

## PRESENTATIONS

During the Season of Lent the Church offers two presentations, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer to the elect. They are not as important as the Scrutinies but should not be omitted. They are very ancient pre-baptismal rituals.

There is no physical presentation of either the Creed or Lord's Prayer. They are passed from mouth to ear, heart to heart.

The Presentations may be offered during the period of the catechumenate.

With appropriate sensitivity, the Presentations may also be made to those who have been baptised as Catholics, but not catechised.

The Presentations should be celebrated during the week, at a Mass, Stations of the Cross or other liturgy where parishioners are gathered. Sundays are too crowded.

### PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

*This takes place during the week after the first scrutiny.*

*The Apostles' Creed is recommended as a prelude to baptism.*

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Readings are taken from Lectionary Volume III, Ritual Masses.*

**HOMILY** - *explain the importance of the Creed which they will live by.*

*Ask the elect to come forward.*

*Before beginning the Creed, you address the elect:*

My dear friends, N, listen carefully to the words of that faith by which you will be justified. The words are few, but the mysteries they contain are great. Receive them with a sincere heart and be faithful to them.

#### The Apostles' Creed

*You begin:*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

*The elect listen as you and the assembly continue reciting the Apostles Creed*

#### Prayer over the Elect

*Invite all the faithful to pray for the elect:*

Let us pray for these elect, N, that God in his mercy may make them responsive to his love, so that through the waters of rebirth they may receive pardon for their sins and have life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*All pray in silence.*

*Then the celebrant, with hands outstretched over the elect says:*

Lord, eternal source of light, justice and truth,  
take under your tender care your servants, N.  
Purify them (her/him) and make them holy;  
give them true knowledge, sure hope and sound understanding  
and make them worthy to receive the grace of baptism.

AMEN

*If during Mass dismiss the Elect in the following words:*

Dear elect, N, go in peace,  
and may the Lord remain with you always.  
AMEN

*The Prayer of the Faithful follows.*

*If during a Word Service, dismiss everyone.*

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

This takes place during the week after the third scrutiny.

It uses a similar structure as for the Presentation of the Creed.

Readings are taken from Lectionary Volume III, Ritual Masses. The Gospel is Matthew's version of the Our Father.

### Liturgy of the Word

*After the first and second readings, you, or the team leader, invite the elect to stand near the Ambo.*

Let those who are to receive the Lord's Prayer now come forward.

*Address them in the following or similar words:*

Listen to the Gospel reading in which our Lord teaches his followers how to pray.

### Gospel

**Homily** - explain the meaning and importance of the Lord's Prayer

### Prayer over the Elect

*Invite the faithful to pray.*

Let us pray for these elect, N, that God in his mercy may make them responsive to his love, so that through the waters of rebirth they may receive pardon for their sins and have life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*All pray in silence.*

*Then the celebrant, with hands outstretched over the elect, says:*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you continually enlarge the family of your church.

Deepen the faith and understanding  
of these elect, N, chosen for baptism.  
Give them new birth in your living waters,  
so that they may be numbered among your adopted children.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN

The rest of the liturgy takes the same format as the presentation of the Creed.