

PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE

FOR THE DEAD AND THE BEREAVED



OPENING HYMN

GREETING (from Fr Kevin McElhennon at St Mary's Church, Killyclogher)

After the greeting, Paschal Candles are lit in each Church in the parish by:
Andrea Burns – St Mary's, Killyclogher
Phyllis & Stephen McMenamin – St Mary's Knockmoyle
Carmel Armstrong & Bernie Thompson – Christ the King, Strathroy
Padriag & Eoin Kelly, Corpus Christi, Mountfield

OPENING PRAYER (from St Mary's Church, Killyclogher)

Lord of all gentleness, surround us with your care,
And comfort us in our sorrow.

It is our certain faith that your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross,
was raised from the dead.

Grant, through this mystery, that all who have gone to their rest in Christ
may share in the joy of his resurrection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (Read by Michaeline Donnelly from Corpus Christi Church, Mountfield)

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:35,37-39)

Brothers and sisters:

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM (Sung by Joanne McGrath from St Mary's Church, Knockmoyle)

R: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil.
My cup is overflowing. **R.**

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. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (from Christ the King Church)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are those who mourn,
They shall be comforted.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Read by Fr Declan McGeehan from Christ the King Church)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

Jesus said to his disciples: "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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PASTORAL MESSAGE (from Fr Kevin McElhennon in St Mary's Church, Killyclogher)

READING OF NAMES OF THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR - Read by:

Claire Corcoran, Patrick Friel & Maura McStay from St Mary's, Killyclogher
Jim Martin from Christ the King, Strathroy
Anne Furey, Corpus Christi, Mountfield
Celestine Donaghy from St Mary's, Knockmoyle

DECADE OF THE ROSARY – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (Led by Martin McAleer from Corpus Christi Church, Mountfield)

LITANY (Led by Marion Kerlin from St Mary's Church, Knockmoyle)

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Saint Michael
Saint John the Baptist
Saint Joseph
Saint Peter
Saint Paul

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Pray for them
Pray for them

Saint Andrew	<i>Pray for them</i>
Saint Stephen	<i>Pray for them</i>
Saint Anne	<i>Pray for them</i>
Saint Teresa	<i>Pray for them</i>
Saint Catherine	<i>Pray for them</i>
Saint Patrick	<i>Pray for them</i>
Saint Brigid	<i>Pray for them</i>
Saint Columcille	<i>Pray for them</i>
Saint Peregrine	<i>Pray for them</i>

The names of other saints may be added.

All holy men and women	<i>Pray for them</i>
Christ, pardon all their faults	<i>Lord, hear our prayer</i>
Christ, remember the good they have done	<i>Lord, hear our prayer</i>
Christ, receive them into eternal life	<i>Lord, hear our prayer</i>
Christ, comfort all those who mourn	<i>Lord, hear our prayer</i>
Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christ, have mercy	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Led by Colette Given & Fr Declan McGeehan from Christ the King Church, Strathroy)

Dear friends, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for all God’s people. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

In baptism our loved ones received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead them into eternal light. Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us.*

Our brothers and sisters shared with us in the celebration of the Eucharist and were nourished with the Body of Christ. May they be welcomed with joy to the eternal feast in the heavenly kingdom. Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us.*

We pray for consolation for all who are grieving. Heal their pain, strengthen their hope and comfort their hearts. Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us.*

We pray for all who are anxious, afraid or isolated. May we be attentive to their needs, and may all find courage and hope through the care and support of others. Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us.*

We pray for a cure or a vaccine for COVID-19 and for the cooperation of all in fighting its transmission. We pray for patience and an end of fear for all of us. Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us.*

We pray in gratitude for those who cared for our deceased loved ones and especially for those who accompanied them in their last hours when family members could not be present. Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us.*

With Christ there is mercy and fullness of redemption; let us pray as Jesus taught us: *Our Father...*

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK FOR LIBERATION FROM THE EPIDEMIC (Read by Eimear Keyes (nee McCollum) from St Mary's Church, Killyclogher)

O Mary, Our Lady of Knock,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the cross, united with Jesus' pain,
remained strong in faith.
You, Queen of Ireland,
know what we need,
and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that,
as at Cana of Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
May He, who took our sufferings upon Himself
and burdened Himself with our sorrows,
bring us, through the Cross,
to the joy of Resurrection.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE (Led by Fr Kevin McElhennon from St Mary's Church, Killyclogher)

O Lord, we thank you for the gift of our loved ones who have died and who we are remembering during this month of November. We remember especially all those who have died during the past eight months; those who died from COVID-19, those who died from other natural causes and those who died tragically.

We thank you, compassionate God for walking with us in all the dark moments of our grief and loneliness. Even when we find it hard to see you, we know and trust that you are beside us, and in the resurrection of Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, you give us a reason for living; a reason for hoping.

Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us direction and courage in this difficult time.

May we live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and may you help us, Lord, to bring light and hope to others. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. *Amen*

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*

May the peace of God,
which is beyond all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*