

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Denis O'Donnell

5th January 1943 - 26th November 2018



Funeral Mass

Saint Mary's Church, Lucan

Wednesday: 28th November 2018

1.00pm

Celebrant: Father Brían Brennan

Music & Song: Aideen & Mary Mulligan,

Louise Brennan & Michael McVeigh

ENTRANCE HYMN

WORD OF WELCOME

SYMBOLS OF DENIS' LIFE AND THEIR MEANING ARE PRESENTED AND EXPLAINED BY FAMILY MEMBERS

INVITATION TO SORROW

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Proclaimed by family members

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:1-6-9)

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
No torment shall 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 in 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd (Sung)

A reading from the Book of Revelation (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'.
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Priest The Lord be with you.
All And with your spirit.
Priest A reading from the Holy Gospel according to *John*
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:1-6

There are many rooms in my Father's house

'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 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.

All Praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY
Father Brian

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Family members

In baptism Denis was given the pledge of eternal life. May he now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For Denis: that Christ may have mercy on his soul, and grant him full pardon for his sins.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the family of Denis: that in these difficult and dark days they may be sustained by their faith, and by the knowledge that they will be reunited with Denis one day in God's heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our deceased relatives and friends, especially Denis' parents, John and Kathleen, that God may bring them into the light of His glory.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We invoke a special blessing on the staff of Rye Vale Nursing Home who were so good to Denis in the last months of his life on earth.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF OFFERTORY GIFTS BY FAMILY MEMBERS



EUCCHARIST PRAYER

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY 

EUCCHARIST PRAYER CONTINUES

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The Mystery of Faith



The Great Amen

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

THE SIGN OF PEACE 

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNION



REFLECTION

Journey of Life

Family member

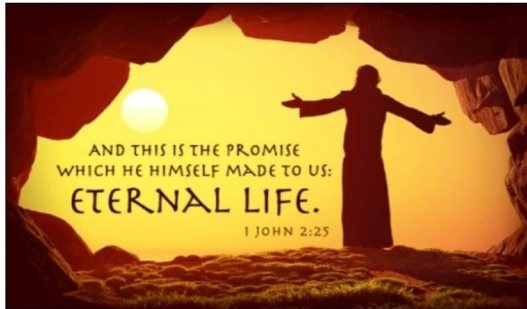
For each of us life is like a journey.
Birth is the beginning of this journey,
and death is not the end but the destination.

It is a journey that takes us from youth to age,
from innocence to awareness,
from ignorance to knowledge,
from foolishness to wisdom,
from weakness to strength and often back again,
from offence to forgiveness,
from loneliness to friendship,
from pain to compassion,
from fear to faith,
from defeat to victory and from victory to defeat,
until, looking backward or ahead,
we see that victory does not lie
at some high point along the way,
but in having made the journey,
stage by stage.

(Adapted from an old Hebrew prayer)

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn 



Denis' wife, Rena, his brothers, their wives and families, and the Brennan family, thank you most sincerely for joining them in today's celebration of Denis' funeral liturgy; all who called to his home since Monday evening, and all who joined them in the Vigil of Prayer Service at the close of his wake last night.



Buddy

Best Friend



Denis O'Donnell



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