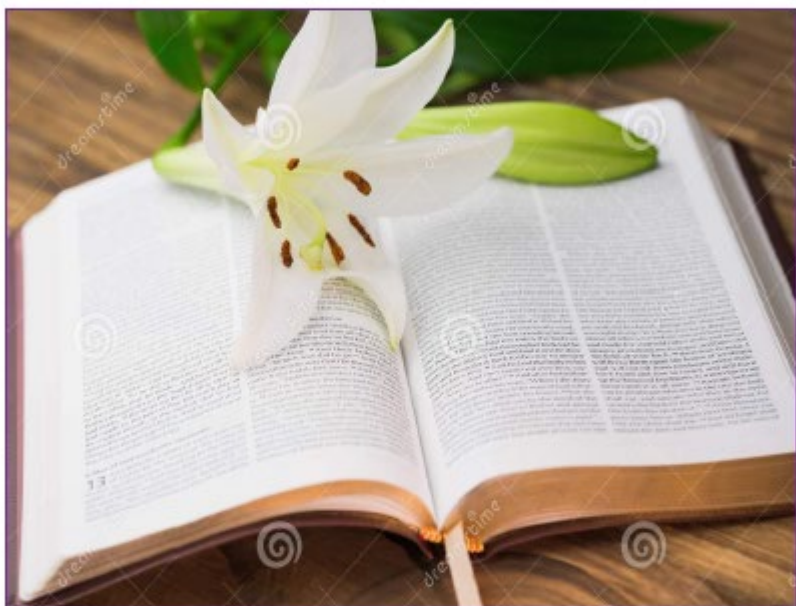


St. Patrick's Parish
Esker, Dodsboro,
Adamstown



Life is Changed not Ended

Parish Funeral Ministry

On behalf of the Parish Funeral Ministry
we offer you our sympathy, support and prayer
that you may experience the presence of the
Lord at this time of loss.

Prayer in time of Bereavement

Lord, you are close to the broken-hearted.
Be with me now in my grief and loneliness.
Give me the courage to face my loss
and not to grieve in silence.
Be with me as I struggle
With many different and painful feelings.
Ease the hurt in my heart.
Encircle me in your love.
Help me to believe that one day
I will no longer have this deep sorrow.
May I find comfort in sharing my grief
With those who understand the strong bonds of love.
Stay with me, Lord, support me.
Help me to know that your power
is at work within me
As I deal with my grief.

Amen.

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Introduction

I shall return to take you with me

(John14:3)

The death of a loved one can be one of the most traumatic experiences of our lives. Our world is turned upside down. We are plunged into sadness and grief and yet there are many arrangements to be made, so many things to do. It can be difficult to cope.

This booklet may be of assistance during these difficult days in arranging the Funeral Liturgy. You will find a selection of Scripture readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament, also a selection of *Prayer of the Faithful*. The trained members of the Parish Funeral Ministry along with the priest will guide you through the practical matters of the liturgy. They can assist you in choosing singers/musicians who are trained in appropriate liturgical music that accords with the tradition of the Church for the Funeral Liturgy.

It is important to remember that a eulogy is not part of the Liturgy and may be more appropriate at a location where the reception will take place after the funeral. However if someone would like to say a brief “thank you” to those who have come to pray and who offered practical assistance please discuss the matter with a member of the Funeral Ministry or the Priest.

In the Liturgy we celebrate the life of faith of your loved one, we commend her or him to the Lord, we pray for all those who mourn, we seek strength through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and we are supported by the presence of the community. The person who has died was baptised with water when they became a member of the Christian community and when your loved one is brought to the Church for the Funeral Liturgy Holy Water is once again sprinkled to remind us of our Baptism. We come from God our creator and we return to the God who gave us the gift of life. It is the prayer of the parish that the Liturgy will be a time of strength and consolation to all at this time of sadness and loss.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

[1] *This I know that my Redeemer lives.*

A Reading from the Book of Job. [19:1, 23-27]

Job said:

‘Ah, would that these words of mine were written down,
inscribed on some monument with iron chisel and engraving tool,
cut into the rock for ever.

This I know: that my Redeemer lives,
and He, at Last, will take His stand on earth.

After my awaking, He will set me close to Him,
and from my flesh I shall look on God.

