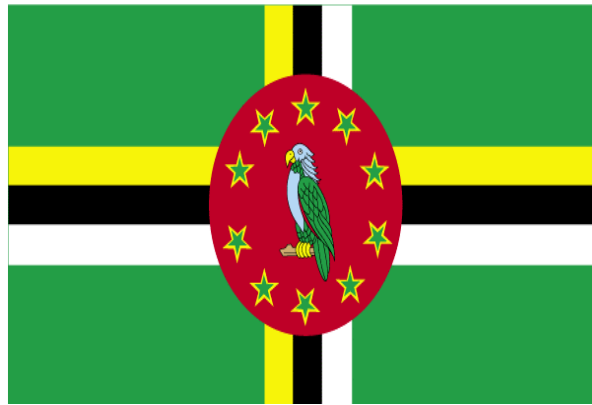


DOMINICA OVERSEA
NATIONALS ASSOCIATION
(D.O.N.A.)

*30th Anniversary
Service of Thanksgiving*



St Antony's Catholic Church,
St Antony's Road, Forest Gate,
London E7 9QB
4:30pm on Sunday, 1st June 2008

Principal Celebrant:
The Most Reverend,
Archbishop Kelvin Felix

Master of Ceremonies:
Mr Darren J. Sylvester

ORDER OF SERVICE

STAND WHEN THE BELL RINGS

Procession with the Dominican Flag –
Mr Clifton Brand

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Guide me, O thou great redeemer*

1. Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield .
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

WELCOME/GREETING: The Most Reverend Archbishop Kelvin Felix

KYRIE: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

GLORIA: (Glory, Glory, Glory to God) – Led by the Choir

OPENING PRAYER: The Most Reverend Archbishop Kelvin Felix

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

FIRST READING: Rev Hewlette Andrew

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 11:18. 26-28. 32

See, I set before you today a blessing and a curse.

Moses said to the people: 'Let these words of mine remain in your heart and in your soul; fasten them on your hand as a sign and on your forehead as a circlet.

'See, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: a blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord our God that I enjoin on you today; a curse, if you disobey the commandments of the Lord your God and leave the way I have marked out for you today, by going after other gods you have not known. You must keep and observe all the laws and customs that I set before you today'.

This is the word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Sung by Ms Eileen Augustine

Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.

Response: Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge.
Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free,
hear me and speedily rescue me.
Response: Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.
2. Be a rock of refuge to me,
a mighty stronghold to save me,
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.
Response: Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.
3. Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your love.
Be strong, let your heart take courage,
all who hope in the Lord.
Response: Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.

SECOND READING: Mrs Elenora Royer-Desbonne

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 3:21-25. 28

A man is justified by faith and not by doing something the Law tells him to do.

God's justice that was made known through the Law and the Prophets has now been revealed outside the Law, since it is the same justice of God that comes through faith to everyone, Jew and Pagan alike, who believes in Jesus Christ. Both Jew and pagan sinned and forfeited God's glory, and both are justified through the free gift of his grace by being redeemed in Christ Jesus who was appointed by God to sacrifice his life so as to win reconciliation through faith since, as we see it, a man is justified by faith and not by doing something the Law tells him to do.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - STAND

Alleluia (Caribbean Version)

Halle Halle Halle-luia!

Halle Halle Halle-luia!

Halle Halle Halle-luia!

Halleluia! Halleluia!

GOSPEL: Fr Elveau Augustine

The Lord be with you

Response: And also with you

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 7:21-27

The house built on rock and the house built on sand

Jesus said to his disciples: 'It is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord", who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven. When the day comes many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, cast out demons in your name, work many miracles in your name?" Then I shall tell them to their faces: I have never known you; away from me, you evil men!

'Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against that house, and it did not fall: it was founded on rock. But everyone who listens to these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid man who built his house on sand. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and struck that house, and it fell; and what a fall it had!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SIT – HOMILY: The Most Reverend Archbishop Kelvin Felix

STAND - CREED

INTRODUCTION OF BIDDING PRAYERS:

Ms Sylvia Smith
Lord in your mercy
Response: Hear our prayers

We ask our Lady to intercede in our prayers as we say:
HAIL MARY ...

COLLECTION:

PANIS ANGELICUM:
Martha Elizee, Julie Andrew, Rosa Andrew

OFFERTORY PROCESSION/
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:
Ron Shillingford, Irene Deshaut & Hilma Alfred

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Fill my house unto the fullest*

1. Fill my house unto the fullest.
Eat my bread and drink my wine.
The love I bear us held from no-one.

All I own and all I do
I give to you

2. Take my time unto the fullest.
Find in me the trust you seek,
and take my hands to you outreaching.
3. Christ our Lord with love enormous
from the cross his lesson taught –
to love all men as I have loved you.

4. Join with me as one in Christ-love.
May our hearts all beat as one,
and may we give ourselves completely.

STAND

LITURGY/PRAYER OF THE EUCHARIST:

The Lord be with you

Response: And also with you

Lift up your hearts

Response: We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Response: It is right to give him thanks and praise

KNEEL

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION:

Christ has died – Alleluia

Christ is risen – Alleluia

Christ will come again, Alleluia, leluia

DOXOLOGY:

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory
and honour is yours Almighty Father, forever and ever.

GREAT AMEN: (Caribbean Version)

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

COMMUNION RITE: (Please Stand)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done

hallowed be thy name

On earth as it is in heaven

hallowed be thy name

Give us this day, our daily bread

hallowed be thy name

And forgive us our trespasses

hallowed be thy name

As we forgive those who trespass against us

hallowed be thy name

And lead us not into temptation,
hallowed be thy name
But deliver us from all that is evil,
hallowed be thy name

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,
hallowed be thy name
For ever and ever and ever,
hallowed be thy name
Amen, Amen, it shall be so,
hallowed be thy name
Amen, Amen, it shall be so,
hallowed be thy name.
Hallowed be thy name.

SIGN OF PEACE:

The peace of the Lord be with you always

Response: And also with you

Let us offer each other the sign of peace



LAMB OF GOD:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

Grant us peace.

KNEEL

COMMUNION HYMN: *Love divine, all loves excelling*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,

fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

2. Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all they life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
4. Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as they hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
5. Finish then they new creation,
pure and sinless let us be;
let us see they great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
6. Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

The Most Reverend Archbishop Kelvin Felix

HARMONICA PERFORMANCE:

Mr Amos Charles – Great is thy Faithfulness

SINGING OF THE DONA's SONG:

I had a dream

ADDRESS BY THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA:

Her Excellency, Ms Agnes Adonis

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mr Amos Charles, Vice-Chairperson, DONA

DOMINICA NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Isle of Beauty, isle of splendour,
isle to all so sweet and fair.
All must surely gaze in wonder,
at thy gifts so rich and rare.
Rivers, valleys, hills and mountains,
all these gifts we do extol.
Healthy lands so like all fountains,
giving cheer that warms the soul.

Dominica! God has blest thee,
with a clime benign and bright.
Pastures green and flow'rs of beauty
filling all with pure delight.
And a people strong and healthy,
full of Godly reverent fear.
May we ever seek to praise thee,
for these gifts so rich and rare.

Come ye forward, sons and daughters,
of this Gem beyond compare.
Strive for honour, sons and daughters,
do the right, be firm, be fair.
Toil with hearts and hands and voices,
we must prosper! sound the call.
In which everyone rejoices
"All for each, and each for all!"

FINAL BLESSING:

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Our God reigns*

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news,
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
Our God reigns.....
2. You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one,
shout for your king, your king!
See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Sion:
Our God reigns.....

3. Wastelaces of Jerusalem, break forth with joy!
We are redeemed, redeemed,
the Lord has saved and comforted his people.
Our God reigns.....
4. Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations, he has bared his holy arm.
Our God reigns.....

