



WELCOME TO THE WEDDING

OF

L A U R A

&

T H O M A S

21/07/26

ST. JOSEPHS CHURCH

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**WEDDING PARTY**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Pat Madden

**Bride:** Laura Ryan

**Groom:** Thomas Walsh

**Maid of Honour:** Alisha Ruane

**Bridesmaids:** Tracey Hennelly, Aoife Callanan

**Best Man:** Chris Beggan

**Groomsmen** Paul Casey, Barry Langan,

**Readers:** Shane Casey, Kelly Rooney

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Steve Casey,  
Brona Taaffe, Peter Ruane, Michael Healy  
Pasquella Kelly

**Offertory:** Cathy Casey, Colette Walsh

**Reflection:** Ciara Donohue

**Music:** Rachel Griffin

## ENTRANCE SONG

♪ *Feels Like Home* ♪

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Elaine & Dermot each light a candle symbolizing their uniqueness as individuals created in the image and likeness of God to be united together in the sacrament of marriage.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

**Fr Madden:** As we offer this Nuptial Mass for Bride & Groom, let all who are here today renew our love, loyalty and fidelity to God and to one another. Let us prepare ourselves for these celebrations by calling to mind our sins.

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

**All: Amen.**

**Fr Madden:** Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Fr Madden:** Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

**Fr Madden:** Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

## THE GLORIA

**Fr Madden:** Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to his people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we  
glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you  
take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our  
prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: have mercy on us

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the  
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray, Father, you have made the bond of  
marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love  
for his Church. Hear our prayers for Elaine &  
Dermot with faith in you and in each other they  
pledge their love today. May their lives always bear  
witness to the reality of that love. We ask this  
through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Steve Casey

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians*

Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.  
It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking.

It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of  
wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the  
truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes,

always perseveres.

Love never fails.

But where there are prophecies, they will cease;  
Where there are tongues, they will be stilled;  
Where there is knowledge, it will pass away.  
For we know in part and we prophesy in part,  
But when completeness comes, what is in part  
disappears.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought  
like a child, I reasoned like a child.

When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood  
behind me.

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror;  
Then we shall see face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully,  
Even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

♪ *Mo ghrá thú* ♪

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians*

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but  
speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or  
a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophesy,  
understanding all the mysteries there are, and  
knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its  
fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then  
I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess,  
piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body  
to burn it, but I am without love, it will do me no  
good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it  
is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited;  
it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence,  
and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other  
people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always  
ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure  
whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

This is the word of the lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

♪ *Alleluia* ♪

## GOSPEL

**Fr. Madden:** A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John.

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘This is my commandment:

Love one another,

As I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

Than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

If you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

Because a servant does not know

His master’s business;

I call you friends,

Because I have made known to you

Everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

No, I chose you;

And I commissioned you

To go out and to bear fruit,

Fruit that will last;

And then the Father will give you

Anything you ask him in my name.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## RITE OF MARRIAGE

**Fr. Madden:** Elaine & Dermot you have come to this church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the priest, your families and friends. Christ blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism; now, by a special sacrament, he strengthens you to fulfil the duties of your married life. Elaine & Dermot, you are about to celebrate this sacrament. Have you come here of your own free will and choice and without compulsion to marry each other?

**Laura & Thomas:** We have.

**Fr Madden:** Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

**Laura & Thomas:** We will.

**Fr Madden:** Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ and his Church?

**Laura & Thomas:** We are.

## DECLARATION OF CONSENT

**Fr Madden.:** I invite you then to declare before God and his Church, your consent to become husband and wife.

**Thomas:** I, Dermot, take you, Elaine, as my wife,  
for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health, all the days of our life.

**Laura:** I, Elaine, take you Dermot as my husband,  
for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health, all the days of our life.

**Fr. Madden:** What God joins together man must not separate. May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with his blessing.

## BLESSING OF THE RINGS

**Fr. Madden:** Almighty God, bless these rings, symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love. May Elaine and Dermot always be true to each other, may they be in one heart and mind, may they be united in love forever, through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## EXCHANGE OF RINGS

**Thomas:** Elaine, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love. In the Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit.

**Laura:** Dermot, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love. In the Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit.

## LIGHTING OF THE MARRIAGE CANDLE

Laura & Thomas now light the central candle on the altar together symbolising their union as husband and wife.

