



LIFE IS
CHANGED
NOT
ENDED

*St Patrick's Parish
Mayobridge*



November 4th 2015



*Lord, in your
steadfast love,
grant them eternal rest.*

Mass of Remembrance

We Remember Them

*Rosemary McAleenan, Alice Grant, Bernadette Toner,
Teenie Finnegan, Kathleen Glover, Sandy Cunningham,
Tim Looney, Hugh Grant, Bernadette McGinnis,
Mary Gribben, Mary Walsh, Mickey McMahon,
Rose Morgan, Owen Keenan, Oliver Fegan,
James Miskelly, Roisin Doran, Zofia Papa,
Roma Kulczyc, Peter Murphy, Tom Keating,
Sean Canavan, Sr Philomena Rooney, Dominic Branley,
Doreen Griffin, Patsy Byrne, Joyce Fegan,
Fr Gerry McArdle, Maria Ellison, Molly McSwiggan,
Bridget Rooney, Bronagh O'Hare.*

"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

First Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite sure 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 into 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*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
Our homeland is in Heaven,
And from Heaven comes the Saviour we are waiting for,
The Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!*

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

▼ HOMILY

▼ MEMORIAL SERVICE

*This is a simple service (after the homily) 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 writing the names of their deceased on the **Story Cross Cards** - and these will also be collected and carried to the altar at the Offertory, along with the Mass Gifts and our November Dead Lists.*

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

Priest: 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 **X** 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 priest calls out the names of those being remembered 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: ***In Silence and Peace***

▼ (This is sung after all the candles have been placed on the altar)

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



Prayer of the Faithful

Celebrant: *God our Father is the source of life. We ask him to soften our sorrow, arouse our hope and renew our confidence through his Son's victory over death.*

1. We pray that Jesus, who is our resurrection and life, may give peace to all who have died. May they know fullness of life. May our beloved dead be with us in their love and help us in our need.
Lord, hear us
2. We pray that all those who died this year in our Parish may be welcomed into the communion of Saints and share in the joy of Heaven. We trust that their souls are already in the hands of God. Lord, hear us.
3. We pray that the bereaved and sorrowing may find comfort in the belief that death has no power over their loved ones. May they be strengthened by their Faith and rich memories.
Lord, hear us
4. We pray that the risen Lord may be our support as we journey through life, through death, to everlasting life.
Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: *Almighty, loving and caring Father, help us to grow in Faith and love so that we see our death as our birth into the kingdom of Heaven. Grant that the Faithful departed find the fullness of peace which you alone can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

▼ After the Prayer of the Faithful the Story Crosses are collected.

▼ The procession of Offertory Gifts, Story Crosses, and November Dead Lists takes place while the Offertory Hymn is sung:

One in Body Heart and Mind

Mystery of Faith: Sung

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

Great Amen: Sung

Communion: *I Watch The Sunrise, There Is A Place*

Reflection after Communion: *“Reflection for all our deceased parents, relatives and friends.”*

Solemn Blessing & Recessional: *How Great Thou Art*



Communion Reflection:

"Reflection for all our deceased parents, relatives and friends."

You can shed tears that they have gone

Or you can smile that they lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back

Or you can open your eyes and see all that they have left.

Your heart can be empty because you cannot see them

Or you can be full of the love that you shared with them.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday

Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember them and only that they have gone

Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back

Or you can do what they would have wanted -

Smile, love, play and go on.

David Harkins



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 together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever.

Amen.

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