He whom I shall see will take my part:
these eyes will gaze on Him and find Him not aloof’.

The Word of the Lord.

[2] *It is good to wait in silence for the Lord to save.*

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations. [3:17-18; 21-26]

My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is;
So I say, ‘Gone is my glory, and all I had hoped for from the Lord.’
But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;
‘The Lord is my portion’, says my soul,
‘therefore I will hope in him’.

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,
to the soul that seeks Him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

[3] *The Lord will destroy Death for ever.*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah. [25:6-9]

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will prepare
for all peoples a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove

the mourning veil covering all peoples,

and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;

he will take away his people's shame

everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;

the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The Word of the Lord.

[4] *These words of reassurance were spoken to God's people during a very dark time in their history. They are spoken to us now.*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah . [41:9-11.13-14]

You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off. Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

All who are incensed against you will be ashamed and disgraced; those who strive against you will be as nothing and will perish. For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you."

Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

[5] *Just as a mother cannot forget her child, so God cannot forget us.*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah . [49:8.14-16]

Thus says the Lord: 'In a time of favour I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you.' But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.'

‘Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.’

The Word of the Lord.

[6] *He accepted them as a holocaust.*

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom. [3:1-6, 9]

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace.

If they experience punishment as people see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be.

God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him;
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.

They who trust in him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The Word of the Lord.

[7] *The Lord will destroy Death for ever.*

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom. [4:7-15]

The virtuous, though they die before their time, will find rest.

Length of days is not what makes age honourable,
nor number of years the true measure of life;

understanding: this is a person's grey hairs,
untarnished life: this is ripe old age.

There was once a man named Enoch.

He sought to please God, so God loved him;
as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up.

He has been carried off so that evil may not
warp his understanding or treachery seduce his soul;
for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade,
and the whirlwind of desire corrupts the simple heart.

Coming to perfection in so short a while,

he achieved long life; his soul being pleasing to the Lord,
he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him.
Yet people look on, uncomprehending; it does not enter their heads
that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord,
and protection, his holy ones.
The Word of the Lord.

[8] *For everything there is a season..*

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes. [3:1 - 8]
For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to heal; and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time for peace.
The Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

[9] *God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive or dead.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. [10:34-36, 42-43]

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise', he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everybody, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name'.

The Word of the Lord.

[10] *Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. [4:7-12]

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as scripture says: By my life - it is the Lord who speaks - every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of ourselves. The Word of the Lord.

[11] *Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us?*

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. [5:5-11]

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for the sinful. It is not easy to die even for a good person - though of course for someone really worthy, one might be

prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is, that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from the wrath of God?

When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

[12] *Let us live a new life.*

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. [6:3-4; 8-9]

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus, we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no more power over him any more.

The Word of the Lord.

[13] *Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ.*

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. [8:31-35a; 38b-39]

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

[14] *The life and death of each of us has its influence on others.*

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we might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as scripture says: By my life—it is the Lord who speaks—every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself. The Word of the Lord.

[15] *All people will be brought to life in Christ.*

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. [15:20-23]
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through a human being and in the same way the Resurrection of the dead has come through a human being. Just as all die in Adam, so all will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ; those who belong to him.

The Word of the Lord.

[16] *We shall be changed.*

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. [15:51-57]
I will tell you something that has been secret; that we are not all going to die, but we shall all be changed. This will be instantaneous, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet sounds. It will sound, and the dead will be raised, imperishable, and we shall be changed as well, because our present perishable nature must put on imperishability and this mortal nature must put on immortality.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

[17] *There is a house built for us by God.*

A Reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. [4:7-12]
We know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

We are always full of confidence, then, when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by

sight—we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good and bad.

The Word of the Lord.

[18] *Visible things last only for a time, but the invisible are eternal.*

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. [4:14-5:1]
We know that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer nature of ours may be falling into decay, the inner nature is renewed day by day. Yes the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, and everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

[19] *He will ransform our bodies like the body of his glory.*

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. [3:20-21]
For us, our homeland is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

[20] *We shall stay with the Lord for ever.*

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. [4:13-18]
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 from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be 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. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

[21] *I have fought the good fight.*

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy. [4:7-8]

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing”.

The Word of the Lord.

[22] *If we have died with him, then we shall live with him*

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy. [8-9a; 10-13]

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

‘If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful

for he cannot deny himself’.

