

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mrs Pasqualina D'Agnilli R.I.P. -The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Tuesday 27th July at 1.00pm.

Mrs Karen Furlong R.I.P. -The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 29th July at 12.30pm.

Mrs Patricia Taylor R.I.P. -The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday 2nd August at 12.00pm.

Mrs Luisa Pope R.I.P. - The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 3rd August at 1.00pm.

Mrs Ruth Sims R.I.P. Please pray for the eternal repose of Mrs Ruth Sims, the mother of Keith (Chair of St Mary's Parish Advisory Council). Her funeral will be celebrated at St Peter's Church in Wales Parish in Fairwater.



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May they rest in peace.
Amen.**

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Sheila Ferriter, Bernard Perry, Mary Bodman, Valentine, Collette Griffin, Vivian Miller, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Hanna Marengi, Susanna, Martin, Chris Collins, Sharon Dobson.

St Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, Marian Lamb, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Anthony Jackson, Tom Hopkins, Margaret Griffiths, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward, Carina Foster, Ben Foster, Maria Sullivan, Phyllis Shannon, Mary D'Alpa, Joseph Stancombe, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees, Mary Payne.

Readings continued John 6:1-15.

As stated earlier, St Mark's account of this event reflects the model found in the Elisha story. Mark places the miracle upon the "green grass" which is located in a "desert place", combining two theological themes of the Good Shepherd / the Prophet who provides food in the desert. Here in John's Gospel, the emphasis is on the fact that the event constitutes a meal shared between the Messiah and his brethren. This event is the first messianic banquet, a foretaste of the messianic banquet that will be provided in heaven. St John provides no account of the eucharist at the Last Supper. Here in Chapter 6 of his Gospel, John is consciously presenting the feeding of the five thousand in a markedly eucharistic context. Take note of the description of how Jesus blesses and distributes the elements which is clearly reminiscent of the eucharist. It is the presence of Jesus that provides the true and enduring nourishment in abundance.

"Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as they wanted."

"Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted."

"So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves (and two fish)."

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25th July - 1st August 2021 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Readings for the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

II Kings 4:42-44.

We listen to an account of Elisha's life and ministry. Moses implored the Lord God to feed the Chosen People as they journeyed through the desert wilderness (between Elim and Sinai) and quails and manna bread were provided in miraculous fashion. Elisha is depicted as drawing on the status and authority of Moses. Elisha is identified as a true and faithful prophet who not only serves the Lord God but also attends to the needs of God's people. Elisha feeds a hundred men with just ten loaves. St Mark's Gospel account of the feeding of the five thousand follows the pattern set out in this reading from II Kings: there is the same series in the dialogue of command, sarcastic reply and repeated command – all are fed, all are fully satisfied and there is food left over. In today's sequence of readings, we are being asked to recognise that, whereas Moses and Elisha have authorisation from the Lord God for their miraculous actions, Jesus acts on his own authority.

"He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said."

Psalm 144.

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Ephesians 4:1-6.

In last week's extract from Ephesians, we heard that the communion of all peoples is forged in and through Jesus Christ who is the 'New Man'. Today we are urged not to damage or break the unity that has been established. Our rough, impatient and selfish ways must be overcome. There is one God, one Lord, one Spirit, one Body, one Baptism, one Faith and one Hope. Our communion in Christ brings that peace that binds us to one another. It is insufficient to merely contemplate this communion from afar, it must be lived in love. The love spoken of is not insipid but energetic (the Greek word for love employed here is the root definition for energy). Love is no mere emotional feeling of affection; the text should be understood as suggesting something regarding the 'toil of love', 'the work of love'. The author of the Letter to the Ephesians, in Pauline fashion, reflects the Hebrew mentality of defining love as a sustained series of concrete acts of generosity.

"I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation."

"Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience."

"Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together."

