

A Service to Celebrate the Life

— of —

***Richard (Ritchie) Lawless***

*who passed away 8th January 2025*



***Funeral Mass***

*St. Brigid's Church, Killester*

*Friday 17th January 2025*

*10.00am*

*Celebrant: Father Joseph Whelan*

*Soloist: Roisin O'Reilly*

**Entrance Hymn:** Sweet Heart of Jesus

**Reading 1: Reader:** Noel Kelly

**A reading from 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.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord Is My Shepherd

**Reading 2: Reader:** Patrick Kennedy

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans [6:3-4, 8-9]**

**Let us live a new life.**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore.

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Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation Hymn:** Alleluia

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Readers Name:** Adam

In baptism Grandad/Ritchie was given the pledge of eternal life. May he now be admitted to the company of the saints.

*Lord, hear us  
Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Readers Name: Amy**

We pray for all doctors, nurses and carers, particularly the nurses and carers who were so good to Grandad/Ritchie in the last months of his life.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Readers Name: Jerry**

For all here present: that our remembrance of Ritchie may be a source of comfort and strength to us.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Readers Name: Patrick**

For the gift of life, which we all share and is very precious: may the Lord help us to be more aware of the gifts and talents given to us, particularly those we so often take for granted and may we use them to make the world a better place.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Offertory Procession**

Ave Maria (Schubert)

**Acclamation of Faith:** Holy Holy

**Sign of Peace: Lamb of God**

**Communion**

Pie Jesu

Amazing Grace

**Eulogy by:** Patrick

**Blessing of Deceased**

May the Road Rise to Meet You

**Recessional**

How Great Thou Art



*Richard Lawless*



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