

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Anne Strong

who passed away 23rd July 2022



Funeral Mass

St. Marys Church

Lucan, Co. Dublin

Wednesday: 27th July 2022

10.00am

Celebrant: Father Tom Kennedy

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Israel, the Lord who created you says, "Do not be afraid - I will save you. I have called you by name - you are mine.

When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you.

When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you.

For I am the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, who saves you.

I will give up Egypt to set you free; I will give up Ethiopia and Seba.

I will give up whole nations to save your life, because you are precious to me and because I love you and give you honour.

Do not be afraid - I am with you! .

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I thank my God whenever I think of you; and every time I think of you I will pray for you. I will pray with joy, remembering how you have helped me to spread the Good News. I am quite certain, that the One who began this good work in you, will see that it is finished when the day of Christ Jesus comes.

It is only natural that I should feel this way towards you all, since you have a permanent place in my heart and God knows how much I am going to miss you all, because I love you as Christ Jesus loves you.

This is my prayer for you my family, that your love for each other may increase more and more and that you never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your own perception, so that you can recognise what is best for you.

This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the day of Christ Jesus, when you too will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus produces in us, for the glory and praise of God.

My advice to you is that I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord. I repeat, what I want is your happiness.

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Responsorial Psalm To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Remember your mercy, Lord
and the love you have shown from old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R)**

Relieve the troubles of my heart
And set me free from my distress,
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering;
and take away all my sins. **(R)**

Preserve my life and rescue me;
do not disappoint me for I take refuge in you.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for my hope is in you, O Lord. **(R)**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you send me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful:

We thank God for Anne’s life and her faith which was the bedrock of her life. May we too, come to see our faith as our greatest treasure and our inner strength

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our loved ones who have gone before us especially Anne’s husband Tony, her parents Willie and Nell and all her departed brothers and sisters. May she be reunited with them in God’s kingdom where there is no more pain or suffering.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all gathered here and those who mourn for Anne. May they find consolation in their happy memories of her in the difficult days and weeks ahead.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank all who serve the sick and the elderly, especially the staff of Marymount Care Home who looked after Anne in the last few years of her life. May God continue to bless them in their work.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who feel their lives have lost meaning and direction; the bereaved, the lonely, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, people with addictions, the exploited. May they find light and hope and experience God's healing presence in their lives.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

For people suffering in conflict situations. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders and inspire all nations to work for justice and peace

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession

Acclamation of Faith: He is lord

Sign of Peace:

Communion

Reflection (on Tony's memory card)

We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again
So rest in peace dear loved one
And thanks for all you've done
We pray that God has given you
The crown you truly won

May God hold you
In the palm of His hand.