

*A Service to Celebrate the Life
- of -*

Gerry O'Connor

who passed away 30th May 2023



Funeral Mass

*Our Lady Mother of the Church,
Castleknock*

Thursday 1st June 2023

11.00am

Celebrant: Father Damian McNeice

Soloist: Naoise Stuart Kelly

Entrance Hymn: Abide with me

Reading 1: Jim Ring

A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-6.9 Lectionary III,

They are at peace with God

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

Be not afraid.

Reading 2: Anne-Marie Sheehan

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 13:1-13

Love does not come to an end Lectionary III, p.716

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

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Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation Hymn:

Prayers of the Faithful:

Readers Name Lydia O'Connor

Prayer

We pray for those who care for the sick. We give thanks to those from St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown and Beaumont Hospital who looked after Gerry and took great care of him.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name Tom Close

Prayer

We give thanks for the love which Gerry showed us during his life and all the years we shared with him.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name Karin O'Connor

Prayer

We pray for all of our deceased relatives and friends, particularly for Gerry's father, Michael

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name Christy Grassick

Prayer

We pray for all who are suffering with ill health at this time. May they experience the loving kindness of the Lord

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name Helen Close

Prayer

**We pray for Sallyann, David, Rachel, Andrew and all the family and friends of Gerry, that they may be consoled in their grief and find light in time of darkness.
Lord, hear us.**

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession

Hymn Fields of Gold

Acclamation of Faith: He is Lord

Sign of Peace:

Communion

Hymn 1 The prayer

Hymn 2 Parting Glass

Eulogy by: David and Andrew O'Connor

Recessional

Song of choice: Quietly, peacefully



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