

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Joan Casey

20th July 1928 - 24th January 2025



Funeral Mass

St. Patrick's Church

Esker

Friday 31st January 2025

10.00am

Celebrant: Father Samuel

Entrance Music: Fields of Gold (Gordon Sumner)

Reading 1: Read by Kate

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes [3:1-8]

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to heal, and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time for peace;

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

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 26]

Read by Emily

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

All: The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

All: The Lord is my light and my help.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

All: The Lord is my light and my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

All: The Lord is my light and my help.

Reading 2: Read by Max

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy [4: 6-8]

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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

Prayers of the Faithful:

Let us thank God for having given Joan the gift of life and pray that he will now grant her the greater gift of eternal life.

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the soul of Joan's younger sister, Tess, who was laid to rest earlier this week. We also pray for the recovery of any family members and friends of those gathered here who may be sick.

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the deceased members of Joan's family. We remember especially her husband Paddy and son Patrick. May the light of Christ shine upon them.

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who cared for Joan in her final years. We are particularly grateful to Eileen and Teresa and the staff of Dunboyne Nursing Home who showed her great kindness.

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for all of us here today, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom of light, joy and peace.

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession: Gabriel's Oboe (Ennio Morricone)

Offertory gifts presented by Harry and Lottie

Communion: Arioso (J.S. Bach)

Reflection: Salut d'Amour (Edward Elgar)

Adam - Double Bass

Eulogy given by Fiona

Recessional: Grand March from Aida (Giuseppe Verdi)

