

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Helen O'Connor
(née Brennan)

12th February 1941 - 16th August 2026



Funeral Mass

St. Peter and Paul Church

Dunboyne

Wednesday: 19th August 2026

11.00am

Celebrant: Fr. Pat O'Connor

Soloist: Anne McCambridge



Entrance Hymn:

Offerings:

Harry: Botany textbook

Isabelle: Secateurs

Ellen: The Grey Goose of Kilnevin

Polly: Book of puzzles

First Reading: Reader: Neil O'Connor

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (3,1-8)

There is a time for everything , and a season for every activity under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain;
a time to search, and a time to give up;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to mend;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm NUALA DEVLIN

THE LORD IS MY SHEPARD PSALM 23.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever

Second Reading: Reader CARINA LINDERS

A reading from the book of Revelation (14,3)

And they sang, as it were, a new song before the throne, and before the
four living beings and the elders; and no man could learn that song,
except the hundred and forty and four thousand who were redeemed from
the earth

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

Gospel Acclamation Hymn: Alleluia, God is Love

Prayers of the Faithful:

Reader: LILY O'CONNOR

Prayer:

We pray for Granny who has died. May God now welcome her into his
home of eternal happiness and peace

*Lord, hear us
All: Lord, graciously hear us.*

Reader: Polly Linders

Prayer:

We pray for all the staff of the Mater Private Hospital who allowed Helen to pass with dignity and grace.

Lord, hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: Charlie Linders

Prayer:

We pray for our families and friends who have supported us at this time of sadness.

Lord, hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: Harry Linders

Prayer:

We pray for all of Grannie's grandchildren that they carry on her kindness

Lord, hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader: Pia Linders

Prayer:

Guífimid ar son Helen atá imithe ar shlí na fírinne agus leaba aici i measc na n-aingeal.

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Offertory Procession

Hymns: Panis Angelicus & Ag Críost an Síol

Acclamation of Faith: He is lord

Sign of Peace:

Communion

Hymn 1 Ave Maria

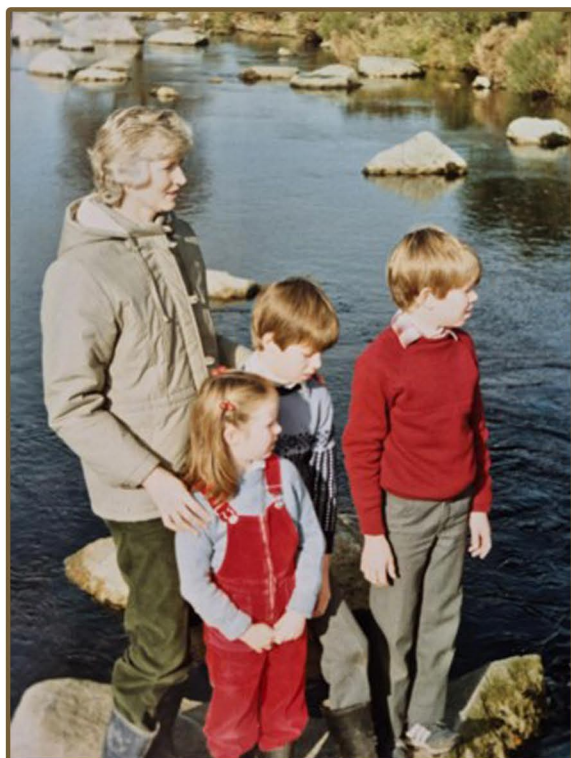
Hymn 2 Jerusalem

Hymn 3 Pie Jesu

Recessional

Song of Choice: Be not Afraid





She is Gone (David Harkin)

*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.*



With love, always remembered.

Helen O'Connor (née Brennan)



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