

A Mass of Thanksgiving & Celebration for the Life of

Bridget McGuirk

Tuesday 4th March 1941 - Friday 10th November 2023

“May your kind and gentle soul rest in peace”



Funeral Mass

Our Lady Mother of the Church

Castleknock

Saturday: 18th November 2023

11.00am

Celebrant: Father Denis O'Connor

Soloist: Mary Flynn

Harpist: Mary O'Donnell

Entrance Hymn: Here I am Lord (Dan Schutte)

Commemoration of the life of Bridget McGuirk

Presented by her grandchildren and read by David McGuirk

1st Reading: Read by Alan Curran

A reading from the Book of the Ecclesiastes (3:1-8 11)

For everything there is a season, 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 uproot what is planted.

A time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh.

A time to mourn, and a time to dance.

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 discard.

A time to tear, and a time to sew.

A time to be silent, and a time to speak.

God has made everything suitable for its time.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Sé an Tiarna M'aoire (Fintan O'Carroll)

2nd Reading: Read by Denise Masterson

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy 4:5-8

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: Alleluia (sung)

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14, 1-6)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house, if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

"No one can come to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful:

Read by Tom McGuirk

We pray for all the grannies and grandads in the world. *Lord, hear us...*

Read by Geraldine Kelly

Let us pray for Bridget's heartbroken family, many friends and neighbours. We thank the Lord we can all come today to celebrate her life.

May God fill our hearts with His comfort and consolation. *Lord, hear us...*

Read by Fintan McGuirk

Today we pray for the deceased members of the Kerins and McGuirk families, especially Bridget's beloved husband Des, dear parents Annie & Patrick, her cherished brothers Mike, Sean and Frank and all those gone before her.

May they all be joyfully reunited at the gates of heaven today.

May God now welcome her into His heavenly home of eternal happiness and peace.

Lord, hear us...

Read by Gerard Mockler

We celebrate Bridget's life and thank you for her many gifts and talents, for her sense of humour, her kind and gentle nature, her strength, and her sense of compassion which we lovingly remember today. We give thanks for the love, fun and friendship which she enjoyed throughout her life. *Lord, hear us...*

Read by Aileen Kerins

We pray for people around the world who are affected and displaced by aggression and war. For those who have died, lost loved ones, those who are injured & suffering.

We long for them to find peace. *Lord, hear us...*

Offertory Procession - Anach Cuain played by Fintan Reilly
Gifts presented by Joanne Brannigan and Brian Cavanagh

Acclamation of Faith: My Lord and my God

Communion: Pie Jesu (Andrew Lloyd Webber)
Sometimes a Prayer will Do (Lovland/Graham)

Communion Reflection: Cill Aodáin (Read by Josh Curran)

Anois teacht an earraigh
Beidh an lá ag dul chun síneadh
'S tar éis na Féile Bríde
Ardóidh mé mo sheol
Ó chuir mé i mo cheann é
Ní chónóidh mé choíche
Go seasfaidh mé síos
I lár Chontae Mhaigh Eo.

You Only Have One Grandmother by Anne Lingren Davison.
(Read by Hollie Curran)

We have a very special grandmother,
Patient, kind and true,
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same as you.
When other friends forsake us,
To Granny B we would return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine
and a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear Granny B up above,
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.

Eulogy: Joe McGuirk

Final Commendation: Receive her soul and present her to God the most high

Recessional: Supermarket Flowers (Ed Sheeran)

May The Road Rise to Meet You (Lori True)