

Suggested Scripture Passages for use in 2019 Confirmation Ceremonies

This year we are recommending that the Gospel of Luke 4:16-21 will be used at Confirmation Ceremonies in the Archdiocese of Dublin. Feel free to choose your other Scripture readings from the passages below – bearing in mind whether your Confirmation ceremony is pre or post Eastertime.

The structure of the Liturgy of the Word is normally:

First reading

Responsorial Psalm (*preferably sung*)

Second reading (*this is optional*)

A Gospel Acclamation (*always sung*)

Gospel

Homily.

If you have **both** a First and Second reading – the First is always from the Old Testament and the Second from the New Testament. If you have just a First Reading, it can be from either the Old or New Testaments.

This can change in EASTERTIME – where we can have the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4 followed by a Second from the New Testament.

FIRST READING: [PRE EASTER]

1. A reading from the prophet Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;

to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord,
a day of vengeance for our God,

to comfort all those who mourn
and to give them for ashes – a garland
for a mourning robe – the oil of gladness,
for despondency, praise.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

OR:

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 36:24-28

The Lord says this:

I am going to take you from among the nations
and gather you together from all the foreign countries,
and bring you home to your own land.

I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed;
I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols.

I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you;
I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies
and give you a heart of flesh instead.
I shall put my spirit in you,
and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances.
You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors.
You shall be my people and I will be your God.

(silence.....)

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

*OR: In the Easter Season, the 1st reading can be taken from
the Acts of the Apostles:*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room,
when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven,
the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting;
and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire;
these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them.
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign
languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:19-22

The Son of God, the Christ Jesus that we proclaimed among you... was never
Yes and No: with him it was always Yes, and however many the promises
God made, the Yes to them all is in him. That is why it is 'through him' that
we answer Amen to the praise of God. Remember it is God himself who
assures us all, and you, of our standing in Christ, and has anointed us,
marking us with his seal and giving us the pledge, the Spirit, that we carry in
our hearts.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

OR:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:1, 22-25.

Be guided by the Spirit, and you will no longer yield to self-indulgence.
What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law
against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless
you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life,
let us be directed by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel acclamation is SUNG :

During Lent:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of eternal glory

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 4:16-22

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**