

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Michael McDonnell

31st January 2022



Funeral Mass

St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown

Thursday: 3rd February 2022

11.00am

Celebrant: Fr Gerard Deegan

Soloist: Nickola Hendy

Organist: Evelyn O'Connor

Entrance Hymn: Amazing Grace

Liturgy of the Word

Reading 1: Joseph McDonnell

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his peoples shame
everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;

The Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ciara Flaherty

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

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness,
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Reading 2: Éabha Dockery

A reading from the first letter of St John

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.

*This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation Hymn: Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?
But it is for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!'
A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again'.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful:

Mark Flaherty

Let us pray for Michael. In baptism he died with Christ, may he now share in the fullness of his resurrection.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Cillian Dockery

We pray for all the people we have loved who have gone on ahead of us. We remember Sr Eileen Frances O’Gorman, John Kenneally and Pat Bell. Lord give them the reward of their goodness.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Isabel McDonnell

We pray for those who care for the sick and dying, especially the staff at Mount Hybla Nursing Home, Connolly Hospital and the carers who cared so kindly for Michael during his illness.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Donncha Dockery

We pray for all who are gathered here today, that our memory of Michael, whom we knew and loved may inspire us to live our own lives to the full.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Procession

Thérèse McDonnell
Siobhán Flaherty

Offertory Hymn:

Ag Críost an Siol

Communion Rite

Communion Hymns:

As I Kneel Before You
You Raise Me Up

Eulogy by:

Kevin McDonnell

Recessional:

Time to Say Goodbye