

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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***Carmel O'Sullivan***

*14th July 1936 - 30th May 2026*



***Funeral Mass***

*Our Lady Mother of the Church*

*Castleknock*

*Thursday: 4th June 2026*

*11.00am*

*Celebrant: Father Damian McNeice*

*Soloist: Mary Flynn*

**Entrance Hymn:** Abide with me.

**First Reading: Reader: Ronan McGreevy**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-9**

*The Lord will destroy death forever*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his peoples shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;

The Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

Be not afraid.

**Second Reading: Reader: Nollaig McGreevy**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 13:1-13**

*Love does not come to an end*

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12**

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of the right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Reader: Finola Cronin**

We pray for the gift of eternal life: That Carmel will be received into the Lord's loving embrace.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Reader: Olive Finucane**

For those who cared for Carmel in recent years, that they will be blessed in return for their tender care.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Reader: Alex O'Reilly**

For all those who knew and loved Carmel, especially her many friends and neighbours in Castleknock Park, that they may draw inspiration from her long life.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Reader: Ian McGreevy**

For all the faithful departed, especially our relatives and friends and members of this community; that they may dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Reader: Annie McGreevy**

For those driven from their homes by war and violence, that they may find safe refuge and the promise of a peaceful future.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Offertory Procession**

**Hymn:** As I kneel before you.

**Acclamation of Faith:** He is lord.

**Sign of Peace:**

**Communion**

Hymn 1: May the road rise to meet you. Hymn 2: Clouds veil.

**Eulogy by:** Dermot O'Sullivan

**Recessional Hymn** Going home.