♪ *Fields of Gold Instrumental* ♪

## PRAYER OF THE NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE

We thank you, Lord  
And we praise you  
For bringing us  
To this happy day.  
You have given us to each other.  
Now, together, we give ourselves  
to you.

We ask you, Lord;  
Make us one in your love;  
Keep us one in your peace.  
Protect our marriage.  
Bless our home.

Make us gentle.  
Keep us faithful.

And when life is over  
Unite us again  
Where parting is no more  
In the kingdom of your love.  
There we will praise you  
In the happiness and peace  
Of our eternal home.  
Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Shane Casey:** We pray for Elaine & Dermot as they begin their married life together. May their home be full of laughter and joy, may God give them good health and may they always find happiness in each other.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord Graciously Hear us.**

**Brona Taaffe:** We pray for the parents of Elaine and Dermot, their sisters & brothers and their extended families gathered here today. We give thanks for their constant love and support.

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, Graciously Hear us.**

**Arlene Dunne:** We remember the smiles and laughter of those who have gone before us, who would have loved to share in the joy and happiness of this day. We thank God for the happy memories they have left with us. May God one day unite us again.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord Graciously Hear us.**

**Michael Healy:** For the family, relatives and friends of Elaine & Dermot who have been there to support them through the years. Bless them with God's love

and peace always. We pray that God may grant  
them the happiness that they seek.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord Graciously Hear us.**

**Pasquella Kelly:** We give thanks for all the good  
things in life, for laughter and love, for friendship  
and care, for good health and for the goodness of  
the world and its people.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord Graciously Hear us.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

The gifts will be brought to the Altar by Elaine's  
mother, Cathy, and Dermot's mother, Colette.

♪ *Ave maria* ♪

### COMMUNION RITE

**Fr Madden:** At the Saviour's command and formed  
by divine teaching we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

**Fr Madden:** Deliver us, Lord for every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help  
of your mercy, we may always be free from sin and  
safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## NUPTIAL BLESSING

**Fr Madden:** Let us ask God to bless Elaine and Dermot, now married in Christ and unite them in his love. God, our Father, creator of the universe, you made man and woman in your own likeness, and blessed their union. We humbly pray to you for Elaine and Dermot, today united in the sacrament of marriage. May your blessing come upon them. May they find happiness in their love for each other, and enrich the life of the Church. May they praise you in their days of happiness and turn to you in times of sorrow. May they know the joy of your help in their work and the strength of your presence in their need. May they worship you with the Church and be your witnesses in the world. May old age come to them in the company of their friends, and may they reach at last the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## SIGN OF PEACE

**Fr Madden:** Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

**All: Amen**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

**All: And with your Spirit**

**Celebrant:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  
Agnus Dei

**Celebrant:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace

**Celebrant:** Behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the lamb.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

♪ *Instrumental* ♪

## COMMUNION

♪ *Amazing grace* ♪

♪ *Time after time* ♪

## REFLECTION

For two people this dawn brought on a magical day  
Now husband and wife they head on their way  
As a boat setting sail may their journey begin  
With calmest of waters, most helpful of wind  
And if they should stumble upon turbulent sea  
May it pass them unharmed – leave them be.

For here are two people whom love has well bitten  
Here opens their book which has yet to be written  
As the first page unfolds and their life inks its path  
May it write a true story where forever love lasts  
Let their journey be happy till death do they part  
Of one thousand chapters may this be the start.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Fr Madden:** Lord, we have shared the food of your table, pray for Elaine and Dermot, whom you have joined together in marriage. Keep them close to you always. May their love for each other proclaim to all the world their faith in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITE

**Fr Madden:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Fr Madden** May God, the eternal Father, grant you his joy: may he bless you in your children.

**All: Amen.**

**Fr Madden** May Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in his mercy help you in good times and in bad.

**All Amen.**

**Fr Madden** May the Holy Spirit of God always fill you with his love.

**All: Amen.**

**Fr Madden:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SIGNING OF THE REGISTER**

♪ *The Voyage* ♪

**RECESSIONAL**

♪ *Galway Girl* ♪

Thank you to everyone that has come from near and far today. It means so much having you here to share our special day. Thank you for the support, encouragement, love and laughter, you have contributed to our lives. We are blessed to have friends and family like you. We hope you enjoy tonight's celebration and those we'll share for years to come.

**Laura & Thomas**