

*A Service to Celebrate the Life
- of -*

Conor Downing

who passed away 29th April 2023



Funeral Mass

*Our Lady Mother of the Church,
Castleknock*

Saturday: 6th May 2023

10.00am

Celebrant: Father Denis O'Connor

Harpist & Singer: Teresa O'Donnell

Entrance hymn: Nearer my God to me

First Reading: A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1:8

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:
A time for giving birth, a time for dying;
a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.
A time for killing, a time for healing;
a time for knocking down, a time for building.
A time for tears, a time for laughter;
a time for mourning, a time for dancing.
A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up;
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.
A time for searching, a time for losing;
a time for keeping, a time for throwing away.
A time for tearing, a time for sewing; a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.
A time for loving, a time for hating; a time for war, a time for peace.

*The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: Be not afraid

Second Reading: A reading from the second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy (4:5-8)
I have fought the good fight to the end, I have run the race to the finish.

Be careful always to choose the right course; be brave under trials; make the preaching of the Good News your life's work, in thorough going service.

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

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Thanks be to God.*

Prayers of the Faithful

We pray that Conor may journey through death to life and that God will hold him forever in the palm of His hand.

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

We pray for Conor's family and friends that they may find strength and consolation in their faith and friendships.

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Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all those caring for family and loved ones.

Reader: Lord, hear us

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for people who are ill and frail in our parish, and for their families.

Reader: Lord, hear us

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all the doctors, nurses and healthcare staff who cared for Conor. We wish to pray for the Home Support staff, in particular Felicia, Marina, Lydia and Paula, who were so kind and gentle with Conor.

Reader: Lord, hear us

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the Ambulance and Fire Brigade crews who helped Conor after his falls.

Reader: Lord, hear us

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession

Hymn: Ave Maria

Communion hymns

Hymn 1: Ag Críost an Síol

Hymn 2: Panis angelicus

Hymn 3: Soul of my Saviour

Blessing of the coffin: Jesus Remember Me

Recessional: You Raise Me Up



*Boat House,
Kilkee, Co. Clare
by Conor Downing*