

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Valerie Melody

15th March 1944 - 18th October 2024



Funeral Mass

Our Lady Mother of the Church

Castleknock

Tuesday: 22nd October 2024

11.00am

Celebrant: Father Damian McNeice

Entrance Hymn: Here I am Lord

First Reading

A Reading from The Book of Wisdom 3:1 6-9

They are at peace with God

Reader: Anne-Marie

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, no torment will ever 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 at peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; Slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; He has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; in grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

*This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me
to revive my drooping spirit.

Response

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

Response

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Response

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Response

Second Reading

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 3:20:21
Our homeland is in heaven

Reader: Lorna

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Prayers of the Faithful:

Reader: Daniel

Prayer

We pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings that came to so many people through the life of Valerie may she now receive the fullness of God's blessings in eternity.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: Ian

Prayer

We pray for all our deceased relatives and friends, especially Valerie's son John. May the Lord bring them into the light of his presence and give them a share in his glory.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: Darragh

Prayer

We pray for all who took such great care of Valerie during her illness, the Doctors and Nurses in The Mater Private Hospital, The Staff of St Francis Hospice and especially the Home Instead Carers who were with her daily.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: David

Prayer

We pray for all who are suffering with ill health at this time. May they experience the loving kindness of the Lord in and through all who journey with them.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession: Benedictus

Sign of Peace: Waltz from Swan Lake

Communion :

How Great Thou Art

Meditation from Thais

Eulogy by: Lisa

Blessing: Gabriel's Oboe

Recessional: Time to Say Goodbye



Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

