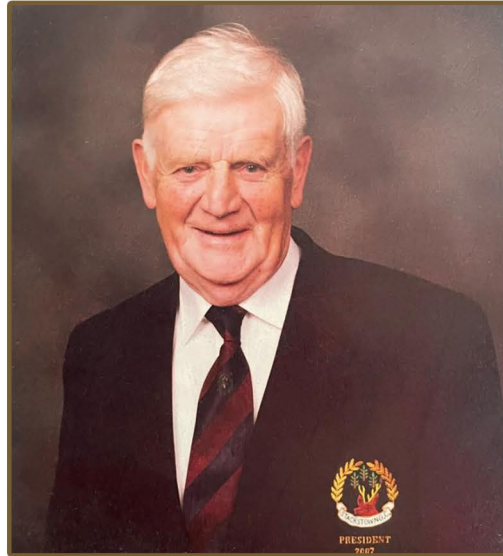


A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Thomas Francis (The Da) Daly

19th September 1926 - 23rd June 2023



Funeral Mass

St. Brigid's Church

Blanchardstown

Thursday 29th June 2023

11.00am

Celebrant: Father Cyril Mangan

Soloist: Lynn Hilary

Organist: John White

Entrance Hymn: How Great Thou Art

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

The Grace and the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your Spirit

PENTENTIAL RITE

Priest: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the angels and saints, and you my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life

All: Amen

Lord Have Mercy

OPENING PRAYER:

Priest: Lord, we humbly entrust our father, Thomas Francis to you. In this life you embraced him with your tender love; deliver him now from every evil and bid him enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome him then into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1ff),

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under Heaven:

A time for giving birth, a time for dying, a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted, a time for killing, a time for healing, a time for knocking down, a time for building, a time for tears, a time for laughter, a time for mourning, a time for dancing, a time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them, a time for embracing, a time for searching, a time for losing, a time for keeping, a time for discarding, a time for tearing, a time for sowing, a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking, a time for loving, a time for hating, a time for war, a time for peace.

What do people gain from the efforts they make? I contemplate the task that God gives humanity to labour at. All that he does is apt for its time.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Be Not Afraid*

Second Reading

A reading from the New Testament, St. Paul to Timothy [4:6-8]

As for me, I am 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 me on that Day, and not only to me but to all who have longed for his Appearing.

All: The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many places to live in; otherwise I would 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 to myself, so that you may be with me where I am. 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, I am Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.

The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Prayers of the Faithful:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for Thomas Francis's life – For all the gifts and talents you gave him. We thank you for the way he influenced the lives of others in a gentle positive way. May he rest safely now with you in heaven. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us

We pray for Thomas Francis's family, his daughters and sons. May they find comfort in the many memories gained over a long life in the knowledge that Thomas Francis is now free of all sorrow and pain. Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

Heavenly Father – we thank you for the gift of friendships. Thomas Francis had many good friends during his long life. We pray for all those friends, both living and deceased but especially for anyone who supported him in any way during his final illness. Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

We pray for the sick and for those who care for them. Especially today, we pray for the staff in St. Francis Hospice where Thomas Francis found peace at last. Give them the grace and strength to continue in this work. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us

We pray for Thomas Francis's extended family who were very proud of him, loved him, and will miss him very much. We especially remember the deceased members of his family. May he rejoice now with them in your kingdom.

We pray for peace in our troubled world today. We ask your help in the creation of a just, tolerant and more peaceful world. Lord hear us.

Offertory Gifts

Offertory Hymn: Ag Críost an Síol

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever

Priest: Lord God we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts. Lord wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sins. Pray brothers and sisters that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name for our good and the good of all his holy church.

Priest: Lord, we celebrate the memorial of our redemption by which your Son won us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Accept our offerings and send us your Spirit to make us more like Christ in bearing witness to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Eucharistic Prayer II

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right and just

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give our thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Saviour and Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection. And so, with the Angels and all the saints we declare your glory, as with one voice.

All: Holy Holy Holy

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body

and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you. In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fulness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Dermot and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Thomas Francis whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that he is united with your Son in death, may he also be one with him in his Resurrection.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Priest:: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we say:

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we

forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins but on the faith of your church and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: And with your Spirit

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION RITE

I give you a new commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Hymn Be Still my Soul

May the Road Rise to Meet you

Communion Reflection

Prayer after Communion

Priest: What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what is given to us in time, be our healing for eternity. May Your Body, O Lord, which I have eaten, and Your Blood which I have drunk, cleave to my very soul, and grant that no trace of sin be found in me, whom these pure and holy mysteries have renewed. Who live and reign, world without end. Amen.

We humbly beseech You, Almighty god, to grant that those whom You refresh with Your sacraments, may serve you worthily by a life well pleasing to You.

Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns world without end.

All: Amen

Priest: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Thomas Francis and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Thomas Francis again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

SIGNS OF FAREWELL

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Priest: In peace let us take our brother Thomas Francis to his place of rest.

Recessional Hymn: Going Home

