

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Joseph Kenny

21st April 1953 - 17th June 2025



Funeral Mass

St. Ciarán's Church

Hartstown

Monday: 23rd June 2025

11.00am

Celebrant: Father Justin Purba

Soloist: Lynn Hilary

Harpist: Mary O'Donnell

Entrance: You'll Never Walk Alone

Gifts carried by Ollie Cullen, Emily-Mae Brown, Ryan Cullen and Aidan Brown

First Reading: Reader Maria Murphy

A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-6.9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd Reader Colette Kelly

Response *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want*

Second Reading: Reader Veronica Stafford

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 thoroughgoing 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.

Gospel Acclamation Hymn: Alleluia

Prayers of the Faithful:

Reader: Philip Cahill

O God You promised eternal life to all who follow your way; raise up all who have died. We pray especially for Joe in gratitude for his life in family and those with whom he came in contact.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: Catherine Egan

As we reflect on the contribution of Joe to his family, friends and the wider community let us remember him with affection. May we all strive for perfection in the service of Christ, his Church and the community in general.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: David Mc Loughlin

Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who tended to Joe during his illness; especially the staff in Highfield Healthcare nursing home; Lord we thank you for the gifts you have given them and ask you to bless them.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: Niamh Kelly

We pray for all the deceased members of the Kenny and Gallagher families. We remember especially Joe's deceased parents Paddy and Marcie and nephews Ciarán and James. May the light of Christ shine on them.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: Paul Bermingham

As we remember Joe together today, we pray for peace, for an end to all wars and conflicts, for the leaders of nations to be guided by wisdom and work towards peaceful resolutions, and for the safety and relief for all who are suffering from violence and displacement.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession: Hymn Ag Chríost an Síol

Gifts offered by: Imelda Collins & Carmel Cahill

Acclamation of Faith: He is Lord

Communion: Hymn 1 On Eagle's Wings

Hymn 2 The Song of Ruth

Reflection: Read by Richard Brown

Eulogy by: Órla Kenny-Brown and Sinéad Kenny-Cullen

Recessional

Bring Him Home