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Continued opposite

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (25th July)

6pm Vigil Mass Victoria Goodwin RIP

11am Mary Keeley

Thursday: (29th July)

NO MASS DUE TO FUNERAL AT ST MARY'S

Sunday: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (1st August)

6pm Vigil Mass Michael McMahon

11am Paul Mantle

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (25th July)

10am Eliza Murphy

12pm David & Maria Lewis

6pm People of the Parishes

**Monday: St Joachim & St Anne,
Parents of the BVM (26th July)**

9.30am Beattie Family

Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (27th July)

NO 9.30 MASS DUE TO FUNERAL AT 1PM

1pm Funeral Mass for Mrs Pasqualina D'Agnilli

Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (28th July)

9.30am Intentions of the Holy Father

Thursday: St Martha (29th July)

12.30pm Funeral Mass for Mrs Karen Furlong

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (30th July)

9.30am Heather Rodrigues

Saturday: St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (31st July)

12.15pm Intentions of Neil O'Brien (93rd birthday)

Sunday: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (1st August)

10am John & Monica Jermyn

12pm Yvonne Best RIP

6pm Lucie Anne Jones RIP

The Angelus and Prayer During the Day live-streamed at 12pm daily.

Evening Prayer live-streamed at 7pm daily except Sundays.

Thursday: 7-8pm Adoration & Benediction (including Evening Prayer).

Confessions on Saturday 10am to 11am. Access to the children's liturgy room via the side gate.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 26th July – Memoria of St Joachim and St Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



St Joachim and St Anne (Anna or Hannah) are identified as members of the Tribe of Judah and as belonging to the royal house of David. They are venerated as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although there is no mention of them in the Sacred Scriptures of the New Testament, they were named and honoured from the earliest years of Christianity (mention is made in some apocryphal writings). The Fathers of the Church, especially in the East, present both Joachim and Anne as exemplars of faith and virtue. The Fathers describe Joachim and Anne as moving from Galilee to Jerusalem in later life. It was in Jerusalem that Mary was born. A church was built in Jerusalem during the fourth century to honour Joachim and Anne, possibly by St Helena the mother of Emperor Constantine. The Church has been sometimes reluctant to authorize and promulgate public devotion to Joachim and Anne. Luther vehemently attacked such a devotion. The memorial was firmly re-established after the Reformation in 1584. As you all know, St Mary of the Angels has an altar dedicated to St Anne. Anne is usually depicted as teaching the Sacred Scriptures to her daughter Mary.

Thursday 29th July – Memoria of St Martha.

Sister of Mary and Lazarus. The family lived in Bethany (now called El'Azaryth or Lazarich), a village just beyond Mount Olivet some two miles from Jerusalem. The Gospel indicates that the family was honourable and wealthy. The three siblings provided the Lord with generous and repeated hospitality, developing an intense devotion to him. St Martha is depicted as providing hospitality, even criticising her sister Mary for not assisting. Although Mary's contemplation of the Lord's presence and teaching is praised, Martha should not be understood as the subject of humiliation. When Lazarus died, it was Martha who professed a complete trust in the Lord's identity as Messiah and Son of God.



Saturday 31st July – Memoria of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest.

Ignatius was born in 1491 in the Castle of Loyola (Guipuzcoa, one of the three counties in the Basque Country of Spain). He was the youngest of eleven children. As a young nobleman, he was taken into the Court of King Ferdinand V of Aragon, husband of Queen Isabella of Castilla.



Ignatius became a soldier, distinguishing himself in battle. He suffered serious wounds during the siege of Pamplona in 1521 when he served King/Emperor Charles V against King Francis I of France. His injury, followed by poor surgery, left Ignatius with a limp for the rest of his life.

During his convalescence Ignatius read many spiritual writings, including the 'The Life of Christ' and 'The Lives of the Saints'. He underwent a profound conversion, experiencing desolations and consolations. He abandoned his past desolute ways and embraced a sincere piety. After great reflection he offered a general confession of his sins whilst in attendance at the great Benedictine Monastery of Montserrat, near Barcelona. He spent ten months in solitude at Manresa, during which time he composed his famous 'Spiritual Exercises'.

Following this experience, he undertook a pilgrimage that took him first to Rome and then onward to the Holy Land. Upon his return to Spain, he began his formation for the priesthood, studying at universities in Barcelona, Alcala and Salamanca. In 1528 he moved to the University of Paris.

Feasts of the Week continued. It was at this time that his virtue and spiritual wisdom attracted the attention and allegiance of a small group of companions. This group became the nucleus of what would become the Society of Jesus. At Montmartre the group vowed to travel to the Holy Land or, if providence demanded, to offer themselves for service directly to the Pope. Ignatius and some of his companions were ordained to the priesthood at Venice. It proved impossible to undertake a pilgrimage to the Holy Land so Ignatius made his way to Rome and was received by Pope Paul III. In 1540, the Pope approved the radical statutes of the Society of Jesus. Ignatius became Father General of the Society.

Ignatius remained in Rome for the remainder of his life, overseeing the governance of the rapidly expanding Society. Members of the Society were sent to the European 'front line' of the Counter-Reformation. Many others were sent to the missions far and wide: to Brazil in the west, to India, China and Japan in the east. Ignatius died on the 31st July 1556. He was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV.

AWAITING NEWS FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

The Welsh Government has now revealed its approach to the removal of certain pandemic restrictions and changing certain guidelines on operational matters. The 7th August will bring significant changes. Not all the implications are clear as yet and so we will continue to follow the procedures we have successfully implemented during the past year for the immediate future. I suggest that it would be wise to maintain our system until the end of August. I take this opportunity once again to express my gratitude to the cohort of Stewards in both parishes who have so wonderfully facilitated our access to both churches. We are gradually opening both Parish Halls to use by outside groups. Three organisations are now re-engaged at Holy Family. Use of St Mary's Hall was already much diminished before the pandemic struck. Only two small scale groups are intending to re-engage thus far. The organisers of the dance class that previously used St Mary's Hall on a regular weekly basis have found a new venue with better parking facilities. Without groups regularly hiring the Hall at St Mary's, the venue becomes an increasing financial drain on Parish resources. This simply highlights the many issues which will need to be addressed and assessed when we return to 'normality'.

STATISTICS FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

Worldwide Causes of Death in 2020.

Cardiovascular Diseases: 18,000,000

Cancer: 10,000,000

Covid-19: 1,800,000

Other: 30,000,000

Abortion: 73,300,000

EXAUDI – A NEW INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

I wish to highlight the launch of EXAUDI, a new international Catholic News Agency. It has been created as part of the Church's effort to promulgate a 'New Evangelisation' in the contemporary environment, particularly in response to the influence of atheistic secularism. EXAUDI will seek to present information, opinion and analysis regarding the mission of the Church worldwide. Please reference the following website: <https://www.exaudi.org>

PRAYER OF SORROW / ACT OF CONTRITION

Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me of my sin. I acknowledge my offence; my sin is before me always. Psalm 50:4-5.

Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your son. Be merciful to me, a sinner. Luke 15:18; 18:13.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and with the help of your grace I will not sin again.

LET US DAILY OPEN OUR HEARTS IN CONTRITION TO ALMIGHTY GOD AND
REMIND OURSELVES HOW ESSENTIAL IT IS TO GRANT MERCY
IF WE EVER EXPECT TO RECEIVE MERCY.

ACTS OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A Prayer by St Alphonsus Liguori.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

A Prayer by St Thomas More.

Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with You ... give me warmth, delight and quickness in thinking upon You. And give me Your grace to long for Your holy sacraments, and specially to rejoice in the presence of Your blessed Body, Sweet Saviour Christ, in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary,

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according to your word. Hail Mary,

V. And the Word was made flesh:

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary,

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

RETURNING TO MASS - 'THE DAY OF THE LORD'

“It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence. At this moment, then, we need to have in our sights the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters.

We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as ‘a weekly gift from God to his people’, and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed.”

RETURN OF OUR READERS

I am hoping that a new rota for our Readers will be operational for August. Our engagement with the Word of God at Mass is of critical importance and it will be a delight to once again to hear a variety of voices proclaiming the scriptures.

