

# *Harvest Mass*

*and giving thanks for*

## *Bishop Willie*

*Marking his retirement*

*1994 - 2010*



*Ennis Cathedral*

*Saturday 30th October 2010*

*Entrance Hymn*      Cathedral Folk Group  
Sing of the Lords Goodness

*Gathering Rite*      Mary Hanley  
Celebrating Fruits of the Harvest  
(Harpist: Yvonne Quinn)



*First Reading*      Deuteronomy      16:13-17

After you have threshed all your corn and pressed all your grapes, celebrate the Festival of Shelters for seven days. Enjoy it with your children, your servants, and the Levites, foreigners, orphans, and widows who live in your towns. Honour the Lord your God by celebrating this festival for seven days at the one place of worship. Be joyful, because the Lord has blessed your harvest and your work.

All the people of your nation are to come to worship the Lord three times a year at the one place of worship: at Passover, Harvest Festival, and the Festival of Shelters. Each person is to bring a gift as he is able, in proportion to the blessings that the Lord your God has given him.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Psalm*      Cathedral Folk Group  
*To you Yahweh I lift up my soul*



*Gospel*      Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house,' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

*Prayers of the Faithful*

1. We give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest for food and nourishment, which is the fruit of the work of all who work in the land. Lord, Bless all who provide for our needs. **Lord Hear us.**
2. We give thanks to God, for the rich harvest of Bishop Willie's ministry to the people of the diocese of Killaloe. We ask God to bless his retirement years with contentment, good health and the warmth of friendship with the people of this community. **Lord hear us.**
3. We pray for our Families, as well as all who work to build Community amongst us. We remember our Leaders and ask God to bless them. We remember Bishop Kieran, as he begins his ministry shepherding the flock of our diocese. **Lord hear us.**
4. At this time of harvest, we pray for those who are experiencing hardships and difficulties during this time of recession in Ireland. **Lord hear us.**
5. We pray for all our loved ones who have died, we remember especially (priest)..... May they reap the eternal harvest of heaven. **Lord hear us.**



*Reflection* (Maura Brooks)

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,  
it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction  
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying  
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,  
knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference  
between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

(Harpist: Yvonne Quinn)

*Words of thanks & Presentation  
on behalf of Ennis Parish*

Sarah Malone, Chairperson Ennis Pastoral Council.

*Cloughleigh Comhaltas Group*

Music and Figure of Caledonian Set