

*In Loving Memory  
of  
Patricia Balfe*

*14th March 1929 - 19th February 2024*



***Funeral Mass***

*Mount Sackville Convent Chapel*

*Thursday: 22nd February 2024*

*11.00am*

*Celebrant: Father Paschal Scallon*

*Soloist: Cecilia Byrne*

*Harpist: Noreen O'Donoghue*

**Entrance Hymn:** Nearer my God to Thee

**First Reading:** Gillian Peppard-Flinter

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (3)**

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for everything under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and time to gather them; A time to embrace, and a time to be free from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; A time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sow; A time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace. What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task that God has appointed for the sons of men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without man's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Eagles Wings.

**Second Reading:** Ian Garrigan

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters, about those who 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.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

“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 where 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.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you O Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Read by:** Alison Garrigan, Gráinne Garrigan, JJ Peppard, Eve-Marie Peppard and Ann Garrigan.

Loving God, we pray for Patricia who has died; may God now welcome her into His heavenly home of eternal happiness and peace.

*Lord, hear us.*

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Loving God, we pray for all who have died, especially the relatives and friends of Patricia who have gone before her. We remember in a special way, Patricia’s parents Mary and John, brothers Hugh and John, and sister Mary. May God unite them now in the happiness and peace of his heavenly home.

*Lord, hear us.*

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Loving God, we pray for all those who cared for Patricia. We pray especially for the staff and community of Mount Sackville Nursing Home who cared for Patricia so lovingly. May God reward their goodness and kindness.

*Lord, hear us.*

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Loving God, you cried when your friend Lazarus died, so you understand how we are feeling today. Comfort us, as we are sad and lonely without Patricia whom we loved so very much.

*Lord, hear us.*

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Loving God, we pray that Patricia has eternal peace. We pray also that same peace will touch the troubled parts of our world that are currently at war, our country, our parish, our homes, and our hearts.

*Lord, hear us.*

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **Offertory Procession**

All that I am.

### **Sign of Peace**

### **Communion**

Panis Angelicus  
Sweet Heart of Jesus

### **Recessional**

May the Road Rise to Meet You



*Patricia Balfé*



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