

*In Loving Memory of
Anthony G. Devlin*



Born 9th June 1934 Ballinasollus, Plumbridge, Co. Tyrone

In God's Care 12th December 2016

"Ballinasollus", Mallacoota, Australia

My feet may have left Tyrone, but my heart never did.



Anthony Devlin, honoured by his family and friends.

Greatly loved by his wife Margaret and his children:
Joseph, Martin, Kate, Sean, Kieran, Anne, Christine.

Proud Granda to: Taylor, Patrick, Ryan, Kyle, Bridget, Keeley,
Ben, Sinead, Ailish, Olivia, Lucy, Conor, Hannah and Grace.



The Mass of Thanksgiving

Church: St Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds

Celebrant: Father Brendan Hogan

Opening Hymn **Hail, Glorious St Patrick**

(Sung by Daniel O'Donnell)

(please stand & sing)

**Hail, glorious Saint Patrick, dear saint of our Isle,
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;
And now thou art high in the mansions above,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.**

**On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.**

**Hail, glorious Saint Patrick, thy words were once strong
Against Satan's wiles and an infidel throng;
Not less is thy might where in heaven thou art;
O, come to our aid, in our battles take part.**

**O, come to our aid, O, come to our aid,
O, come to our aid, in our battles take part.**

**Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth,
Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou wert on earth,
And our hearts shall yet burn, wheresoever we roam,
For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home.**

**For God and Saint Patrick, For God and Saint Patrick,
For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home.**

**For God and Saint Patrick, For God and Saint Patrick,
For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home.**

Opening Prayers

Priest In the name of the Father, and the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And with your spirit.

Priest Faithful God, you have lovingly brought Anthony's journey to an
end. We praise you for his life of faithfulness and strength. Grant
that as we grieve his death we may hold his memory dear and live in
the hope that death opens out into glory. We make this prayer
through Christ who abides with us forever and ever.

All Amen. *(please be seated)*

Lighting of Pascal Candle

Rod Spicer

Eulogy Joseph Devlin and Kate Spicer

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Ecclesiastics 6:5-6, 14-17

Moira Lewis

A kindly turn of speech multiplies a man's friends, and a courteous way of
speaking invites many a friendly reply. Let your acquaintances be many, but
your advisers one in a thousand. A faithful friend is a sure shelter, whoever finds
one has found a rare treasure. A faithfully friend is someone beyond price, there
is no measuring his worth. A faithful friend is the elixir of life and those who
fears the Lord will find one. Whoever fears the Lord makes true friends, for as a
man is so, so is his friend.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

Stephen Devlin

I will walk in the presence of the Lord Psalm 116

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

How gracious is the Lord and just,
Our God has compassion
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

Response:

I trusted even when I said
I am sorely afflicted
And when I said in my alarm
No man can be trusted.

Response:

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
Is the death of his faithful
Your servant Lord, your servant am I
You have loosened my bonds.

Response:

Second Reading

Michael McGartland

A reading Second Letter of John (1;3)

See what kind of love the father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand)

Alleluia, Alleluia.
Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours
for their good deeds go with them.

All Alleluia

Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (15:9-12)

Jesus said to his disciples "As the Father has loved me so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love. Just as I have kept my Fathers commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you"

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Father

(please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

Frank Devlin: Lord, Uncle loved his extended family and friends unconditionally. He was accepting, encouraging and loving and we thank you for the precious time we shared with him. May we all be open to the richness and gifts of family life.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Gerald Kennedy: Lord we thank you for the exceptional care Anthony received from the Doctors at Peter McCallum Cancer Centre, Dr. Sara and the Bush Nurses at Mallacoota, and the Angel Flight volunteers, all of whom have looked after Anthony with much love and care over the past five years. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Jack Brolly: Lord, may we always be grateful for Anthony's life. We pray that we continue to remember what he treasured mostly - the gift of his faith - the warmth of friendships - the ability to dance - the gift of health to do a hard day's work. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Julie Schofield: God Our Father, we celebrate my friend Anthony's journey through life with joy and we remember the many blessings you gave him. We pray that Anthony may receive the happiness of eternal life promised to him on the day of his baptism.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Seamus Devlin: Lord, we give thanks for the gift of friendship Anthony showed during his life, especially to the Irish Community in Melbourne. We will miss his wonderful competitiveness at cards at the Bureau. Our nights at Shamrock Street around the kitchen table will never be the same. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Leonard Devlin: Uncle we loved your sense of humour, your conundrums and jokes, playing cards and teasing us. You were a great supporter of all generations of Devlin's wherever they were, and we loved your positive outlook on life.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord, Hear our Prayer.

