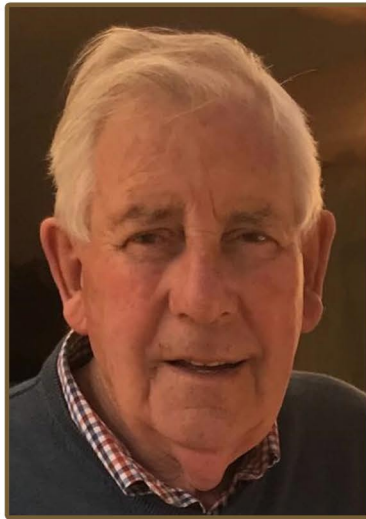


A Service to Celebrate the Life

— of —

***Tommy Kelly***

*who passed away 17th April 2022*



*Funeral Mass*

*St. Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge*

*Thursday: 21st April 2022*

*11.00am*

*Celebrant: Fr. Brendan Quinlan*

*Organist: Evelyn Melia*

*Soloist: Nickola Hendy-Foley*

**Entrance Hymn:** Be Not Afraid

**Explanation of Gifts:** Colm Kelly

**Reading 1: Reader's Name:** Tommy Halpin Kelly

A reading from The Book of Wisdom. Chapter 3, Verses 1-6 and 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 experienced punishment as men 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.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord is my Shepherd. Sung by Soloist

**Reading 2: Reader's Name** Aisling Moran

A reading from The First Letter of St John. Chapter 3, verses 1 – 3

Think of the love that 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.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **Gospel**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. (Chapter 11: Verses 17-21)

On arriving at Bethany, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you." "You brother," said Jesus to her, "will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said:

"I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she said "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Prayer 1 Reader's Name: Marina Kelly**

For Tommy, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Prayer 2 Reader's Name: Paul Kelly**

We remember Tommy's parents, Tom and Nora and his sister Nuala who have gone before him, that they may all now together enjoy the rewards of their goodness.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Prayer 3 Reader's Name: Maeve Moran**

For Tommy's wife Gretta, that she may be consoled by the memories of Tommy's faithfulness, loyalty and their happy life together.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Prayer 4 Reader's Name: Daniel Kelly**

We pray for all who are affected by conflict, especially the peoples of Syria, Afghanistan and Ukraine. May they find the consolation of God in the welcome that they receive from others.

*Lord, hear us*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

**Offertory Procession**

Hymn: Be Still and Know that I am God.

Offertory Gifts brought by Conor Kelly and Elizabeth Kelly.

**Acclamation of Faith:** When we eat this bread.

**Communion**

Hymn 1 Steal Away: Sung by Carmel and Patricia Hegarty.

Hymn 2 A Mhuire Mháthair

Hymn 3 I Watch the Sunrise

**Eulogy:** Brendan Kelly

**Recessional**

Dvořák – New World Symphony (Lyrics Frederick William Fisher)

