

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Barbara Mary Coughlan

(Née Cronin)

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*St. Patrick's Church, Esker South,
Lucan, Co. Dublin,
Ireland*

Day: Tuesday, July 9th, 2024

Time: 10:00

Celebrant:

Fr. Samuel Akubueni

Soloist: Nikola Hendy

Musician: Evelyn Melia

Entrance Hymn: Ave Maria

A reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-9

Reader: **Jennifer Corcoran**

God tested them and found them worthy. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

Although in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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

Hymn: Be Not Afraid

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord's my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me down to lie; in green pastures he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

Response: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make. Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.

Response: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

Response: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Response: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Goodness and mercy all my life. Shall surely follow me. And in God's house forever more. My dwelling-place shall be.

Response: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

A reading from: Book of Qoheleth. 3:1-8; 14
Reader: **Ultan Coughlan**

There is a time for every season. To everything there is a season,
And a time for every purpose in this life.

A time to be born and a time to die, A time to plant, and a time to pluck up,
A time to wound and a time to heal, A time to break down 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 embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, A time to win and a time to
lose, A time to keep and a time to give away, A time to rend and a time to repair,
A time to keep silence and a time to speak, A time to love and a time to hate,
A time to oppose and a time to make peace.

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose in this life. I
know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nothing
taken from it; God has done this, and all should stand in awe of him.

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

Gospel:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 5:1-12)

Your reward will be great in heaven. When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak,
and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Reader: **Susan Coughlan**

For friendship and our brilliant community:

Lord, bless our families and friends. In particular Mam's neighbours in Hillcrest and
Arthur Griffith Park, who showed her such compassion and kindness over the last 50
years. We are forever grateful to Anne Berkley who was a life-long friend and to
Tommy and Anne Cartright who gave her enormous support over the last few years.

Lord, hear us.

Response: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader: **Eden Coughlan Masterson**

For our friends who have supported us through this difficult time.

Lord, bless all the people who have offered us their support and kind words at this difficult time. It means so much to us and would have made my Nana proud. May the lord give us the strength to get through the difficult days ahead.

Lord, hear us

Response: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Offertory Hymn: Ag Críost an Síol

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father ...

Holy. Holy. Holy...

Acclamation of Faith: He is Lord...

Sign of Peace.

Communion.

Communion Hymn: Here I am Lord

Communion Reflection Hymn: Bí Íosa im' Chroise

Eulogy: Conor Coughlan

Final commendation & blessing.

Recessional Hymn: How Great Thou Art



(Barbara circa 1967-1968)

*Two of her favourite sayings
were **“Onwards & upwards”** and **“Over and out”**.*

Barbara would welcome hearing more fabulous stories about her life. Feel free to share them in the book of condolences or on RIP.ie. Jennifer, Susan, Ultan, Conor, Des & Eden would like to express their heartfelt thanks & gratitude for all the messages of condolence, support and comfort they have received.