

GOLDEN JUBILEE HOMILY:

## SMALL BEGINNINGS

### INTRODUCTION:

TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING 50..... (PAUSE FOR EFFECT).....50 (LET ME HEAR EVERYBODY HERE SHOUT .....50....) I CANNOT HEAR YOU..... I AM GETTING OLD AND DEAF ..... (PAUSE)..... FOR THE BIRTHDAY OF LAST TIME .....EVERYBODY HERE .....

..... WHEN YOU PEOPLE GET GOING.....YOU ARE LOUDER THAN OUR CHURCH ORGAN HERE.....

EVERYBODY HERE PLEASE RETURN THE ROOF OF OUR CHURCH WHICH BEGUN TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE.....

### CENTER

### FAMILY ROOTS:

Can we have a show of hands: who here was born in the year 1948.....

1948 was a great vintage year: I was born on September 13 1948. --- I WILL BE 74, NEXT BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER 13.

MY FATHER'S NAME WAS WILLIAM (KNOWN TO EVERYBODY BY THE UPPER ROOM PET NAME "BILLY")...HIS WIFE'S NAME..... MY MOTHER..... HER NAME WAS ANNE

(KNOWN TO EVERYBODY IN THE CITYNEIGHBOURHOOD BY THE PET NAME "NANCY").

INCIDENTLY MY BROTHER LIAM (ALWAYS IN TROUBLE WITH OUR PARENTS) ..... ALWAYS UP TO SOMETHING..... THERE IS ALWAYS ONE SUCH CHILD IN EVERY FAMILY .... LIAM DISCOVERED A VERY STARTLING FAMILY SECRET:

THIS IS HOW THE FAMILY SECRET GOT OUT: ALL OF JAUS, THE FAMILY, WE WERE SITTING AT THE KITCHEN TABLE, IN THE KITCHEN, ONE EVENING ,.....HAVING A BITE OF FOOD TO EAT..... FOOD WAS SCARCE..... BUT WE WERE TOO POOR TO NOTICE POVERTY ..... WE KNE<

MY FAMILY IS MADE UP OF ONE GIRL, ANNE,..... THE ELDEST ,..... NOW (DECEASED),..... MICHAEL..... AND LIAM (BOTH LIVE IN LONDON ENGLAND. THEY ARE BOTH LOOKING IN ON US NOW FROM LONDON VIA ZOOM , AND THEN MYSELF,..... JOHN....THE YOUNGEST IN THE FAMILY .

#### FAMILY JOKE

THE FAMILY JOKE GOES ... WHEN JOHN WAS BORN, SEPTEMBER 13 1948 THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF DOLORS.---DOLORS ,IN LATIN MEANS... SORROW....WHEN JOHN WAS BORN HE BROKE HIS MOTHER'S BUDGET ... RESULT,...THE FAMILY HAD TO EMIGRATE TO LONDON, ENGLAND .

MY SISTER ANNE MARRIED HER HUSBAND PADDY MURPHY. (INCIDENTLY I,HER BFROTHER, WAS THE LITTLE ALTAR SERVER AT THEIR WEDDING.) OVER TIME, ANNE AND HER HUSBAND PADDY GAVE US THE FAMILY A TOTAL OF SEVEN NIECES AND NEPHEWS.....

MARITA.....UNA.....PAUL .....HUGH.....JOE (DECEASED)...ANNIE MARIE...AND MARTINA .....

HERE I HAVE A SECRET I WANT TO SHARE IN PUBLIC,... WITH YOU MY NIECES AND NEPHEWS LOOKING IN NOW, BY ZOOM....FROM IRELAND, INCLUDING HUGH LIVING IN BRUSSELS , BELGIUM ...

I HOPE YOU ARE PAYING ATTENTION:

LAST WEEK I WENT TO SEE MY DOCTOR.....HE TOLD ME I WAS GOOD FOR ANOTHER 100,000 MILES.

THAT MEANS..... YOU GUYS WILL HAVE TO WAIT MANY MORE YEARS BEFORE YOU CAN GET YOUR PAWS ON MY MONEY...