



St Patrick's Parish
Mayobridge



Remembrance Mass

Wednesday 8th November 2017



We Remember Them

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Mary McAleenan, Danny Murphy, Michael O'Hara,
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"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 prophet Isaiah

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed; to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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

Second Reading

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 for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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 with our **November Dead Lists** and carried to the Altar at the Offertory, along with the Mass Gifts.*

❖ *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 ✠ 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: In confidence and with hope in our hearts we bring our prayers to God.

1. We pray for all who mourn. May their tears be wiped away, and may their mourning be turned into joy. **Lord hear us**
2. 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**

3. 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**
4. As we prepare for the world Meeting of Families in Dublin next year, we pray for all families in our Parish and particularly those who are grieving. May they experience the love of God and the prayerful support of their friends. **Lord, hear us**
5. We remember all those who have no one to pray for them. May our prayerful remembrance bring them into the light of God's love. **Lord hear us**

Celebrant: 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 Prayer of the Faithful the **Story Crosses** and **November Dead Lists** are collected.

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

Ave Maria

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



CONVENT CHAPEL – The Convent Chapel will be open to parishioners and the general public for visiting on the following days:

Sunday – from 10am to 10pm.

Tuesday – it will remain open after the morning Mass until 10pm.

Communion Reflection:

“REMEMBERING”

Everybody loves to be remembered.
But if you 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.
And 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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