

Acknowledgements

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Eugene, Clara, Aoife, Jean and Aidan



Funeral Mass

Carmel Lucey

Tuesday 7th April 2026

Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock

Celebrant: Fr. Damian McNeice

In Loving Memory



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*We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.
So rest in peace dear Granny,
And thanks for all you've done,
We pray that God has given you,
The crown you've truly won.*

♪ Recessional Hymn:

Nearer, my God, to Thee

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

♪ Opening Hymn:

I Watch The Sunrise

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

But you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
I feel your brightness near me.

For you are always close to me....

I watch the sunset fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.

For you are always close to me....

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
Waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest
Only your peace is near me.

Yes, you are always close to me..

Placing of Symbols

(Read by Seán)

We bring these items to honour our Granny Carmel and the journey she has taken.

Rosary Beads: William brings rosary beads. They represent Granny's devotion to her faith.

Family Photo: Paddy brings a family photo. This represents Granny's great love for her family.

Cookery Book: Daniel brings a cookery book. This represents Granny's love for cooking and baking, especially with her grandchildren.

Passport: Emma brings Granny's passport. Granny and Grandad loved to travel.

Tidy Towns Bib: Kate brings Granny's Tidy Towns bib. Granny loved gardening and the bib represents a wonderful community group that Granny was proud to be part of.

First Reading:

(Read by Derry)

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice. For I am the Lord your God who grasps your right hand; it is I who say to you "fear not, I will help you".

I have brushed away your offences like a cloud,
your sins like a mist, return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child with-
in her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

See, upon the palm of my hand I have written your name.

Yes, in joy you shall depart, in peace you shall be brought back.

The Word of the Lord.

Communion Reflection:

(Read by Aoife)

When I Go

When I go
don't learn to live without me
just learn to live with my love
in a different way.

And if you need to see me
close your eyes
or look in your shadow
when the sun shines

I'm there.

Sit with me in the quiet
and you will know
that I did not leave.

There is no leaving
when a soul is blended
with another.

When I go
don't learn to live without me
just learn to look for me
in the moments.

I will be there.

By Donna Ashworth

♪ Offertory Hymn:

(Sung by Dermot)

Ag Críost an Síol

Ag Críost an síol, ag Críost an fómhar;
in iothlainn Dé go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir, ag Críost an t-iasc;
líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás go haois, ó aois go bás,
do dhá láimh, a Chríost, anall tharainn.

Ó bhás go críoch nach críoch ach athfhás,
i bParthas na ngrás go rabhaimid.

♪ Communion Hymn:

The Clouds Veil

Even when the rain hides the stars,
Even though the mist swirls the hills,
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,
You are by my side.

Even when the sun shall fall in sleep,
Even when at dawn the sky shall weep,
Even in the night when storms shall rise,
God is by my side, You are by my side.

Bright the stars at night
That mirror heavens way to you.
Bright the stars in light
Where dwell the saints in love and truth.

Even when the rain hides the stars,
Even though the mist swirls the hills,
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,
God is by my side, You are by my side.

♪ Responsorial Psalm:

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

And He will raise you up

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

And He will raise you up

For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up

Second Reading:

(Read by Eugene)

A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me
a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge,
will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who
have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

♪ Gospel Acclamation

Gospel:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to His disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in
God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's
house; if there were not, I should not 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 with me; so that where I am you may
be too. 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, the Truth and the
Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful:

1. We pray for Carmel who was given the promise of eternal life and love in Baptism, that she may now be welcomed into the company of the saints. Lord hear us. *(Martin)*
2. We pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. We remember especially Carmel's parents John and Abina, Eugene's parents Richard and Bridget and his late siblings. Lord Hear us. *(Seán)*
3. We pray for Carmel's family and friends. That God will give them courage and consolation in their loss, knowing that the love that bound them together will never die. Lord hear us. *(Ita)*
4. The gift of life, which we all share, is very precious. Lord, make us more aware of the gifts and talents that you have given us, particularly those that we so often take for granted. May we always use your gifts to make the world a better place. Lord hear us. *(Jean)*
5. We pray for all the carers, nurses and doctors who cared for Mum with such love and compassion and ask God to bless them in their work. Lord hear us. *(Clara)*
6. 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. *(Jean)*

Offertory Procession:

Brid and Ann will bring forward the bread and wine.