

# Cashel and Emly Archdiocese

## READINGS FOR CONFIRMATION 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**A reading from the First Book of Samuel.**

(3:1-10.19.20)

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli; it was rare for the Lord to speak in those days; visions were uncommon. One day, it happened that Eli was lying down in his room. His eyes were beginning to grow dim; he could no longer see. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.'

So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel!, Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down'. Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again, the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am since you called me'. Eli then understood it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel!, Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'.

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground".

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm 103**

**Response:**

**Send forth your Spirit O Lord**  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
Clothed in majesty and glory,  
Wrapped in light as in a robe! **R//**

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches,  
Bless the Lord my soul. **R//**

All of these look to you  
To give them their food in due season  
You give it, they gather it up:  
You open your hand, they have their fill. **R//**

You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
And you renew the face of the earth **R//**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

### **A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians 3:12-21**

#### *Family Life in the Lord*

You are God's chosen race, his saints, he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another, forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you, teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God: and never do or say anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

#### **This is the word of the Lord**

*(A teacher is welcome to have the above reading read in Irish)*

#### **Acclamation for Lent**

##### **Psalm 94:8**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Harden not your hearts today

But listen to the voice of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

#### **Alleluia for Easter Time**

##### **Romans 8:15**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit you received is the spirit of power

And it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'

Alleluia

## **Gospel**

### **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. 20:19-23**

*As the Father sent me, so I am sending you, receive the Holy Spirit*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them, Peace be with you' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord and he said to them again, Peace be with you'.

“As the Father sent me,

So am I sending you”

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

“Receive the Holy Spirit,

For those whose sins you forgive,

They are forgiven;

For those whose sins you retain

They are retained.”

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**