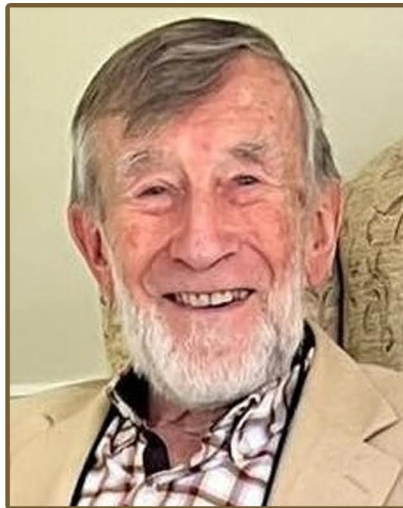


A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Jerry Butler

1942 - 2024



Funeral Mass

St. Mary's Church

Lucan

Co. Dublin

Wednesday: 21st February 2024

Time: 12.00pm

Entrance Hymn: How Great Thou Art

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses.
He sets the time for birth and the time for death
The time for planting and the time for pulling up
The time for killing and the time for healing
The time for tearing down and the time for building
He sets the time for sorrow and the time for joy
The time for mourning and the time for dancing
He sets the time for finding and the time for losing
The time for saving and the time for throwing away
The time for tearing and the time for mending
The time for silence and the time for talk
He sets the time for love and the time for hate
The time for war and the time for peace.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm (Sung) The Lord is my Shepherd

Second Reading:

A letter from Saint Paul to Timothy

As for me, the hour has come for me to be sacrificed, the time is near for me to leave this life. I have done my best in the race. I have run the full distance and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the victory prize of being put right with God which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day. And not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for him to appear.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There He sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then He began to speak. This is what He taught them;
“How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Happy the gentle; They shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God
Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called the sons of God
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all

kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven.

The gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful:

Prayer: We pray for the McNulty family and the staff of Marymount, who not only showed such kindness and care to Jerry but also to us as a family.

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Prayer; We thank God for having given Jerry the gift of life and pray that he will now have the gift of eternal life. We also pray for Nora and the rest of the family that the emptiness may be filled with the love of God

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Prayer; During his life Jerry was an active member of the parish community. We pray for all those involved in ministry and who give their time in the support of others

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Prayer; Jerry always welcomed people into his heart and into his home. We pray that as Christians we will show tolerance and respect to others

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Prayer; We pray for people suffering in countries of war, that leaders may find a way that will lead to peace

Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Offertory Procession: Ave Maria (Sung)
Holy Holy (Sung)

Communion: Panis Angelicus
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Eulogy by: Gavin Butler

Recessional: Dublin Can Be Heaven



Reflection:

In the rising of the sun and in its going down we remember him.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter we remember him.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring we remember him.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer we remember him.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn we remember him.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends we remember him.

When we are weary and in need of strength we remember him.

When we have joys we yearn to share we remember him.

So long as we live, he too shall live,
for he is now part of us, as we remember him.

