and strengthen their love for each other. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

# *Liturgy of the Word All sit*

## **First Reading: A reading from the book of Ecclesiastics**

A faithful friend is a sure shelter, who ever finds one, has found a rare treasure. There is nothing so precious as loving friend, there is no measuring their worth. A faithful friend is a friend for life, and those who live in the Lord will find one. Who ever loves the Lord, makes a true friend, for as you are so is your friend.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:**



## **Second Reading:**

### **A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation* 

*The Gospel. All Stand*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to John.**

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**Celebrant;** Jesus said to his disciples; As a father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my fathers commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.  
This is my commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

# *The Rite of Marriage*

**Celebrant:** N and N you have come here today to pledge your love before God and in the presence of myself, your family and friends.

In becoming husband and wife, you give yourself to each other for life. You promise to be true and faithful, to support and cherish each other, so that your years together will be the living out in love of the pledge you now make. May your love for each other reflect the enduring love of Christ for his people.

N and N, you are about to celebrate this Sacrament. Have you come here of your of your own free will and choice to marry each other?

**N and N:** We have.

**Celebrant:** Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

**N and N:** We will.



**Celebrant:** Are you willing to accept with love the children God may give you and bring them up in accordance with the Law of Christ?

**N and N:** We are.

## *Declaration of Consent*

**Celebrant:** I invite you then to declare before God and His Church your consent to become husband and wife.

**N** I, N, take you N as my wife  
for better or worse, for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health, all the days of  
our life.

**N:** I, N, take you N as my  
husband, for better for worse, for richer,  
for poorer, in sickness and in health, all  
the days of our life.

**Celebrant:** What God joins together man must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent you have given and enrich you with His blessings.

# *Blessing of the Rings*

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love. May N and N always be true to each other, may they be one in heart and mind, may they be united in love forever.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

N places the ring on N's finger.

**N:** N wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love. In the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

N places the ring on N's finger.

**N:** N, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love. In the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

# *Lighting of the Marriage*

## *Candle*



Together N and N light the candle as a symbol of their love, which now unites them in marriage.

## *Prayer for the Newly Married Couple*

**N and N:** We thank you Lord, and we praise you for bringing us to this happy day. You have given us to each other. Now, together, we give ourselves to you. We ask you, Lord make us one in love; keep us one in peace. Protect our marriage. Bless our home. Make us gentle. Keep us faithful. And when life is over unite us again where parting is no more in the kingdom of your love. There we will praise you in the happiness and peace of our eternal home.

**All:** Amen

# *Prayers of the Faithful*    *All stand*

**Reader:** We pray that the love of N and N may grow deeper each day and may that love strengthen and comfort them on their journey through life together. May they be true friends forever. Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:** We pray for the parents, family and friends of N and N who helped them to become husband and wife. Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:** We pray for the wonderful gift of friendship, that we may treasure it and that we never forget our friends. We pray for all here today. We pray especially for those who travelled great distances and also for those who cannot be present here today. May God bless and watch over them. Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord graciously hear us.

**Celebrant:**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Saviour gave us.

**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.

## *Nuptial Blessing*

**Celebrant:**

Let us ask God to bless N and N now married in Christ, and unite them in His love. God our Father, creator of the universe, you made man and woman in your likeness and blessed their union. We humbly pray to you for N and N, today united in the Sacrament of Marriage.

May they find happiness in their love for each other and enrich the life of the Church. May they praise you in their days of happiness and turn to you in times of sorrow. May they know the joy of your help in their work and the strength of your presence in their need. May they worship you with the Church and be your witness in the world. May old age come to them in the company of their friends, and may they reach at last the Kingdom of Heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

## *Rite of Peace*

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom where you live forever and ever.

**All:** Amen

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**All:** And with your spirit.  
**Celebrant:** Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## *Final Blessing*     *All Stand*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** And with your spirit.  
**Celebrant:** May God the eternal Father keep you steadfast in your love.  
**All:** Amen.  
**Celebrant:** May you have family to bless you, friends to console you and may you live in peace with all.  
**All:** Amen.  
Celebrant May the peace of Christ ever dwell in your home. May the angels of God protect it, and may the Holy Family of Nazareth be its model and inspiration  
**All:** Amen.

**Celebrant:**

May almighty God bless all of  
you who are gathered here, the  
Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit.

**All:**

Amen.

*Signing the Register*



*Recessional*