

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Phil Stokes
(née Hartigan)

11th August 1955 - 4th August 2026



Funeral Mass

St. Patrick's Church

Celbridge

Friday: 7th August 2026

10.00am

Celebrant Father Phil Curran

Soloist: Siobhán Maguire

Violinist: Hazel Alexander

Entrance Hymn: ♪ A Mhuire Mháthair ♪

Presentation of Symbols: ♪ Ave Maria, Shubert ♪

Symbols presented by Katie, Maeve, Cian, Martha, Alfred and Mila

First Reading: read by Katie Leyden

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:31 - 13:8)

Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm ♪ Be not afraid ♪

Second Reading: read by Ann Leyden

A reading from Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 4:6-7)

Dear friends, this is how you should stand firm in your life in the Lord.

Show a gentle attitude toward everyone. The Lord is coming soon.

Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need,
always asking him with a thankful heart.

And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep
your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Hymn: ♪ Seinn Alleluia ♪

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

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 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful:

Seán Callinan

We pray for those who care for the sick, especially all the staff at the Hermitage,
who looked after Phil with such compassion and care.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Tessa Crosbie

We pray for Phil's sisters, in particular Theresa and Mary who are undergoing
treatment.

We also pray that God may provide hope and courage for anybody experiencing
difficulties at this time.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Mark Heraghty

Let us thank God for Phil's life, and for giving us all the gift of her love and
friendship. We pray now that he will grant Phil the greatest gift of eternal life.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Andrew Leyden

Let us pray that God may help and comfort those who are currently
experiencing war, famine and natural disasters in different parts of our
world today.

Especially the little ones.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Richard O'Sullivan

Lord, welcome Phil into the warmth of your light. Where there is no more pain,
no more sorrow, no more fear. Only peace and light.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Theresa Cuddihy

For our beloved family members who have gone before us,
especially Phil's sister Kathleen, as well as Phil's parents Pat and Kathleen.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory: Presented by Carolanne Crosbie and Anne McNamara

♪ Ag Chriost an Siol ♪

Sign of Peace: ♪ Inis Oirr ♪

Communion Hymns: ♪ Panis Angelicus ♪ ♪ Bring Flowers of the Rarest ♪

♪ The Prayer ♪ ♪ Cavalleria Rusticana ♪

Communion Reflection: read by Sarah Stokes

Prayer for Strength

(Attributed to Pope John XXIII)

Every day I need you Lord!

But this day especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.

This day, more than any other day

I need to feel Thee near me....

To fortify my courage

and overcome my fear.

By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour....

How much frail human creatures

Need a Higher Power sustaining

Them in all that life may bring.

And so dear Lord hold my trembling hand....

Be with me Lord this day.

To know Your guiding hand at work in all, to know your Blessed Presence

EVER NEAR

Eulogy by: Catríona Heraghty

Recessional: ♪ Nearer My God to Thee ♪