

**A Celebration
of The Life of
Michael Murphy**



28th May 1942 – 29th December 2024
St Finian's Church in Newcastle, Co Dublin
12 noon, 3rd January 2025



Entrance Hymn

Nearer my God
(S. Flower Adams/L. Mason)

Reading

Ecclesiastes 3 : 1-12.
Read by Samantha McBride

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
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 scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for conflict and a time for peace.

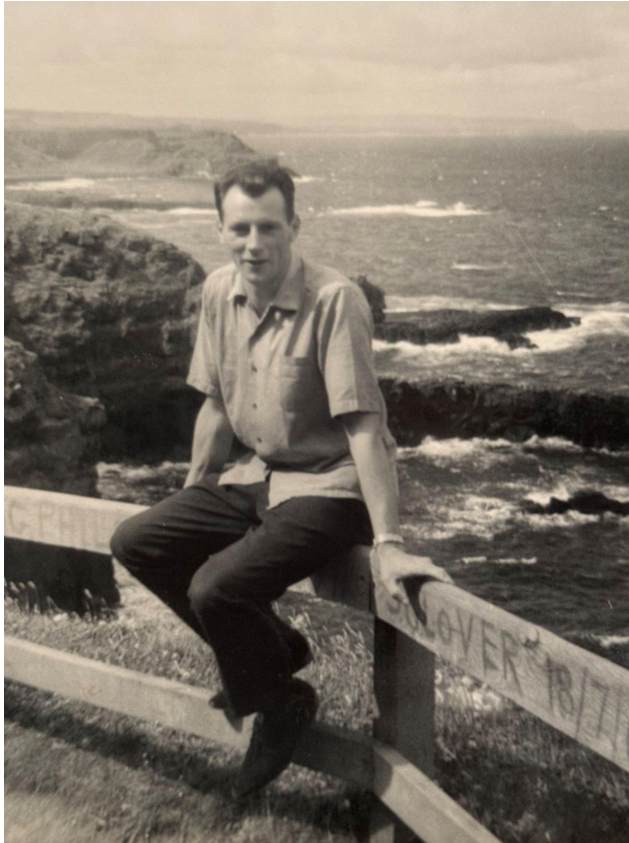
What does a worker gain from his or her toil ?
I have seen the burden God has laid on his people.
God has made everything beautiful in its time,
also he has put eternity into the human mind,
yet even still we cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

I know that there is nothing better for a person than to be happy
and to do good while they live.

That everyone may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all their work;
that is the gift of God.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

On Eagle's Wings, (Michael Joncas)

All who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my rock in whom I trust.

Response (All):

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings.
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear.
Under His wings, your refuge,
His faithfulness is your shield.

Response (All):



Michael (second in right) with some of his young siblings and parents

Gospel Acclamation

(Revelation: 14-13)

Alleluia, Alleluia
Happy are those who die in the Lord!
Now they can rest forever after their work,
since their good deeds go with them
Alleluia!

Gospel

(John 14; 1-14)

The Lord be With You
R: And with your Spirit

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

R: Glory to You O Lord

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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful

Read by Ailish Connolly and Aoife Casey

We pray for the family and friends who will miss Michael,
that they may find the strength and consolation to support each other.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember and pray for all our departed relatives and friends,
especially Michael's wife Anne, most recently deceased.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord give comfort and healing to all those who are lonely or sick.

We pray for our doctors, nurses and carers,
in particular those who cared for Michael at Peamount.
Reward them for their tireless and dedicated work.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for peace, peace in our hearts and peace in our families,
especially those that are divided and torn by conflict at this time.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession

Gifts carried by Colm Murphy and Mark Murphy

Ag Chríost an tSíol (Seán O Riada)

Communion Hymn

Pie Jesu (Lloyd Webber)

Harp Instrumental

May the Road Rise to Meet you (Lori True)

Communion Reflection

Read by Ryan McBride

Fall in Love

By Joseph Whelan, SJ
(often attributed to Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ (1907–1991))

Nothing is more practical than
finding God, than
falling in Love
in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.
It will decide
what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in Love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.



Recessional

Silent Night (Franz Gruber)



Dad, New Years Day, 1st January 2024



Rest in peace, Grandad. Your love, wisdom, and gentle strength will live on in all of us.

Thank you family and friends for all your support, and for joining us today in the celebration of our beloved father's life.

Samantha, Niamh and John