

A Service to Celebrate the Life

— of —

Mary Sheehan

who passed away 17th October 2023



Funeral Mass

Our Lady Mother of the Church

Castleknock

Friday: 20th October 2023

11.00am

Celebrant: Brother Richard

Soloist: Naoise Stuart Kelly

Entrance Hymn: Here I am Lord

Poem – Read by Eva Sheehan

“You’re so like your mum” they’d say
Was it her smile, her kind eyes or maybe her warm embrace?
Beaming, I always hoped they meant her charming personality,
her spirit, her grace

We’re grateful for the happy times
The tough times you supported us through
“What’s for you won’t pass you by” she’d say
We’ve learned so much from you

Hockey matches, rugby
For her family, she’d never miss a thing
On the sidelines of life
The loudest one clapping when we win

Cups of tea in the kitchen
Chats long into the night
Her stories forever going off on a tangent
Always there to share advice

43 years in a happy, loving marriage
Two children and a grandson too
We are the lucky ones, Mum
How sweet it is to be loved by you

She saw the good in everyone
“If you look for it, you’ll see”
Patient, caring, kind, selfless
The strongest person you’ll forever be

We’ll think of you when birds sing
A light breeze on our skin
The brightest star in the dark of night
We’ll see you in the flowers of spring

A fulfilling life you lived, Mum
And although we wish we had more time
You live on through all of us
So proud to call you mine

First Reading – Read by Maggie Moloney

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall 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;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Be not afraid

Second Reading – Read by Sean Hartney

A reading from the first letter of St. John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. Love will come to its perfection in us when we face the day of Judgement without fear.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Hymn: Hallelujah

Prayers of the Faithful

Sean Haugh

Let us thank God for giving Mary the gift of a wonderful life that we were privileged to share with her. She made the world a brighter place. We pray that God will now grant Mary the greater gift of eternal life.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Matthew Norris

For Mary's family and friends, that in these difficult and dark days they may be sustained by their faith, and by the knowledge that they will be reunited with Mary one day in God's heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Claire Norris

We pray for all the doctors, nurses and carers who Mary became great friends with. Particularly, we pray those from St. James' Hospital and St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown who were so good to Mary in the last months of her life.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

James McCarthy

For our deceased relatives and friends, especially Mary's Dad Tommy and Mum Nelly, and for all who have helped us, that they may be rewarded for their goodness and kindness.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Leona Sheehan

Mary always liked to keep the peace. We pray for peace in the world, especially Israel, Palestine and Ukraine, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession

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Acclamation of Faith: He is lord

Sign of Peace

Communion

Hymn 1: Your song (instrumental)

Hymn 2: Cloud's Veil

Communion Reflection – Read by Jack Sheehan

Gone From My Sight by Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore.

A ship, at my side, spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength.

I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says; "There, she is gone!"

"Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There, she is gone!" There are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout; "Here she comes!"

Eulogy

Final Commendation

Limerick you're a lady (instrumental)

Recessional

What a wonderful world



Mary Sheehan

