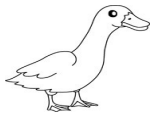
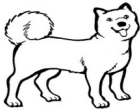
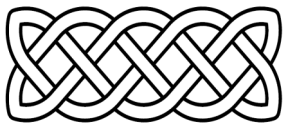




Blessing of Animals

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless these animals. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen"



A Time to Remember ...



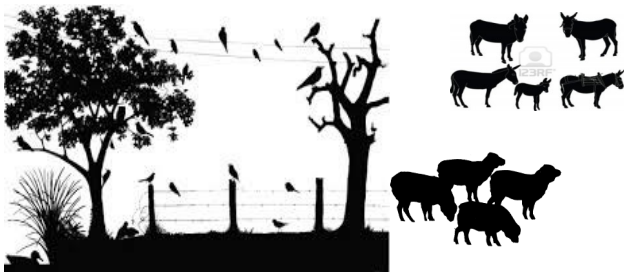
There is a time to remember, a time to recall
 The trials and the triumphs, the fears and the falls
 There is a time to be grateful for moments so blessed
 The jewels of our memory where love is our guest

There is gold that is gleaming in a past we once knew
 In our tears and our laughter, 'twas love brought us through
 There's a road we have travelled where sunlight has kissed
 That carries us onwards when loved ones are missed

There is treasure in our fields there is treasure in our skies
 There is treasure in our dreaming from the soul to the eye
 For wherever we gather in the light of God's grace
 And for all whom we remember there will ever be a place

In the quiet of the evening, at the close of the day
 We will rest from our journey, to the Lord we will pray
 May we thank God for blessings for the moments we have shared
 As we look tomorrow, close by us they'll stay

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**Friends + Neighbours
 Area Gathering**

Celtic Evening

May Eve 2015

Mass

at

O'Reilly's Land

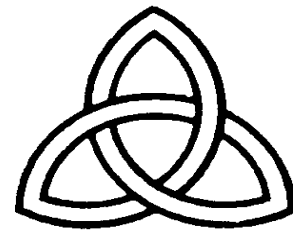
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Opening Prayer:

Lord,
Your creation is constant
Your love made visible to all
In every waking hour
In every tiny flower
In every living cell



Bless the labours of our work
With patience With perseverance
That in the changing seasons
We might see
Your Divine imagination unfolding.

May we Bless the soul of our mother earth
May we respect her goodness
May we treat her kindly

May every flower and every tree
Remind us often
That Paradise was made for us ... for all.

Lord, may we Replenish, Restore, Renew all that we receive
from You.

May Your gentle rain
Falling on dry and arid ground
Cleanse and refresh
The parched earth
Washing the green land and our eyes
To watch in wonder

May the morning sun rise with rays from Your heart O God
Healing our earth, bringing to birth seed and sapling.
May the dews of grace fall silently each night
Your warm and silver light from the gentle moon
Casting shadows of calm on our earth.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus:

A kindly turn of speech multiplies a person's friends, and a
courteous way of speaking invites many a friendly reply.
Keep well clear of your enemies,
And be wary of your friends.
A faithful friend is a sure shelter,
Whoever finds one has found a rare treasure.
A faithful friend is something beyond price,
There is no measuring his worth.
A faithful friend is the elixir of life,
And those who fear the Lord will find one.
Whoever fears the Lord makes true friends, for as a person
is, so is his friend.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial :We thank you for the wonder of friendship.

Lord, you search me and you know me,
You know my resting and my rising,
You discern my purpose from afar.

Response:

For it was you who created my being,
Knit me together in my mother's womb,
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
For the wonders of all your creation.

Response:



Gospel Acclamation!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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 com-
mand you. I shall not call you servants anymore, 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. What I command you is to
love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Prayers of the Faithful:

We pray for our neighbours, May the Lord Bless
them and give them hope and happiness.

Lord Hear Us.

We pray that we will continue to be good friends
and neighbours.

We pray too that we will always be open to making
friends and notice that everyone has a need for
friends.

Lord Hear Us.

We pray for people who have fallen out, may the
good God and our friendship help them to make it
up.

Lord Hear Us.

There are people who find it difficult to make
friends and who find it difficult to trust or to be hon-
est with people - we pray for them.

Lord Hear Us.

For those who are lonely, especially young people
who find themselves turning to drugs, drink or su-
perficial relationships to give themselves a sense of
meaning in their lives.

Lord Hear Us.

We thank those people who are not so young for
being who they are and what they are and have
shown us all - the way. We appreciate their pres-
ence, their story and their lives.

Lord Hear Us.

We pray in a very special way for anybody who is
sick or housebound in this area. May God's love
always surround you.

Lord Hear Us.

We pray for all who have died and especially all
those known to us who have lived in these areas
down through the years.

Lord Hear Us.

