

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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***James Eustace***

*25th October 1930 - 23rd January 2023*



*Funeral Mass*

*St. Mochta's, Porterstown*

*Friday: 27th January 2023*

*10.00am*

*Celebrant: Father Damian McNeice*

*Soloist: Mary Flynn*

## **Reading 1: *Gráinne Högfeldt***

### **A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes**

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 break down, and a time to build up;  
A time to weep, and a time laugh;  
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to throw away stones, and a time 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 sow;  
A time to keep silence, and a time for peace.  
God has made everything suitable for its time.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*The Lord is my Shepard (Psalm 22)*

## **Reading 2: *Donagh Donghue***

### **A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy**

My life is already being poured away as an offering, 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 me on that day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Reader:** *James & Maggie Eustace Devitt*

**Reader:** *Seoirse DeBurca*

### **Prayer**

Lord we give you thanks for Jim; his friendship, his sense of humour, his strength and the witness of his life. May these gifts continue to grow strong in our lives.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Reader:** *Len O'Reilly*

### **Prayer**

In Jim's life friendship, loyalty and honest were very important. Lord we give thanks for the family and friends who support us in our loss and in our lives.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Reader:** *Maria Smith*

### **Prayer**

We pray for Jim's grieving family, that they may know that God loves them and will never abandon them.

We pray for the deceased members of the Eustace family: Jim's father and mother, James and Mary, his sister Marie, and his brothers Joe and Pdraig. May Jim now rest in peace with them.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Reader:** *Oisín Högfeldt*

### **Prayer**

We pray for the sick, that God will lay his healing hands on them. We pray also for all who care for the sick, mindful of the staff at Connolly Hospital and in particular the staff in Lucan Lodge Nursing Home who showed exceptional kindness and care during Jim's final days.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

## Communion reflection

**Reader:** *Irene Martin*

### Prayer of St. John Henry Newman

Oh Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life,  
until the shadows lengthen,  
and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Amen.



*James Eustace*

***The family would like to thank everyone for being part of our celebration of Jim's life and for all the support at this sad time.***