

## **Mass of St. Finnian of Clonard**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Thus says the Lord: My words, which I have put into your mouth,  
Will remain forever on your lips  
And your gifts will be accepted on my altar.

### **Introductory Rites**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

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

### **And with your Spirit**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy

**Christ, have mercy**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen**

## **Collect**

By the work of your bishop Saint Finnian, Lord,  
you formed a multitude of Saints  
in the knowledge of the Gospel  
and in the monastic life;  
in our own day raise up, we pray, at his intercession,  
saints to edify your people  
by the vitality of their Christian lives.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading (Isa 52:7-10)

Psalm (Ps 96:1-3, 7-8)

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Luke 22:24-30  
or  
Matthew 5:1-12a

Prayers of the Faithful

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Grant our supplication, we pray, almighty God,  
that these sacrificial offerings of your people,  
which we bring you in commemoration of blessed St. Finnian,  
you may graciously mingle with the gifts of Heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Preface of Holy Virgins and Religious**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in the Saints who consecrated themselves to Christ  
for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven,  
it is right to celebrate the wonders of your providence,  
by which you call human nature back to its original holiness  
and bring it to experience on this earth  
the gifts you promise in the new world to come.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we praise you, as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Communion Antiphon**

(1 Cor 3:11)

None can lay a foundation  
other than the one that is there,  
namely, Jesus Christ.

### **Prayer after Communion**

As we rejoice at the feast day of blessed Finnian,  
we have received the pledge of eternal redemption, O Lord,  
and we pray that it may be of help to us,  
both now and for the life to come.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Mass of St. Finian Readings

### First Reading

(Isa 52:7-10)

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good news,  
who proclaim peace,  
who bring good tidings,  
who proclaim salvation,  
who say to Zion,  
“Your God reigns!”

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;  
together they shout for joy.

When the Lord returns to Zion,  
they will see it with their own eyes.

Burst into songs of joy together,  
you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord will lay bare his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth will see  
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

(Ps 96:1-3, 7-8)

℞ Sing to the Lord a new song  
**Sing to the Lord a new song**

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day. ℞

Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvellous deeds among all peoples.  
Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ℞

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come into his courts.  
Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." ℞

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

## **Gospel**

(Luke 22:24-30 or Matthew 5:1-12a)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (Luke 22:24-30)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

(5:1-12a)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and speak every kind of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## Prayers of the Faithful

### Celebrant:

As we seek to prepare our hearts and our world for the coming of the Lord, let us turn to our loving Father in prayer.

1. We pray for Church leaders; may they find inspiration and encouragement from Saint Finian's example of faith and leadership as a gentle and caring pastor. **Lord, hear us.**
2. As the school term draws to a close, we pray for all students, that the Lord may send his Wisdom and blessings upon them, drawing them closer to himself through their studies. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for all public officials, that the Lord may keep their hearts pure, and their eyes turned towards His face as they work in the best interest of the people they are called to serve. **Lord, hear us.**
4. Lord, "all the ends of the earth will see" your salvation; we pray for all countries that are experiencing violence due to civil unrest and war, may you comfort the innocent caught in the midst of conflict. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For the sick and dying, that the Lord may bring them the strength and comfort of his presence. **Lord, hear us.**
6. Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Remind us all of our responsibility to protect God's gift of creation. **Lord, hear us.**

### Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of St. Finnian, hear our prayers. Multiply your gifts among us and order our days in your peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**