

**Opening Hymn: Colours Of Day**

**Celebrant: Fr. Noel McGahan**

Welcome and God's Blessing on everyone here present.

The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

**Introduction:**

**Liturgy of the Word:**

**First Reading: Sé Devlin**

*A Reading from the Book of Genesis:*

God said let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let there be lights in the vaults of heaven to shine on the earth. And so it was. God made the two great lights. The greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw it was good. Evening came and morning came the fourth day.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm: As The Deer (Sung) Ciaran McCarroll and Paris-Rose O'Hanlon**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Gospel:**

**A Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew:**

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on a lamp stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of everyone, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily:**

### **Confirmation Pledge:**

Lord God, for love of you and through concern for my family, my friends and my future happiness: and out of my wish to serve Christ more generously. I promise, with your help, not to take alcoholic drink or drugs until I have the approval of my parents with God's help. Help me to keep this promise. Amen.

### **Prayers of the Faithful:**

#### **Fr. McGahan:**

Let us pray that the spirit will give us the courage to live in such a way that we will be lights of the world.

#### **Paris-Rose O'Hanlon:**

God our Father, May your spirit help us to bring the light of your peace to our homes, our schools, our friends, our community.

Lord Hear Us:

#### **Donal Taggart:**

God our Father, may your spirit help us to bring the light of your truth into our relationships with others. Help us to speak and to stand for what is true.

Lord Hear Us.

#### **Lorcan Meegan:**

God our Father, bless our Teachers, they have helped us to hear your name to allow us to live a spirit filled life. They have shown us the meaning of love, truth, justice and peace for our own lives and our lives with others.

Lord Hear Us.

#### **Parent: Mr. Stephen McKenna**

God our Father Bless these children. We thank you for giving them to us as your gift. Be with them as they grow to adulthood. Keep them in your care all their lives.

Lord Hear Us.

#### **Teacher: Mrs. McCallan:**

God our father bless these boys and girls. May the gift of your spirit come alive in their hearts so that they will always live according to your word.

Lord Hear Us.

### **Hymn: Here I Am To Worship**

**After the Prayers of the Faithful the Parent with their Child come forward to the Paschal Candle and light the Baptismal Candle from the Paschal candle. The parent presents the candle to their child saying:**

**Name of Child .....**

**Let us together keep the light of faith burning in your life.**

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises:**

**Fr. McGahan:** Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises.

**Year 7:** I Do

**Fr. McGahan:** Do you believe in God the Father Almighty Creator of Heaven and Earth?

**Year 7:** I Do

**Fr. McGahan:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ his only Son Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**Year 7:** I Do

**Fr. McGahan:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, who came upon the Apostles at Pentecost and is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

**Year 7:** I Do

**Fr. McGahan:** Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**Year 7:** I Do

**Fr. McGahan:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Year 7:** AMEN.

**Parent: Mrs. Caroline McCarroll**

The candles we have given to you are a sign of the faith that we are passing on to you. It is the most precious gift that we have to give to you. We will be there to help you as you try to keep the light of faith burning in your life.

**Teacher: Mrs. O'Sullivan**

We the teachers have been privileged to help these boys and girls to a deeper understanding of God's great love for them and his abiding presence with them. Our wish and our prayer for them is that they will always have great faith in the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives and that by word and deed they will always have great faith in the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives and that by word and deed they will always spread God's Kingdom.

**Aidan Hackett:**

We thank the Teachers and ask God to bless them, they have given us wisdom, understanding and learning, may they be rewarded in heaven and on earth for helping to keep the light of faith burning in our lives.

**Parent: Mrs. Maria McKenna**

There are the sons and daughters given to us by God, to be loved and cherished, healed and helped, scolded and forgiven, advised and warned, to be led by us in to the fullness of manhood and womanhood. God or Father, we thank you for them. We thank you in a special way this evening that you know each one by name, that you are calling them into a deeper relationship with you and strengthen them with the gift of the Holy Spirit. May we be faithful to the desire to hand on to them, as a most precious gift the Light of Faith.

**Offertory: *Instrumental***

**The Sign of Peace:**

Let us now offer one another the sign of peace as a sign of our decision to work together to make the light of Christ shine in our world.

**Peace be with you.**

**All:** And with your Spirit.

**Concluding Prayer and Blessing:**

God our Father, bless these boys and girls, be with them all through their lives. Bless too, their families, their sponsors, teachers and their friends make their community of living faith. We ask Mary our Mother and the Mother of the Church who is with the apostles on the first Pentecost, to watch over these boys and girls as they prepare for Confirmation.

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

**All:** Amen

May he let his face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

**All:** Amen.

May he took upon us with kindness and give us his peace.

**All:** Amen.

May Almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Go In Peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Final Hymn: *This Little Light Of Mine***