**Mystery of Faith**

**All sing:** My and my God.

**Amen**

**All sing:** Amen, Amen.

**Agnus Dei Lamb of God (L. Deiss – Lourdes Mass)**

**Communion Song Joy For The World (Liam Lawton)**

**All sing:** Joy for the world, the family of God.

 In faith we serve giving life to the Word.

 Communion of love of the Triune God

 Gathered as one a gospel of love

 We are the family of God.

**Recessional Song People of Joy (Brendan Dowd)**

**All sing:** We are people of joy, a family of hope,

 Called to be beauty and light to the world.

 A mirror of God, a community of peace, singing in harmony.

 ***REMEMBERING WITH THANKS***

*We stand before the map of married life,*

*the map that plots the times along the journey;*

*the time of attraction and getting to know each other,*

*the time of falling in love, the time of commitment,*

*the time of celebrating and pledging commitment,*

*the time of adjusting to each other*

*and to new patterns,*

*the time of giving birth and being struck by wonder,*

*the time of upbringing and educating and forming,*

*the time of family togetherness,*

*the time of letting go with tears and hopes,*

*the time of being back to ourselves again,*

*the time of changes in life and second journeys,*

*the time of retiring, the time of the onset of ageing*

*the time of reuniting in the Lord*

*Standing before the map, seeing the point we are at,*

*we pray for the grace to accept the different stages*

*in our marriage; to be able to look back with gratitude*

*and to look forward with anticipation*

*and around in awareness,*

*confident that God’s grace is in this very moment*

*if we but had the clarity of vision to see it.*

*We think back on the “I love you” we spoke at the*

*beginning and compare it to the “I love you” we*

*speak now.*

*We see how that simple phrase has been deepened*

*and enriched and filled out by the experience of the*

*intervening years and for this we give thanks.*

***WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES 2017***

***SILVER, RUBY, GOLD, DIAMOND, PLATINUM***



**MASS OFTHANKSGIVING**

**15 October 2017**

***Cherishing Marriage - Celebrating Relationships***

**Opening Song A Joy For All the Earth**

 **(Ephrem Feeley) – WMOF 2018**

**All sing:** The joy of love, a joy for all God’s family,

 The joy of love,

 transcending time and space.

 Our love for each other

 mirrors God the Father’s love.

 The joy of love: a joy for all the earth.

**Introduction to Penitential Rite**

**All:** We are inspired by the Holy Familyto live according to love.

We confess our frailty and failure to live up to this ideal.

We confess selfishness and self -centredness; our pride and reluctance to admit our wrongs; our impatience and intolerance. **Lord, have mercy**

We confess our lack of trust that we are loved by each other and by God; our fear to take the risk of loving; our hesitation in seizing opportunities to make love real.

**Christ, have mercy**

In confessing our sin, we proclaim God’s mercy and we pray for the waters of his compassion to run gently over us and wash away our sin, to purify our hearts and our intentions. **Lord have mercy.**

**Gloria Gloria (Mass of Renewal – B. Sexton)**

**All sing:** Glory to God in the highest and on

 earth peace to people of good will

**First Reading Isaiah (25:6-10)**

*The Lord will prepare a banquet*

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22 (Tom Egan)**

**All sing:** The Lord is my shepherd

 there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14.19-20**

*My God will fulfil all your needs …*

 *as lavishly as only God can*

**Gospel Acclamation Seinn Alleluia (Traditional)**

**All sing:** Seinn Aililiúia, Seinn Aililiúia,

 Seinn Aililiú, Seinn Aililiú,

Seinn Aililiúia,

**Gospel Matthew 22:1-14**

*Invite everyone you can find*

 *to the wedding*

***Renewal of Marriage Vows***

**Celebrant** I invite you to profess your faith in the love of God - a Trinity of persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe in the goodness of human life, in God the creator of all?

**All: We do.**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in Jesus, God’s own

Beloved Son, in the power of his death and resurrection and that good will triumph over evil?

**All: We do.**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God’s Spirit, living within and amongst us, uniting us to Jesus and calling us to love?

**All: We do.**

**Celebrant** Do you believe that we all share this call and that responding to it we can change the world?

**All: We do.**

**Celebrant** With these convictions, I now invite you to remember the promises you made on your Wedding Day. For those whose loved-one has gone before them to the Lord I invite you, in your heart, to remember your
cherished commitment to your marriage and so to grow in strength:

I now invite you all to renew your promises:

**Husbands:** I confirm and renew my gift of myself to you. In my failure to love, I ask to be reconciled with you. I thank you for your love and I thank God for you.

**Wives:** I confirm and renew my gift of myself to you. In my failure to love, I ask to be reconciled with you. I thank you for your love and I thank God for you.

**Together:** We thank you, good and gracious God,

 because finding each other has made
life so special for us and because in
our love we have known your call. We thank you for our family and our home where we live the call to love. As we
renew our commitment we ask your
blessing and protection.

**Celebrant** I call upon the Holy Trinity to bless all those who celebrate special
anniversaries today:

 to bless them with the unity that is within God

 to bless them with the diversity that is within God

 to bless them with the intimacy that is within God

 to bless them with the creativity that is within God

 to bless them with the passion that is within God and to draw them ever more deeply and to draw them forever into the life that is God.

 We hope that the widowed women and men among us will be able to go on witnessing to the best in the one whom they have loved. To the
qualities they cherished and admired. By this they testify that the union continues in love.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As we gather today in grateful

 remembrance and thanksgiving, we turn now to the source of all love and pray.

**Response:** O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love

**Celebrant:** God of love and joy, listen to the prayers
of your family gathered on this happy day. We offer them in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**Preparation of Gifts Instrumental –**

 **Tabhair Dom Do Lámh (Trad:)**

 *or* **Ag an bPósadh Bhí i gCána (Trad:)**

**Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations – International Mass (Tom Egan)**

**Sanctus**

**All sing:** Hosanna in the highest.