

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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***Mary McGarrell***



***Funeral Mass***

*St. Patrick's Church Lucan*

*Saturday: 21st January 2023*

*10.00am*

*Celebrant: Fr. John Regan*

**First Reading:** Eilish McGarrell

*For everything there is a season.*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes. [3:1-8]

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 heal; 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 throw 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 throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time for peace.

The word of the Lord

**Second Reading:** Sarah O'Driscoll

*The life and death of each of us has its influence on others.*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans. [14:7-12]

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that we might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as scripture says: Be my life – it is the Lord who speaks – every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

The Word of the Lord.

## **Gospel**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Mary Murphy:** We pray for all those who are sick, lonely or struggling, in today's world. May they be strengthened by God's love and aided by their friends.

Lord, hear us.

*All: Lord Graciously hear us*

**Sandra Lyons:** We pray for the gift of eternal life. That Mary will be received into the Lord's loving embrace. We pray that she is reunited with her loving father James and all those from both the O'Driscoll and McGarrell family who have gone before us. Lord, hear us.

*All: Lord Graciously hear us*

**Deirdre O'Driscoll:** Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who tended to Mary in her illness. Lord we thank you for the gifts you have given them and ask you to bless them. Lord, hear us.

*All: Lord Graciously hear us*

**Fergal Barry:** For all who knew and loved Mary, that they may draw inspiration from her life. Mary fought the good fight; she finished the race; she kept the faith; may she now receive from Christ the crown of eternal glory which he won for us with his death and resurrection. Lord, hear us.

*All: Lord Graciously hear us*

**James Cotter:** For Mary's family, that in these difficult and dark days they may be sustained by their faith, and by the knowledge that they will be reunited with her one day in God's heavenly Kingdom. Lord, hear us.

*All: Lord Graciously hear us*



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