

A Service to Celebrate the Life

— of —

John Dowd

21st April 2018



Funeral Mass

St. Mary's Church

Lucan

Wednesday: 25th April 2018

Entrance Hymn: Be Not Afraid

Symbols representing John's life: Deirdre

- 1. Family Picture – Aoife**
- 2. Scouts Neckerchief – Eoin**
- 3. E-Cigarette – Sean**
- 4. Tools – Dave**
- 5. Apron – Ian**
- 6. Granby – Noel**
- 7. TV Remote Control - Christine**
- 8. Star Trek Video – David**

Reading 1: Ian

A reading from: The book of wisdom 4:7-15

The virtuous man, though he died before his 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 man's grey hairs, untarnished life, this is ripe old age. He has sought to please God, so God has 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 a simple heart. Coming to perfection is 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.

Responsorial Psalm:

In the Silence. (Sung)

Reading 2: Eoin

A reading from: The Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy

Be careful always to choose the right course; be brave under trials; make the preaching of the Good News your life's work, in thorough going service. As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Hymn

Prayers of the Faithful:

Sinéad: We thank God for the blessing of John, his cheeky smile, his amazing sense of humour and his love for us all.
Lord, hear us.

Anita: For the family of John: that in these difficult and dark days they may be sustained by their faith, and by the knowledge that they will be reunited with John one day in God's heavenly kingdom.
Lord, hear us.

Niamh: We thank God for the talents John had and the way he selflessly shared those talents with us all.
Lord, hear us.

Bronagh: The gift of life, which we all share, is very precious. Lord, make us more aware of the gifts and talents that you have given us, particularly those that we so often take for granted. May we use them to make the world a better place.
Lord Hear us.

Karl: We pray for all the nurses and doctors of St. James Hospital, the C.I.T nurses, and the staff of Dodsboro Clinic, particularly Dr. Ross Kelly who were all so good to John throughout his illness.
Lord, hear us.

Alex: Let us pray for our own personal memories of John, may it help us as we come to terms with his passing from this life.
Lord Hear us.

Pauline: Let us pray for all our deceased relatives and friends, May John be reunited with our parents Chrissie and Paddy in Heaven.
Lord Hear us.

Offertory Procession

Lisa & Orla

Song: Mo Ghille Mear

Acclamation of Faith: He is lord

Sign of Peace

Communion

Panis Angelicus/Ave Maria (Schubert)

Eulogy by: Siobhán

Recessional

Time to Say Goodbye

When I Must Leave You

by Helen Steiner Rice

When I must leave you
For a little while-
Please do not grieve
And shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you
Through the years,

But start out bravely
With a gallant smile;
And for my sake
And for my name
Live on and do
All things the same,

Feed not your loneliness
On empty days,
But fill each waking hour
In useful ways,

Reach out your hand
In comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near;

And never, never
Be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky!