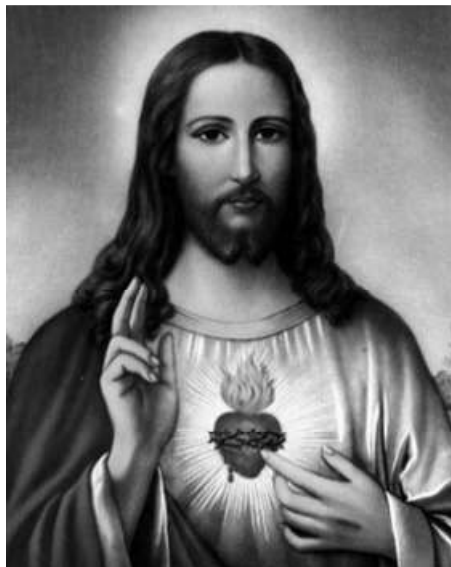


Liturgy Resources

Prayer for Healing & Renewal in our Church



“Come to me all you who labour and
are overburdened, and I will give you rest.”

Mt. 11:28

Feast of the Sacred Heart
1st July 2011

Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

Prayer Invocation before Mass

May be led by a Lay Reader or by the Priest at the beginning of Mass.

As people of the Parish of
we come together this morning/evening
to pray as the Church of God in this time and place.

Generation after generation of good and faithful people
have lived by the ways of Jesus Christ.
Through their commitment and witness,
They assured that the Catholic faith has endured in this part of our land.

May we who are called to the body of Christ
in the Parish of at this time, be faithful to our Baptism,
be ever-vigilant in our prayer and ever true to all that Jesus taught us.

Let us pray in silence for a moment for all the needs of the Church
and the needs of those who have been so deeply hurt, so distressed and
so shocked by the reality of abuse that has scarred us all.

Entrance Antiphon:

The thoughts of His heart last through every generation, that he will rescue
them from death and feed them in time of famine.

or

Entrance Hymn:

*Sweet Heart of Jesus
God of mercy and compassion*

*Come to me all who labour...
Be still and know...*

Penitential Rite *based on Psalm 50(51)*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord have mercy...

My offences truly I know them;

my sin is always before me

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;

what is evil in your sight I have done.

Christ have mercy...

Indeed you love truth in the heart;

then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me, then I shall be clean;

O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord have mercy...

Gloria

Opening Prayer

Let us pray,

Father, we have wounded the heart of Jesus your Son, but he brings us forgiveness and grace. Help us to prove our grateful love and make amends for our sins. We make this prayer...

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Deut 7: 6-11

"...the Lord set his heart on you and chose you..."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102

R. / The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.

Second Reading

1 John 4: 7-16

"...love comes from God..."

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Mt 11: 25-30

"...I am gentle and humble in heart..."

In place of a Homily a Litany for Healing may be prayed. All kneel.

Priest: Our response will be:
R./ Save, heal and protect them, O Lord!

For children wounded and tearful; **R./**
For children confused or alone; **R./**
For children afraid or abandoned; **R./**
For children beaten; **R./**
For children who sleep in fear; **R./**
For children afraid to go home; **R./**
For children afraid of their abusers; **R./**
For children assaulted and for children who assault; **R./**
For children whose innocence has been stolen; **R./**
For those who cannot trust; **R./**
For those who cannot love; **R./**
For those whose hearts are filled with fear; **R./**

A period of silence may follow

Profession of Faith

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: Lord, as we seek healing and renewal in ourselves, our Church and our world we turn to you in confident prayer:

1. For community and political leaders to model justice and right living; *Lord hear us...*
2. For priests to truly mirror Christ's goodness and love; *Lord hear us...*
3. For families to nourish and foster their children; *Lord hear us...*
4. For teachers to respect and call forth the goodness and wholeness in children; *Lord hear us...*
5. For all adults to enrich the lives of children; *Lord hear us...*
6. For all who support and contribute to our ministry; *Lord hear us....*
7. For all the needs of the world; *Lord hear us...*

Priest: Lord, we come before you with open hands and empty hearts. Pour the fullness of your grace and healing into your people.
We make these prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Preparation of the Gifts

Prayer over the Gifts

Preface of the Sacred Heart (P45)

Eucharistic Prayer – Reconciliation I or II
Various Needs IV (Jesus, the compassion of God)

Communion Antiphon

The Lord says: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me; whoever believes in me, let him drink. Streams of living water shall flow out from within him.

or

Communion Hymns

*Come to me all you who labour
Sweet Sacrament Divine*

*Lay your hands
Be still and know*

Post Communion Reflection

To be prayed together with the congregation

God of all people and things,
The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, allows us to ponder for a moment
the reality of Christ's suffering and death.

We believe we have been called through the Sacrament of Baptism.
We believe we have been called to be Christ's followers
in this time and place.
We believe we have been redeemed and healed
through the wounds of Christ's broken body.

May all of us who are members of the Catholic Church
renew again our commitment to the ways of Jesus, your Son.