The Word of the Lord.

[23] *We shall see him as he really is.*

A Reading from the First Letter of St. John. [3:1-2]

Think of the love the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord.

[24] *God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God.*

A Reading from the First Letter of St. John. [4:13-16]

By this we know that we abide in God and he in us, because he has given us his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the World. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

The Word of the Lord.

[25] *Blessed are those who die in the Lord!*

A Reading from the Book of Revelation. [14:13]

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, 'Write down; Blessed are those who die in the Lord! Blessed indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them'.

The Word of the Lord.

[26] *There will be no more death.*

A Reading from the Book of Revelation. [21:1-7]

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away'.

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new'. And he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true'. Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and

the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children’.

The Word of the Lord.

[27] *The trails which the followers of Christ have to endure are short-lived, but will win them glory in heaven.*

A Reading from the First Letter of St Peter. [1:3-9]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, through perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

[28] *As death approaches, Paul reflects on his life: he is happy about the past and hopeful for the future.*

A Reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy. [4:6-8]

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 1

(The Responsorial Psalm comes after the First Reading)

[Ps 26:1, 4, 7-9, 14]

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

All: The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

All: The Lord is my light and my help.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

All: The Lord is my light and my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

All: The Lord is my light and my help.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 2

(The Responsorial Psalm comes after the First Reading)

[Ps.142:1-2, 5-7, 10]

Response: Lord, listen to my prayer.

All: Lord, listen to my prayer.

Lord, listen to my prayer:
turn your ear to my appeal.

You are faithful, you are just; give answer.

do not call your servant to judgement
for no one is just in your sight.

All. Lord, listen to my prayer.

I remember the days that are past:
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought
and to you I stretch out my hands.
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.
All: Lord, listen to my prayer.

Teach me to do your will
for you, O Lord, are my God.
Let your good spirit guide me
in ways that are level and smooth.
All: Lord, listen to my prayer.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 3

(The Responsorial Psalm comes after the First Reading)
[Ps.22]

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters
he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there
with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 4

(The Responsorial Psalm comes after the First Reading)

[Ps.24:6-7, 17-18, 20-21]

Response: Those who hope in the Lord shall not be disappointed.

All: Those who hope in the Lord shall not be disappointed.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

All: Those who hope in the Lord shall not be disappointed.

Relieve the anguish of my heart
and set me free from distress.
See my affliction and my toil
and take all my sins away.

All: Those who hope in the Lord shall not be disappointed.

Preserve my life and rescue me.
Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.
May innocence and uprightness protect me:
for my hope is in you, O Lord.

All: Those who hope in the Lord shall not be disappointed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 5

(The Responsorial Psalm comes after the First Reading)

[Ps. 91(92):2-6.13-16]

Response: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

All: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

All: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad;
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.
O Lord, how great are your works,
how deep are your designs.

All: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

All: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just;
in him, my rock, there is no wrong.

All: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful

The Prayer of the Faithful follows after the homily. We pray here for the deceased and his or her family and friends, for all the dead and those who mourn them, and for the needs of the wider community. Please choose four intercessions from the following or you may wish to compose your own prayers.

General Intentions:

1. Let us pray for **N** our Holy Father **N** our Bishop and all those who proclaim the consolation of Christ's death and resurrection to families and communities in sorrow. Increase their faith and make them bearers of lasting and meaningful hope. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

2. You knew that your death, O Jesus would mean suffering for your friends; - give us the courage to follow God's way through the mystery of pain throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

3. O God You promised eternal life to all who follow your way; raise up all who have died. We pray especially for **N** in gratitude for her/his life in family and those with whom she/he came in contact.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

4. Now that **N** has come to the end of her/his earthly journey, may Christ give her/him a place at the banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

For those who Mourn:

5 We pray for N who leaves us in death, that God will bring her/him safely home and share with her/him the joys of the Kingdom of light, happiness and peace. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

6. We pray for all who mourn N; they may be assured of Christ's closeness to them in their sorrow and find strength and comfort through their faith in Jesus our risen Saviour Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

7. Let us pray that the emptiness of our lives may be gradually filled with peace and hope which Christ's Resurrection gives to each of us, we pray. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

