

In The Bedrooms

V/ I will lay me down in peace and take my rest

R/ For it is you Lord only that make me dwell in safety.

Priest: Let us pray:

Be present O merciful God with thy servants in this place and protect them through the silent hours of the night; for the love of your only son our lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

In the Cake Room and Office

V/ On account of the crowds, Jesus went to a lonely place to pray.

R/ That there he might renew his relationship to God his Father and find strength for his work of love.

Priest: Let us pray:

God our Father, in your life of Trinity, relationships of love are enriched and strengthened by the uniqueness of Father, Son and Spirit. Grant that in this (workroom/office) (Shirley) and (Bart), as they spend time alone and apart from one another may be enriched in their souls, fulfilled in the activities that they will pursue here , and so become more able to strengthen one another. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

On the Patio

V/ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised

R/ High and beautiful is his holy hill, it is the joy of all the earth.

Priest: Let us pray:

O God of the desert, and wide open spaces, bless we pray this open space, that those who come here may have their souls be refreshed by a wider vision, and their sense of your greatness expanded by a wider view of your heavens. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Front Door:

V/ The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in

R/ From this time forth for ever more.

Priest: Let us pray:

Grant O Lord that all who enter this house may enter through Jesus Christ, who is the door, and entering may find therein your presence and your peace. **Amen**

Priest:

To the glory of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we dedicate this house and make herein the sign of the cross, (C+B+M) in token of its blessing as a home where Christ dwells. **Amen.**

The Blessing of a Home

Bart & Shirley Morris

**8a Horsfall St
Lower Templestowe**

Sunday 12th December 1999 12.00 Noon.

The Blessing of the Door

The Priest goes to the door of the house and says

Jesus says "I am the door of the sheep, if any one enters by me they will be saved"

Peace be to this house and all who dwell in it
Peace be to those who enter and those who go out
Peace be to all who in every place call on the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

*The mistress of the house cuts the ribbon and opens the door.
The priest enters and stands in the doorway*

The Priest Says:

Let us pray:

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation
Through your goodness you have given this house to be a home for your children, Bart and Shirley:
Let your peace remain with them always
Let all who come here to share their life find generosity, and true hospitality.
May they depart enriched by the joy of Christian life.

The Blessing of the Water

Lord, let this water + blessed in your name be a sign of your protection for those who live herein, for their home and all things in it. Protect them from all harm, give them your peace, and remain with them now and always. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel: (Bart)

Luke 10:38 - 42.

The Prayers:

The Blessing of the Cross:

V/ God forbid that I should glory
R/ Save in the cross of our lord Jesus Christ.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who in your mercy ordained that your Son should suffer death upon a Cross of shame; we thank you that it has become to us a sign of his triumph and the banner of salvation, and we pray that this cross may draw the hearts of all in this house to him who leads us through his cross and passion to eternal joy of his glorious resurrection Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let this cross + be blessed in the name of the Father Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The priest sprinkles the cross with holy water. The cross is returned to its place on the wall.

In the Sitting Room:

V/ Behold how good and joyful a thing it is

R/ When we live together in unity.

Priest: Let us pray:

Grant O Lord that in this place your servants meet in the joy and gladness of social life . May this house be open to the stranger and the fatherless, the widow and the orphan. May your loving Spirit inspire all who enter here that their wounds may be healed, stress and stain forgotten and true companionship with you discovered. Through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

In the Dining Room:

V/ Whether you eat or drink, what ever you do.

R/ Do all to the glory of God.

Priest: Let us pray:

Almighty father, who has promised to all who seek your rule above all things everything necessary for the sustaining of their bodies: Be present with those who will dine in this place: Nourish them with health and strength of body, mind and soul. Enable them with gladness to be given to hospitality and grant that they may go on their way rejoicing in your loving care Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Kitchen:

V/ You O God in your goodness have prepared for the poor:

R/ You fill us with all good things

Priest: Let us Pray:

O Eternal God, you fill the hungry with good things: send your blessing on this kitchen and on all who work in it and make us ever thankful for our daily food. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**