

5 July 1987

14th Sunday of YearCatholic Centre
Broadcast

Good morning once again from the Catholic Centre chapel this time; and welcome to join in spirit, in their prayer and worship, with the people now gathered here this morning, this 'Day of the Lord'. For those of you in particular who would wish and prefer to be yourself taking part in the community celebration of your fellow-Christians today, but are for one reason or another unable to do so....for you, may this chance at least to 'listen in' here be some help to you to pray, some consolation, and some strengthening of your love of God and neighbour, your hope and your faith. In our church calendar today's the 14th ordinary Sunday of this year, year "A" in the 3-year cycle of Sunday readings of scripture. So it's St Matthew's gospel we'll be hearing in the first part of our liturgy, preceded by a reading from St Paul's letter to the Christians of Rome, a letter we'll be continuing to read from for the coming 10 Sundays this year; the first reading of scripture today, from the Old Testament and chosen as a parallel for the gospel passage, is from the prophet Zechariah, about the humble, gentle, Messiah. But, before we listen to the scriptures, our service begins with a rite of prayer, repentance and praise to God; as the priest-celebrant and his assistants come to the altar at the front of the chapel, the choir sings an Entry Song

CHOIR

Intro.: Kyrie: Gloria: ORATIO

The community-assembly prayer for today's celebration. Priest and congregation now sit down to listen to the first of the scripture readings: and this is followed

by a recitation together of part of Ps 144.

CREED:

After the scriptures, and the homily given by Fr Sean Coghlan our celebrant here this morning, all now stand to make a profession of our common faith, reciting the Creed.

OFFERTORY:

The Prayers of Intercession end off the first part of our liturgy here this morning, centred on the Word of God. In the second part, the liturgy of the Eucharist, we share in Christ's offering of Himself for us and to us, through His cross and death and resurrection. The preparation rite is now done at the altar where the priest and assistants accept from representatives of the community here the gifts of bread and wine and water that we use in this enactment of Our Lord's last supper. Meanwhile, the choir sings

CHOIR

PREFACE:

The formal Prayer over the Gifts, for this Sunday. Now follows the prayer and action of the Eucharist, preceded by a special Sunday Preface-prayer of thanksgiving.

PER IPSUM:

The concluding prayer-of-praise to God at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. Next follows the rite of Holy Communion; our first preparation for this is in praying together the Lord's Prayer, the words Jesus taught his followers to use.

COMMUNION:

It's communion time now: at the altar, the priest himself first takes the sacred Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion; and as he does so, people in the congregation here who wish also to share in this Blessed Sacrament of Christ's presence and love for us all begin to file up towards the front of the chapel. In a moment or two, the priest will

come to begin giving Holy Communion to the people assisted by two special Ministers of the Eucharist. During the Communion time, the Philippina choir here this morning will be singing; as you listen (and perhaps visualise for yourself the activity taking place now in this chapel) there's a time when you can make a spiritual communion of your own with Christ who's present with us here AND with you; a communion too with His Body which is the community of Christians; in communion with everyone who receives Him in this very special sign and pledge and action of His presence and power at work among us. And let us pray for each other.

CHOIR

XXX The giving of Holy Communion is now (almost) over: the priest has returned to the altar, where he briefly cleans the holy vessels that've been used during this celebration. And after a few moments of his personal recollection and prayer, he will recite in our name the formal Thanksgiving Prayer after Communion. Following that, comes the Blessing and the Dismissal.

END

The Blessing and Dismissal conclude the celebration of Mass. The choir now sings a recessional hymn/song, as people begin to leave the chapel here. And so we've come to the end of this Broadcast of church service for this Sunday morning, which you've been listening to direct from the chapel at the Catholic Centre, in Connaught Road, Central.