HOLY FAMILY DEFIBRILLATOR

Please consider being trained in the knowledge that you may one day be able to save a life. St Mary's parishioners are welcome to apply for training as well. We already have about a dozen volunteers so we will shortly be arranging training and will inform you when we have the date. Please contact Pat Davey on canton@rcadc.org

Update: Calon Hearts have been inundated with requests for assistance in recent weeks, so we are still awaiting training dates.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*** Two Volunteer Administrative Assistants:

One two-hour slot on Tuesdays from 10.00.am to 12.00.pm and another two-hour slot on Thursdays from 10.00.am to 12.00.pm. These suggested times are flexible. Can you help?

I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO TWO PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED. I WOULD STILL WELCOME OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST.

*** Volunteer(s) to Administer the Piety Stall at St Mary's:

The task would involve opening a stall for access to parishioners before and after 10.00.am Sunday Mass. It would involve ordering stock from our established wholesale suppliers in anticipation of needs – according to liturgical seasons, feasts and sacramental programmes etc. Can you help?

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

18th July - £504.31

Total for Sea Sunday - Stella Maris - £125.54

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £ 600.00

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

18th July - £250.43

Total for Sea Sunday - Stella Maris - £227.00

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £ 250.00

WHY NOT GIFT-AID ALL YOUR PARISH DONATIONS?

BANK DETAILS FOR STANDING ORDERS

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A GIFT FOR FR NICHOLAS UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE PARISHES

As you know, Fr Nicholas will depart from The Priory on the 1st September to take up his appointment as University Chaplain. Fr Nicholas has served the parishes of St Mary of the Angels and Holy Family as Assisting Priest since his ordination to the priesthood three years ago. I first came to know Fr Nicholas nearly twenty years ago when he began attending the Sunday Evening Mass at the Cathedral. I soon called on him to become a Minister of Holy Communion.

I kept contact with him when a work appointment took him to the South Coast of England. It was during this period that he developed his consideration of a possible vocation to the priesthood. I observed his journey from initial discernment to the six-year pathway of his seminary formation. I was delighted to attend his ordination to the diaconate at Oscott and had oversight of his ordination to the priesthood at the Cathedral. I have been blessed by his companionship and support since my arrival at The Priory two years ago. Although I will miss his presence, I am delighted at his appointment. He is well qualified for the role of Chaplain at Cardiff University and the Chaplaincy will flourish under his leadership.

Whilst Fr Nicholas is away on holiday I take this opportunity to invite parishioners to contribute to a departure present for him. Could I ask you to place a donation in an envelope, marking it 'For Fr Nicholas', and placing it in the collection baskets over the coming weeks. It is not yet certain as to whether we will be able to gather for some kind of communal farewell, but at the least we will present our donation to him on his last weekend with us. Thank you.

FROM DEACON MAURICE – APPEAL FOR REACHING OUT

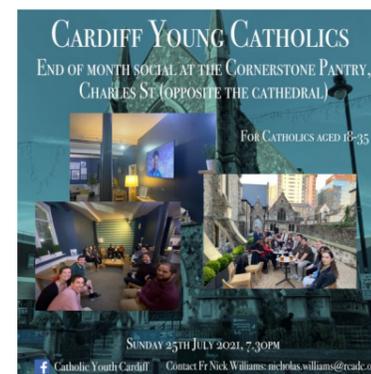
As you may be aware we have obtained funding from the SVP (London - £50k) and the Welsh Government (£25k) to refurbish the former St Clare's Church on Mill Road in Ely as a Vincentian Community Centre to provide help to those in need in our communities. This will form an important link between the SVP groups and all our volunteers in St Mary's, Holy Family and St Francis Parishes. The work is due to start in the next week or so and the projected time scale to completion is around 4 – 5 months. Our food distribution/food bank programme, which forms part of our 'Reaching Out' service, will move from Holy Family parish hall to this new community centre when refurbishment is complete and in addition we plan to open a charity shop for good quality clothing, a café/meeting room and facilities for counselling/support. This is an exciting and important development and we will need volunteers to help bring it to fruition. So please, please let me know if you would be willing/able to give a few hours of your time to take this important and exciting charitable project forward, remembering that more hands make light work. (mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk or 07747038274).



