

**MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MATILDA DOWLING**

AT ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, BLANCHARDSTOWN

ON SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 AT 10AM



Born 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1935 – Died 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord  
and may the perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

**Entrance Hymn**, Amazing Grace (Mary Flynn)

**Symbols of Matilda's life**

A family photograph representing Matilda's love for her family.

An embroidery box representing Matilda's love of sewing and her creativity in dressmaking, ladies' suits, curtains & soft furnishings.

An aran jumper representing Matilda's capabilities with wool fabrics.

A book by Maeve Binchy representing her favourite author and interest in reading.

A baking tray which represents Matilda's passion for baking and cooking.

Matilda's wedding 'Prayer book' symbolising her Christian faith throughout her life.

**Penitential Rite**

All: I confess to almighty God & to you my brothers & sisters .... etc

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**Opening Prayer**

Liturgy of The Word

**First reading** (Please be seated)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:2-8 (Rosemary Tallon)

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 what is planted;

a time to kill 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 cast 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 cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time for war, and a time for peace.

God has made everything beautiful in its time.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Pslam / Hymn.** Eagles wings.

**Second reading** (Please be seated)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13: 1-13 (Linda Gilpin)

If I have all the eloquence of men and angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous, love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. In short, there are three things that last faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-6** (Please stand)

Jesus said to his disciples:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.

Thomas said, "Lord we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

All that the father has given me will come to me, and I will raise them up on the last day. Alleluia.

**Homily Prayers of the Faithful**

(Miriam)

Lord, we bring Matilda to her local church for the last time. Reach down and lead her by the hand to her eternal rest and reunited her in permanent happiness with Dad in their heavenly home.

Lord hear us.

(Colm)

Lord comfort us in our loss. We pray for all who have gone before us, especially, her brother and sisters and the extended Franey and Dowling family. We pray that some-day we too will be reunited with them in eternal happiness.

Lord hear us.

(Killian)

For all those who are suffering and dying at this time. Lord ease their burdens, give them comfort and support them in their hour of need and their families. We also pray for the doctors, nurses and care staff who express their love daily in their vocation to the sick.

Lord hear us.

(Shane)

Lord, Granny was unique. We thank you for all the fun, warmth and love we experienced as grandchildren. Her scones and grilled cheese on brown bread was a legend, as was her goodbyes, 'be careful bye-bye and God bless, give them a big hug from us all.'

Lord hear us.

(Oisín)

We thank you for the gift of Christian family. Granny's home was always a Christian one and she gave us wonderful values to abide by. Granny's home was a true reflection of her faith. We pray for all parents and families.

Lord hear us.

(Ann)

Matilda treasured friendship from her neighbours as witnessed by her community involvement and membership of the resident's association. Lord we thank you for the gift of friendship and neighbourliness, so essential as we struggle to support each other in these difficult times.

Lord hear us.

Liturgy of The Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn:** Ave Maria (Please be seated).

**Eucharistic Prayer** (Please kneel)

**COMMUNION RITE**

**Our Father** (Please stand)

**Communion Hymn** Pie Jesu

Communion reflection

**Rite of Commendation**

Commendation Prayers (Please kneel)

**Eulogy** (Paul / Bob)

**Thanksgiving / Removal of the Coffin**

**Hymn:** In the Arms of an Angel

A small selection of Matilda's full and happy life shared with all.

