

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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***Clare Walsh***

*28th January 1943 - 2nd March 2023*



*Funeral Mass*

*Church of Our Lady's Nativity*

*Leixlip*

*Tuesday: 7th March 2023*

*11.00am*

*Celebrant: Fr. Michael Chimvalenji P.C*

*Soloist: Anne Geraghty & John Egan*

**Entrance Hymn:** Be not afraid.

**Reading 1: Readers Name: Dan Kelly**

**A reading from the book of Apocalypse 14:13 I**

John heard a voice from heaven say to me, 'Write down:  
Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed,  
the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work,  
since their good deeds go with them.'

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God*

**Responsorial Psalm**

On Eagles Wings

**Reading 2: Readers Name: Clare Kell**

**A reading from Romans 8:14-23**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.[a] And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. King of Eternal Glory

# Gospel

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

## A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters

If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God*

## Prayers of the Faithful

### Readers Name: Ronan Brennan

We give thanks to Clare's circle of friends in Leixlip and Cork who she enjoyed and appreciated and who supported her over the years.

*Lord hear us.*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

### Readers Name: Shane McDwyer

We remember Clare who had a tremendous knowledge of nature and in particular birds and plant life and enjoyed sharing her knowledge with all.

*Lord hear us.*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

### Readers Name: Paul McNabb

We remember in our prayers the staff at Connolly Hospital who took great care of Clare in the last few weeks of her life.

*Lord hear us.*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Readers Name: Cristin Mann**

We remember Clare's family her parents, brothers Christopher and Joe.  
Her sisters Annie, Olive, Mimi, Angela, Margo,  
Francis and brothers in laws Declan, Billy and Damian.

*Lord hear us.*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Readers Nam: Fiona Stiller**

We ask for prayers and support for Clare's sister Chrissie as she continues  
with life in the months and years ahead.

*Lord hear us.*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Offertory Procession**

I watched the Sunshine

**Acclamation of Faith: He is Lord****Sign of Peace****Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Our Father

**Communion**

Panis Angelicus

Gentle as Silence

**Communion Reflection****She's gone**

You can shed tears that she is gone

Or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back

Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her

Or you can be full of the love that you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday

Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she is gone

Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back

Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes,  
love and go on.

**Eulogy: Paul O'Neill****Recessional: Song of Choice: Clouds Veil**