Our food distribution work continues really well, so many thanks to all who have made donations so far and to all our volunteers who are enabling us to provide food boxes to 60-70 families on a weekly basis across Ely, Caerau, Canton, Fairwater and Pontcanna. We need ongoing funding of around £500 monthly so please continue to help if you can with money or food donations or both. Perhaps you may be able to make a regular weekly or monthly donation of £5, £10 or £20 - or more or less, by Standing Order? If you are willing and able to contribute with a one-off donation or on a more regular basis please contact me on 07747038274 or email: mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk or Neil O'Toole on 07860647367 or email: neilgot@me.com Thanks for your ongoing generosity in these troubled but improving times. God bless you all and keep safe and patient for just a little longer (hopefully).

FR NICHOLAS ON HOLIDAY

Fr Nicholas will be on holiday from his parish duties until July 26th.



THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Let us pray for all pupils and students as they begin their summer holidays. Many will be awaiting news of examination results after another year of disruption and uncertainty. We hope that the coming weeks will bring them refreshment for body, mind and spirit. We also pray for all school and college staff who have worked so hard to maintain the momentum of the past academic year.

Our live-streaming facility is now available again on the website. If the problem should arise again, please be aware that you can also access the service via the following link: <https://mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-mary-of-the-angels>
Costs We have just paid our annual subscription, which amounted to £1,440.

REFERENCE FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

A MESSAGE TO CANDIDATES

I have now received the ordered copies of the YOUCAT Confirmation books for candidates. These can now be collected from myself after the Sunday Masses. These are the books that you will retain and they cost £10 each. I hope to convene a meeting for all candidates in the next few weeks after you have had an opportunity to familiarise yourselves with the work-book.

REFERENCE FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

A homily for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Apostles, who had received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost in fulfilment of the Lord's promise, had power to complete the work of Baptism by the giving of the Holy Spirit, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles. When St Paul had laid his hands on certain people who had been baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

The Bishops, as successors of the Apostles, possess the same power and, either in their own right or through Priests lawfully appointed to fulfil this ministry, they confer the Holy Spirit on those who have already been born again in Baptism.

Even if today the coming of the Holy Spirit is no longer widely made manifest by the gift of tongues, we know by faith that the Spirit, through whom the love of God has been poured into our hearts and through whom we are gathered in unity of faith and in diversity of callings, is received by us and is working invisibly to make the Church holy and one.

Dearly beloved candidates, the gift of the Holy Spirit, which you are about to receive, will be a spiritual seal, by which you will be conformed to Christ and will be made more fully members of the Church. For Christ himself, anointed by the Holy Spirit in the baptism he received from John the Baptist, was sent forth for the work of his ministry, to pour out on the earth the fire of the same Spirit.

Therefore, you who are already baptized will now receive the power of his Spirit and be signed with the cross on your foreheads. And so, you must always bear witness to his Passion and Resurrection before the world, so that your manner of life, as the Apostle says, may be in every place the pleasing fragrance of Christ. His Mystical Body, which is the Church, the People of God, receives from him diverse graces, which the same Holy Spirit distributes to individuals for the building up of that Body in unity and love.

Be living members of this Church, therefore, and, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seek to serve all people like Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. And now, before you receive the Spirit, call to mind the faith which you professed in Baptism or which your parents and godparents professed with the Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Do you renounce Satan, and all his empty promises? I DO.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? I DO.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? I DO.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost? I DO.

Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? I DO.

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

AMEN.

The Laying On of Hands

Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

The Bishop then lays hands on the head of each Candidate

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to ne birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anointing with Chrism

The Bishop inscribes the Sign of the Cross with Sacred Chrism on the forehead of each candidate as he says:

(Using the chosen Confirmation name of each Candidate) N., BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Candidate replies: AMEN.

The Bishop adds: PEACE BE WITH YOU.

The Candidate replies: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.