



*St Patrick's Parish
Mayobridge*



Remembrance Mass

Thursday 23rd November 2023

Celebrant: Monsignor



We Remember Them

*Rhoda Rooney, Nancy Butterfield,
Tommy White, Hugo McClorey,
Paddy Magone, Dessie Hughes,
Teresa Cunningham, Eamon Turley,
Brian Fegan, Brendan McAvoy,
Hannah McDowell, James Sawey.*

We also remember those who were interred elsewhere.

*Sean Tector, Eileen Finn, Anne Fitzpatrick,
Eugene Caldwell, Tommy Goodman, Sean McKevitt,
Seamus McNulty, Yvonne Thompson, Sean Hillen,
Rosemary Quinn & Tony McCamley*

"Eternal rest grant on to them O Lord"

Graveside Candles may be purchased after this Mass and put on your family grave. Please be careful when using such candles. Never leave them lit in your home while unattended. The metal lid can become very hot.

**MASS FOR OUR DECEASED AND
LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE
ORDER OF SERVICE**

- ❖ Opening Hymn: ***Here I am Lord***
- ❖ Welcome and Introduction
- ❖ Penitential Rite



LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died,
to make sure that you do not grieve about them,
like the other people who have no hope.
We believe that Jesus died and rose again,
and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus:
God will bring them with him.
We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching,
that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming
will not have any advantage over those who have died.
At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel
will call out the command
and the Lord himself will come down from heaven
those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise,
and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in
the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air.
So we shall stay with the Lord forever.
With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: *To You O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul Sung*

Gospel Acclamation (Sung)

Alleluia

*I am the resurrection, and the life says the Lord
Whoever believes in me shall never die.*

Alleluia

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

❖ **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

This is a simple service (after the Gospel) in which all those from our parish, and those from elsewhere, who has died since this time last year are remembered through the recalling of their names and the carrying of a lighted candle to the Altar by family members. Others in our congregation will remember their dead by their November Dead Lists being placed on the Altar.

❖ Candles commemorating each of those who have died over the past year will now be blessed by the priest.

Monsignor Hugh: The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

“Gracious God, source of all light, you sent your Son to dispel the darkness of our world. Bless ✠ these candles and make them holy. We use these candles tonight to remind us of the undying love you have promised to those whom we have loved on this earth and who have now gone to share your everlasting light. May we who use them in praise of your goodness walk in the light of faith. May we come one day to the glory of heaven with those we have loved and who have loved us on this earth. Grant this through Christ our Lord”. **Amen**

❖ The candles are now sprinkled with Holy Water.

❖ Then the names of those being remembered are called out and invites each family to come forward with their candle. This takes place with the church lights reduced to a minimum.

“As the name of your beloved deceased is called out please come forward with your lighted candle to be placed on the Altar as a sign of your continued unity with your loved one.”

❖ (Instrumental Music during the placing of candles on the Altar)

After this the choir will sing: ***May the road rise to meet you***

❖ (This is sung after all the candles have been placed on the Altar)

❖ Then follows the **Prayer of the Faithful**.

Prayer of the Faithful



Monsignor Hugh: In confidence and with hope in our hearts we bring our prayers to God.

Reader: We pray for all who mourn. May their tears be wiped away, and may their mourning be turned into joy.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray for our beloved dead. May God receive them kindly, with generosity and forgiveness, and reward their faith. May our deceased loved ones continue to inspire us, to intercede for us, and be there at the end to welcome us, in our turn, into eternal life.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We give thanks for the love which our loved ones showed during their lives. May they know the perfection and fulfilment of that love in heaven.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Bring all the dead into the light that no darkness can overpower. We remember all those who have no one to pray for them. We ask God to console them and show his mercy to them and everybody.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray in a special way for the families in our Parish who have been bereaved in the past year. May they experience the love of God and the prayerful support of their friends.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Monsignor Hugh: Lord, whose days are without end and whose mercies are beyond counting, keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown. Let your spirit guide our days on earth. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

❖ After the Prayers of the Faithful
The procession of Offertory Gifts and November Dead Lists takes place while the Offertory Hymn is sung:
Bread of Life from Heaven

Mystery of Faith: Sung

We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again

Great Amen: Sung

Sign of Peace: Peace is the gift of Heaven and Earth

Communion: Ubi Caritas & Ave at Evening

Reflection after Communion: Remembering

Solemn Blessing & Recessional: How Great Thou Art



Communion Reflection

Remembering

Everyone loves to be remembered,
But if we want to be remembered,
we have a duty also to remember.

Memory is a powerful thing.
Wrongly used it can bring death rather than life.
Rightly used it is a form of immortality,
It keeps the past alive.
Those we remember never die.
They continue to walk and talk with us.
Their influence is still felt among us.
There is nothing stronger or more helpful
than a good remembrance.

So, dear loved ones, we want you to know,
That we haven't forgotten you.
We remember you.
Your memory most definitely brings life to us today.
May it also assure us of life for you,
That eternal life, Christ came on earth to give us.



Prayer for the Dead

God our Father
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
And by your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
Their lives change but do not end.
I pray in **hope** for my family, relatives and friends,
And for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
May they rejoice in Your kingdom,
Where all tears are wiped away.
Unite us again in one family,
To sing Your praise for ever.

Amen.

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