

**SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR USE IN 2018
CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN**



IRELAND
**WORLD
MEETING of
FAMILIES**

21-26 AUGUST 2018

As we approach the World Meeting of Families hosted here in Ireland next August [please God in the presence of Pope Francis] we recommend that the following Scripture Readings be used in all Confirmation ceremonies in the Archdiocese of Dublin this year. They reflect the idea of growing to maturity with the help of the Holy Spirit: both's St Paul's prayer from Ephesians (*may God give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong*) and the child Jesus being found in the Temple (*and he increased in wisdom, in stature, and in divine and human favour – a wish we have for all our Confirmation candidates*), reflecting the concern of God for us to grow in love and in our relationships.

Remember to keep in mind whether your Confirmation ceremony is pre or post Eastertime. This affects whether there is a Gloria in the ceremony and the presence of acclamations or hymns with the word "Alleluia" in them.

The structure of the Liturgy of the Word is normally:

First reading

Responsorial Psalm (*preferably sung*)

Second reading (*this is optional and we are not recommending one this year.*

There's plenty to ponder in the two texts given below)

A Gospel Acclamation (*always sung*)

Gospel

Homily

We also include below the text of the official prayer of the World Meeting of Families 2018 – please try to include it in your booklet, in your preparations and your Ceremony of Light.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:14-21

This is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name:

Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Sliocht as litir Naomh Pól chuig na hEifisigh 3:14-21

Sin é an fáth a dtéim ar mo ghlúine i bhfianaise an Athar óna n-ainmnítear gach clann ar neamh agus ar talamh. Go dtuga sé daoibh as ollmhaitheas a ghlóire go bhfaighidh sibh neart agus cumas inmheánach trína Spiorad, go gcónóidh Críost in bhur gcroí trí chreideamh, go mbeidh sibh préamhaithe agus bunaithe sa ghrá ar shlí go bhféadfaidh sibh féin agus na naoimh go léir fad agus leithead agus airde agus doimhneas [an ghrá] a thuiscint; go gcuirfidh sibh eolas ar ghrá Chríost atá os cionn tuisceana agus go líonfar sibh de líonmhaireacht iomlán Dé. Glóir don té úd ar féidir dó i bhfad níos mó a dhéanamh ná mar a d'iarrfaimisne nó smaoineamh féin air, tríd an gcumhacht atá ag obair ionainn. Glóir go raibh aige san Eaglais agus i gCríost Íosa ó ghlúin go glúin go brách na breithe. Amen

Gospel acclamation is SUNG :

During Lent:

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of eternal glory
or: Glory be to you O Christ, you are the word of God.**

Outside of Lent: An Alleluia is sung

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not

know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in divine and human favour.

Sliocht as an Soiscéal Naofa de réir Naomh LÚCÁS 2: 41-52

Théadh tuismitheoirí Íosa gach bliain go hIarúsailéim i gcoir féile na Cásca. Agus nuair a bhí sé dhá bhliain déag, chuaigh siad suas de réir ghnás na féile; agus nuair a bhí na laethanta caite acu, agus iad ag filladh, d'fhan an buachaill Íosa in Iarúsailéim ina ndiaidh, gan fhios dá thuismitheoirí. Shíl siad gur ar an gcomplacht a bhí sé, agus ar theacht dóibh siúl aon lae, bhí siad á lorg i measc a ngaolta agus a lucht aitheantais, agus nuair nach bhfuair siad é, chuaigh siad ar ais go Iarúsailéim á lorg. I gcionn trí lá fuair siad sa Teampall é ina shuí i measc na máistrí ag éisteacht leo agus ag cur ceisteanna chucu. Agus bhí alltacht ar chách a bhí ag éisteacht leis mar gheall ar a thuiscint agus ar a fhreagraí. Nuair a chonaic siad é, ghabh iontas iad, agus dúirt a mháthair leis: "A mhic, cad chuige a ndearna tú é seo orainn? Féach, bhí d'athair agus mé féin do do lorg go cráite." Agus dúirt sé leo: "Cad chuige a mbeadh sibh do mo lorg? Nach raibh a fhios agaibh gur i dteach m' Athar nárbh fholáir dom bheith?" Ach níor thuig siad an focal a labhair sé leo. Agus chuaigh sé síos in éineacht leo agus tháinig go Nazarat, agus bhí sé faoina smacht. Agus thaiscigh a mháthair go dílis na nithe seo uile ina croí. Agus bhí Íosa ag dul ar aghaidh in eagna agus i bpearsa agus i ngrásta i láthair Dé agus daoine.

**OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER
FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord, **Amen**
Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

**PAIDIR OIFIGIÚIL TEAGHLAIGH
DO CHRUINNIÚ DOMHANDA NA DTEAGHLACH 2018**

A Dhia, ár n-Athair,
In Íosa do Mhac is bráithre agus siúracha sinn,
Teaghlach amháin, i Spioraid do ghrá.
Beannaigh sinn le haoibhneas an ghrá.
Déan foighneach agus cinealta sinn,
séimh agus fial.
Bímis fáilteach dóibh siúd ar an ngannchuid.
I maithiúnas agus i síocháin go mairimid.
Tabhair aire dos na teaghlaigh uilig le do chúram geanúil,
go háirithe iad siúd a bhfuilimid ag guigh orthu anois:

(Cuimhnímís ar bhail dár dteaghlaigh agus ar dhaoine eile in a n-ainm).

Méadaigh ár gcreideamh,
Nearthaigh ár ndóchas,
Coinnigh slán sinn i do ghrá,

Bímis i gcónaí buíoch as ár gcomhbeatha.

Iarraimid é seo, trí Chríost ár dTiarna

Amen

A Mhuire, máthair agus treóraí, guigh orainn.

A Naoimh Iósaf, athair agus cosantóir, guigh orainn.

A Naomh Joachim agus a naomh Áine, guígí orainn.

A Naomh Louis agus a naomh Zélie Martin, guígí orainn.