About The Most Reverend Archbishop Kelvin Felix

Kelvin Edward Felix was born in Roseau, Dominica, on the 15th February 1933. He was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Church on the 8th April 1956. In 1962 he left the West Indies for St Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, where he attained a Diploma in Adult Education in 1963; gained a Masters Degree from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, in Sociology and Anthropology in 1967 and completed post graduate studies in Sociology at the University of Bradford, Yorkshire, England in 1970. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws in 1986 from St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia.

Archbishop Felix was the Principal of the Roman Catholic High School in Dominica from 1972–1975 and Associate General Secretary of the Caribbean Conference of Churches from 1975-1981. He was ordained Archbishop on 5th October 1981 and served as President of the Antilles Episcopal Conference from 1991-1997 and President of the Caribbean Conference of Churches from 1981-1986. He is presently a member of the Roman Curia.

He received an OBE from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1992, the Dominica Medal of Honour for Meritorious Service in 1999 from the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica. In 2002 he received the Medal of Honour (Gold) (SLMH) in the Order of St. Lucia for services to Religion from the Government of St. Lucia in respect of the 23rd anniversary of Independence. This medal of honour is awarded to a person who has rendered eminent service of national importance to Saint Lucia.

Archbishop Kelvin Felix retired on 15th February 2008 - his 75th birthday. As he was the first Patron of the Dominica Oversea Nationals Association, it is a great pleasure that he can be with us today, as the Principal Celebrant, to celebrate this Thanksgiving Mass on the association's 30th anniversary.

About Father Elveau Augustine

Father Elveau Augustine has been a Roman Catholic priest for twenty years and was the Principal Celebrant at DONA's Thanksgiving Service in 2007. He regularly conducts his Revival Services in London, the last one being entitled: "Efficacy of the blood, cross, name and spirit of Jesus" in April 2008.

The National Pledge

Before God and all mankind, I pledge allegiance to the flag of the Commonwealth of Dominica and to the Sovereign Republic for which it stands.

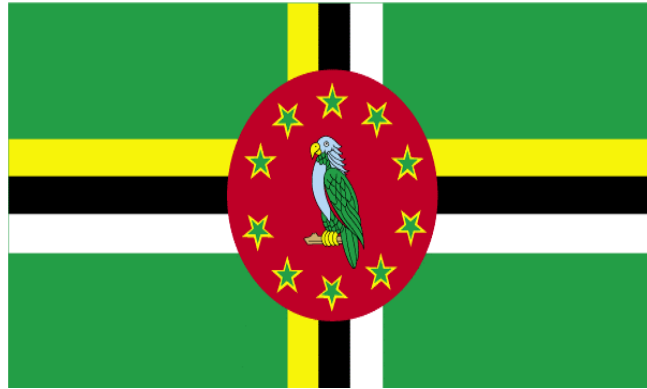
My love, my loyalty and skills, in the service of Dominica and my fellow citizens, I promise to work diligently and to help build a prosperous and peaceful Nation.

Please stay and join us for light refreshments

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The executive committee of the D.O.N.A. would like to express their sincere thanks to The Most Reverend Archbishop Kelvin Felix for being the Principal Celebrant at today's Thanksgiving Service; and also to Father Elveau Augustine for concelebrating the Mass on this auspicious occasion; Her Excellency, the Acting High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Dominica, Ms Agnes Adonis and staff of the High Commission, London; the former Civic Ambassador of the London Borough of Newham, Cllr. Pearson Shillingford; the former Consort to the Civic Ambassador, Dr Anastasia Shillingford M.B.E.; Rev. Hewlette U. B. Andrew; members of St Antony's Church Choir; the organist, Ms Kim; the readers and the Harmonica performance by Mr Amos Charles; the flag bearer, Mr Clifton Brand, and members, supporters and friends of the association.

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