

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Anna Keane



Funeral Mass

St. Mochta's Church, Porterstown

Monday: 15th April 2024

10.00am

Celebrant: Very Rev. Fr. Paul Ward

Accompanied by

Rev. Deacon Derek Leonard

Entrance: Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-9 Lectionary III, p.853

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 peoples 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.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 22 Lectionary III, p.854

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

1. 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.

Response

2. 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.

Response

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing.

Response

4. 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.

Response

Second Reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:20-21

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayers of the Faithful:

1. Lord, we give you thanks for everything we have received from Anna, her love for life, her sense of humour, her kindness, her generosity, the gift of her time to us all and the witness of her faith. May those gifts grow strong in our own lives. We pray that Anna may now enjoy new life with you and know happiness and peace in your arms forever.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

2. We pray for Anna's family especially her sister Josie and all her nieces and nephews, friends and neighbours. Be with them Lord as they come to terms with Anna's death and may they find strength and consolation in their faith and in the love and support of each other.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

3. We pray for all the deceased relatives and friends of Anna and pray that God may bring them into the light of his presence and give them a share in his glory.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

4. Lord, we give you thanks for all those whose lives are dedicated to caring for the sick and the elderly and in particular we pray for those who cared for Anna over the last couple of years of her life especially the nurses and staff of Marymount Care Centre. May God reward their goodness, kindness, love and compassion which was shown to Anna in abundance in Marymount and we ask God to bless them in their work.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession

Hymn: Nearer My God to Thee

Acclamation of Faith: He is Lord

Communion

Hymn: Soul of My Saviour

Reflection: Derek Leonard

Recessional

Hymn: Dvorak, New World Symphony (Going Home)

