

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Paul Sullivan

17th September 1956 - 11th February 2020



Funeral Mass

St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church

Dunboyne, Co. Meath

Wednesday: 19th February 2020

11.00 am

Celebrant: Father Declan Kelly

Music: by Doug Sheridan

Entrance Hymn: Amazing Grace

Presentation of symbols of Paul's life

- Laura brings a photo of the family that represents Paul's love and commitment to them.
- John brings a rugby jersey as Paul had a great interest in Rugby.
- Sarah brings a photo of Paul's horse, Down Ace, as a symbol of his favorite hobby.

First Reading.

Read by: Oisín Fanning

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (4,7-15)

The virtuous man, though he die before his time, will find rest.
Length of days is not what makes age honorable,
nor number of years the true measure of life;
understanding, this is man's grey hairs,
untarnished life, this is ripe old age.
He has sought to please God, so God has loved him;
as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up.
He has been carried off so that evil may not warp his understanding or
treachery seduce his soul;
for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade,
and the whirlwind of desire corrupt a simple heart.
Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life;
his soul being pleasing to the Lord,
he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him.
Yet people look on, uncomprehending;
it does not enter their heads
that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord,
and protection his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my Shepherd

Second Reading

Read by: Ted O' Connor

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (4,13-18)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the lord in the air. So we shall stay with the lord forever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Hymn: Alleluia

Prayers of the Faithful:

Readers Name Mary Samuel, Paul's cousin

We give thanks for Paul's life and for all of the many God's blessings that he enjoyed. We pray that God will now welcome him into his eternal home.

Lord, hear us

R. Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name David Gray, Paul's nephew

We pray for all those who have died, especially Paul's parents John and Molly, parents in law John and Ena, relatives and friends who have gone before him – May God unite them all in the happiness and peace in his heavenly home.

Lord, hear us

R. Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name Charlie Gilson, Paul's nephew

We pray for all those who are ill at this time: - may God lay his healing hand on them and give them courage and hope.

Lord, hear us

R. Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name Hollie Gilson, Paul's niece

We pray for all those whose lives are dedicated in caring for the sick – may God reward their goodness and kindness.

Lord, hear us

R.Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name Sophie Gilson, Paul's niece

As we pray that Paul will find eternal peace, we pray that the peace that is in heaven will touch the troubled parts of our world, our country, our parish, our homes and our hearts.

Lord, hear us

R.Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name Laura Sullivan, Paul's daughter

We pray in thanksgiving for our family and friends who have been so kind to us during this time of sadness: - may God reward their kindness and bless their homes with happiness and peace.

Lord, hear us

R.Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession Ave Maria

Communion

Pie Jesu

How Great Thou Art

Be Not Afraid



Final Prayers and Blessing

Recessional
Bring Him Home



'How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard'

May Paul Rest in Peace



Paul Sullivan



Thank you to everyone for attending this Mass today.
Paul's family would like to offer their sincere thanks to all their friends and relatives for the thoughtful words of comfort and sympathy they have received at this difficult time.

Please feel welcome to join us for lunch today at Hermitage Golf Club, Lucan, from 2.30pm.