We make this prayer for ourselves, for our parishes,
for all of us who together form the Diocese of Derry,
and for the Catholic Church throughout the world.

Sacred Heart of Jesus we place all our hope in You.

Prayer after Communion

Solemn Blessing

Priest: Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing

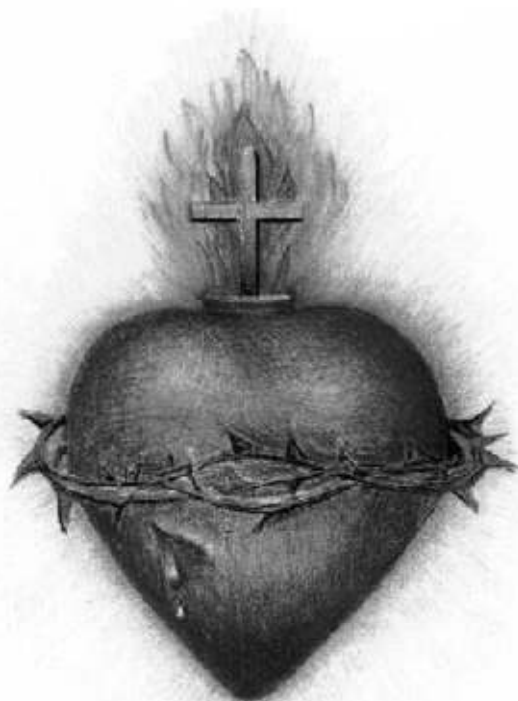
Lord God, in your great mercy,
enrich your people with your grace
and strengthen them by your blessing
so that they may praise you always.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May almighty God bless you.....

Recessional Hymn

*Sweet Heart of Jesus
Be not afraid*

*God of mercy and compassion
Make me a channel of your peace*



Prayer Service for Healing & Renewal

as part of a period of Exposition or Prayer around the Cross

Entrance Hymn

Be still and know

Lay your hands gently

Here I am Lord

Prayer Invocation

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be ever-vigilant in our prayer
and ever true to all that Jesus taught us.

Let us pray in silence for a moment
for all the needs of the Church
and the needs of those who have been
so deeply hurt, so distressed and
so shocked by the reality of abuse
that has scarred us all.

Following the Prayer Invocation the following Psalms may be prayed together, pausing for a period of silence between each psalm:

Psalm 50 (51)
God, have mercy on me

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed may revive.
From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favour to Zion:
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
burnt offerings wholly consumed,
then you will be offered young bulls on your altar.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Reflective silence

Psalm 21 (22)
The just man suffers; the Lord hears him

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
You are far from my plea and the cry of my distress.
O my God, I call by day and you give no reply;
I call by night and I find no peace.

Yet you, O God, are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our fathers put their trust;
they trusted and you set them free.
When they cried to you, they escaped.
In you they trusted and never in vain.

But I am a worm and no man,
scorned by men, despised by the people.
All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Yes, it was you who took me from the womb,
entrusted me to my mother's breast.
To you I was committed from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my God.
Do not leave me alone in my distress;
come close, there is none else to help.

Many bulls have surrounded me,
fierce bulls of Bashan close me in.
Against me they open wide their jaws,
like lions, rending and roaring.

Like water I am poured out,
disjointed are all my bones.
My heart has become like wax,
it is melted within my breast.

Parched as burnt clay is my throat,
my tongue cleaves to my jaws.

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
and lay me in the dust of death.

I can count every one of my bones.
These people stare at me and gloat;
they divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!
Rescue my soul from the sword,
my life from the grip of these dogs.
Save my life from the jaws of these lions,
my poor soul from the horns of these oxen.

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

'For he has never despised
nor scorned the poverty of the poor.
From him he has not hidden his face,
but he heard the poor man when he cried.'

You are my praise in the great assembly.
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
for the kingdom is the Lord's, he is ruler of the nations.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Reflective silence

Psalm 129 (130) Out of the depths

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

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world without end. Amen.

Reflective silence

Hymn

From the suggestions above or:

Be not afraid

Christ be beside me

Spirit of the living God

Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prolonged silence follows and at the end of the silence it is suggested that those present may place roses (or a single rose) in an appropriate place i.e. Prayer Space/Corner or Sacred Heart display.

The rose can be a symbol of the love the Heart of Jesus has for us all. The thorns on the stem remind us of the pain and suffering which Christ endured; they also remind us of the pain that exists in our Church at this time.

Alternatively, candles may be lit by those present as a symbol of their prayers for survivors of abuse in our Church.

As roses are placed or candles lit, one of the previous hymns suggested may be sung or an instrumental played.

Litany of Healing

All kneel during the Litany

Priest/Leader: Our response will be:

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For children whose innocence has been stolen; **R./**

For those who cannot trust; **R./**

For those who cannot love; **R./**

For those whose hearts are filled with fear; **R./**

The Lord's Prayer or Rosary may follow

Concluding Prayer

Priest/Leader:

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the Sacred Heart of Jesus, allows us to ponder for a moment
the reality of Christ's suffering and death.

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Recessional Hymn

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