

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Anne Margaret Meehan

23rd January 1934 - 24th March 2019



Funeral Mass

St Patrick's Church

Main Street, Celbridge

Friday: 5th April 2019

11.00am

Celebrant: Fr. Taylor P.P.

Singer: Mary Flynn

Organist: Barbara Dunne



Entrance Hymn

Morning Has Broken (Farjeon/Traditional)

Introductory Rite

All stand

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy

Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

Lord in our grief, we turn to you. You are a God of love who opens your ear to all. Listen to our prayers for your servant Anne whom you have called home from this world. Lead her to the Kingdom of light and peace and count her among the saints in glory.

We ask this through Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

All Sit:

First Reading - Maura Duggan

Stern as death is love.

A reading from the Song of Songs

Hark! my lover – here he comes
springing across the mountains,
leaping across the hills.

My lover is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Here he stands behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattices.
My lover speaks; he says to me,
“Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one, and come!
“O my dove in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret recesses of the cliff,
Let me see you,
let me hear your voice,
for your voice is sweet,
and you are lovely.”
My lover belongs to me and I to him.
He says to me:
“Set me as a seal on your heart,
as a seal on your arm;
For stern as death is love,
relentless as the nether world is devotion;
its flames are a blazing fire.
Deep waters cannot quench love,
nor floods sweep it away.”
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Hymn

The Lord is my Shepherd (Tom Egan)

Second Reading – David Kavanagh

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:
Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.
And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.
And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one Body.
And be thankful.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,

singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation All stand

The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Gospel Reading

Homily by Fr. Taylor P.P.

Prayers of the Faithful – Orla George

God our Father has given us victory over sin and death through his Son, Jesus Christ. Let us turn to him in our hour of need, and pray to him with confidence. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

In baptism Anne was given the pledge of eternal life. May she now be admitted to the company of the saints. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

For the family of Anne, that in these difficult days they may be sustained by their faith, and by the knowledge that they will be reunited with Anne one day in God's heavenly kingdom. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all the nurses, carers and doctors at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown who were so good to Anne in the last month of her life. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us

For our deceased relatives and friends; that God may bring them into the light of his presence, and give them a share in his glory. We pray today especially for Anne's beloved partner Ivan Sheridan and for her sister Cáite Dwyer and for her brother Sonny Meehan.

We also pray today for my dearest uncle Charles Fitzsimons who passed this week.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us

Offertory Procession

Hymn *Amazing Grace* (Newton)

Acclamation of Faith: He is lord

Sign of Peace:

Communion

First Hymn. *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (Alexander/Monk)

Second Hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness* (Traditional)

Irish Blessing

May the road

Rise up to meet you.

May the wind

Be always at your back.

May the sun shine

Warm upon your face;

And the rains fall

Soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you

In the palm of His hand.

Eulogy by: Fr. Taylor P.P.

Rite of Peace All kneel

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of our Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

All: Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

Sign of peace

All: 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.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world,
blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say
the word and my soul shall be healed.

Post Communion Prayer

Rite of final Commendation including the sprinkling of Baptism Water on the
coffin and incensing of the remains

Recessional Song - *Moon River* (Mercer/Mancini)





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