8. As we reflect on the contribution of N to her/his family, friends and the wider community let us remember her/him with affection. May we strive for perfection in the service of Christ, his Church and the community in general. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

9 We pray for N, that God the Father will lead home and share with her/him the joys of the Kingdom - light, happiness and peace. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

10. For the deceased members of the N Family God our Father, you have gathered us all into the family of your love. We pray for the deceased members of the N family (or N and N families). We remember especially her/his deceased parents N sons and daughters N brothers and sisters N others N May the light of Christ shine on them. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

For those who Care for the Sick

11. Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who tended to N her/his illness; (Doctors, nurses, medical staff, carers, home help personnel); Lord we thank you for the gifts you have given them and ask you to bless them. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

12. For all of us gathered here: that we may remember at all times, but especially in times of trouble and anxiety, that we are loved by You, God and that You will take care of us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

13. Let us pray for those who cannot be here today, especially N..... We present to the Lord their grieving, their mourning and their desire to be here. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Prayer - For all those who have died

14. As we pray for N let us remember the deceased, those we have loved and cherished; all the dead of this parish; those who died recently and all those who have no one remember them. May you, O God, welcome them into the radiant light of your presence. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Music for the Funeral Rites

At a time of loss it may seem that music evokes too much pain however music can touch our hearts and reach our very soul. Because of this, music is integral to the funeral rites. The music used allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey. Music consoles, heals, gives courage and expresses our faith.

Music should always reflect the sacred nature of the liturgy. Music chosen for the funeral rites needs to reflect the themes of Christ's death and resurrection, Christian hope, the love and support of God especially at times of loss. There is an extensive and varied repertoire of suitable music available including traditional hymns, gospel music, modern worship songs etc.

Our Church buildings are consecrated for the glory of God. Music at funerals should be appropriate for a liturgical service. All sung music should have a text that is clearly centered on God or the Sacred Scriptures. Sometimes a piece of music might not be appropriate for the funeral liturgy but that doesn't mean that it needs to go unheard. There are places outside of the funeral rites when secular music might be used. For example, in the family home before the body leaves the house; in the funeral home before the coffin is closed; at the graveside after the prayers.

Normally non-liturgical music should not be used during the funeral Mass and St. Patrick's Parish has trained music ministers to assist and guide the family in choosing and placing the appropriate music for the funeral liturgy of their loved one. Alternatively the resident musicians can choose all the music for the funeral rites if you would prefer it.

Where to place music at Funeral Rites

Music at the Funeral Mass

(Please contact the music ministry team to assist you in making your selections)

The musical priorities for the Funeral Mass are firstly the Gospel Acclamation, the Memorial Acclamation, Holy, Holy and Amen. Secondly the Psalm and thirdly the Opening Hymn, Communion Hymn, Lamb of God, Lord have Mercy, Recessional Hymn.

a) Entrance Hymn

The Entrance Song accompanies the Procession from the door of the church and is complete when all are in place to continue with the liturgy. The Processional Song offers words of hope to everyone who gathers for the funeral.

b) Placing of the Christian Symbols

Instrumental music may be appropriate for the placing and presentation of symbols.

c) Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm is sung after the First Reading. Since the Psalms are songs, whenever possible, they should be sung. It is important not to substitute other songs in place of the Psalm. Just because a piece may have a repeated refrain, this does not make it a Psalm.

d) The Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Acclamation is sung after the second reading. The Alleluia is a powerful reminder of Easter joy in the Resurrection which is the source of our hope at this time. Remember that this Acclamation changes in the Lenten season.

e) Presentation of the Gifts

Instrumental music or hymn is suitable at this point and should continue until after the gifts have been incensed.

f) Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations:

Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation & the Amen

It is important that everyone is encouraged to participate in the singing of the three acclamations. The Singer acts as cantor to lead the congregation in song.

g) Our Father

The Lord's Prayer should only ever be sung when all can do so.

h) Sign of Peace and Lamb of God

A Short suitable Hymn may be sung during the exchange of peace and the Lamb of God Prayer can be sung after this.

i) Communion

Communion Hymns ideally should reflect the common procession of people, each coming forward to receive the Body of Christ

j) Song of Farewell

The Song of Farewell is usually sung as the coffin is incensed and sprinkled with holy water at the end of Mass. The Hymn should reflect the text: "Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most" High.

k) Procession to the Place of Committal

This is a powerful moment in the liturgy when the music can support in faith the final journey of the grieving with their loved one. This piece should offer worship, praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God and also bring hope and consolation to the living.

Booking Musicians

Our music ministers have an extensive and varied repertoire of suitable music available including traditional hymns, gospel music, modern worship songs etc. for you to personalize the Requiem Mass of your loved one.

Booking Musicians for Requiem Mass can be organized through the undertaker who will contact St. Patricks' resident musicians.

Alternatively they can be contacted directly on the numbers listed below.

Payment is usually made by the undertaker and will be listed as part of the funeral costs or payment can be made directly by the family.

Popular Contemporary Funeral Hymns:

Open my eyes; May the Road Rise to meet You; The Song of Ruth; The Clouds Veil; The Cry of the Poor; Fly like a Bird; Go silent friend (Air of Danny Boy); Without Seeing You; You are Mine; Set your Heart; Shepherd me O God; The Hiding Place; The Prayer; O God you Search me; Song of Farewell; The Voice of an Angel; I will be the Vine; Quiet Breeze.

Popular Traditional Funeral Hymns:

Ag Choist an Siol; On Eagles Wings; Here I am Lord; Shalom; Abide with me; Be still; Be Thou my Vision; The Lord's my Shepherd; Be not afraid; Going Home; I am the Bread of Life; Jesus Remember Me; Soul of my Saviour; Nearer my God to Thee; Shepherd of my Heart; Ave Maria; Panis Angelicus; Amazing Grace; The Old Rugged Cross; How Great Thou Art; Steal Away.

This music document was compiled by our Music Ministry Team. If you have any questions or need any guidance please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Funeral Music Planning Sheet

The Funeral Mass

(Please contact the Music Ministry Team to assist you in making your selections)

Entrance Hymn:

Placing of the Christian Symbols Music:

Psalm after the First Reading:

The Gospel Acclamation after the Second Reading:

The Presentation of the Gifts in the Offertory Procession:

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations

(Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation & the Amen):

Our Father:

Sign of Peace or Lamb of God

Communion:

1) _____

2) _____

Song of Farewell as the Coffin is Incensed and Sprinkled with Holy Water:

Procession to the Place of Committal:

Parish Information

St. Patrick's Church	01 6281018
Parish Office (10am—1pm)	01 6281018
Fr. John Hassett	01 6812088
Mary Barr (Co-ordinator of Funeral Ministry)	086 3143300
Web site: www.stpatrickslucan.ie	
(see Funeral Ministry with download facility for Scripture Readings, Prayer of the Faithful and personalised booklet).	

Advice on Funeral Expenses & Grants Available

St. Vincent de Paul	01 6218909
	01 8550022
Department of Social Welfare Store Street,	01 7043000
Citizens Information Centre Ballyowen Castle	076 1075090

Counselling for the Bereaved

Bethany Group	01 6281018
	089 2507213

Support for Couples

Accord Esker	01 6010844
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Support at the Loss of a Baby

A Little Lifetime Carmichael House, 4 North Brunswick Street, Dublin7
01 8730455

Support for Families in Bereavement of Sudden and Unexpected

Deaths	Pieta House	01 6010000
		01 6282111

November Mass for Deceased Parishioners

On the second Friday in November the annual Mass for deceased parishioners is celebrated in the Parish Church at 7.00pm. If you have not been contacted the week before the Mass please call the parish office so that a special Candle of Remembrance will be lit for your loved one.

Month's Mind Mass

The Month's Mind Mass can be arranged through the parish office.

Privacy Notice – Funerals

Mindful of your recent bereavement and how difficult a time this is for you and your family we in the parish hesitate to add to the many things you have to deal with including formalities and legal matters.

The parish takes your privacy very seriously and will only use your personal information for the reason it was provided. In this instance we need your name and contact information which has been given by you or by the funeral director who has shared it with your consent. It may be used by the priests, parish staff and a member of our parish funeral team to facilitate the funeral of your loved one.

We will keep your information on the secure parish database so we can invite you to our next Annual November Mass for the Dead when your loved one will be remembered and prayed for by the parish community. This system can only be accessed by authorised parish staff. We will not share your information with any other person or organisation without your consent. If you wish to have your information deleted at any stage please contact the Parish Office.