PRIEST We ask you, loving God, to hear and grant these and all the prayers in our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the gifts:

Grandchildren

*Hymn: Come as you are, that's how I want you
Come as you are, feel quite at home
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven
Come as you are, why stand alone?*

*No need to fear, love sets no limits
No need to fear, love never ends
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened
Rest in my love, trust me again*

*I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous
I came to bring peace, not to condemn
Each time you fail, to live by my promise
Why do you think, I'd love you the less?*

*Come as you are, that's how I love you
Come as you are, trust me again
Nothing can change, the love that I bear you
All will be well, just come as you are.*

Offertory:

Priest: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Priest will say a prayer over the gift, to which all respond Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Lift up your heart

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just

Priest: *(continues with a long prayer ... at the end of this prayer:)*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest will pray the Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The mystery of faith

All: We proclaim your Death O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us Lord and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace *(everyone shakes hands)*

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof
But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Ministers:

Michael Devlin, Jane O'Shea, Jocelyn Devlin.

Communion Hymns

Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
T'is grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been here ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

Curfa
'si mo laoch, mo ghile mear
'si mo chaesar, ghile mear.
Suan na sian nm bhfuaires fiin
O chuaigh in gciin mo ghile mear.

Sung by Mary Black

Bmmse buan are buairt gach ls
Ag caoi go ctuaidh 's ag tuar na ndeor
Mar scaoileadh uaim an buachaill beo
's na rmomhtar tuairisc uaidh mo bhrrsn.

Nm lagrann cuach go suairc are nsin
Is nml guth gadhair I gcoillte cns
Na maidin shamhraidh I gcleanntaibh ceoi
O d'imigh uaim an buachaill beo.

Marcach uasal uaibhreach sg
Gas gan gruaim is suairce sns
Glac is luaimneach luath I ngleo
Ag teascadh an tslua 's ag tuairgan tria

Seinntear stair are chlairsigh cheoil
Is liontair tainte cart are bord
Le hinntinn ard gan chaim gan cheo
Chun saol is slainte d'fhail don leon.

Ghile mear 'sa seal faoi chumha
's eire go liir faoi chlscuibh dubha
Suan na sian nm bhfuairreas fiin
O luaidh I gciin mo ghile mear.

Seal da rabhas I'm'mhaighdean shiimh
's anois I'm' bhaintreach chaite thriith
Mo chiile ag treabhadh ne dtonn go trian
De bharr na gcnoc is in imigiin.

Communion reflection

Sung by RTE Children's Choir

Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa, a Íosa
Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa
Céad míle fáilte romhat a Shlánaítheoir
Céad míle míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa, a Íosa
Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa, a Íosa
Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa
Glóir agus moladh duit, a Shlánaítheoir
Glóir, moladh agus buíochas duit, a Íosa, a Íosa

Translation:

A hundred thousand welcomes, O Jesus, O Jesus
A hundred thousand welcomes, O Jesus
A hundred thousand welcomes, O Savior
A hundred thousand welcomes, O Jesus, O Jesus.

Glory and praise to You, O Jesus, O Jesus
Glory and praise to You, O Jesus
Glory and praise to You, O Savior
Glory and praise and thanks to You, O Jesus, O Jesus.

Prayer after Communion (priest)

Marion O'Hagan Reflection

Memorial DVD

Final Commendation

Priest Let us take our leave of Anthony. May our farewell express our love for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Signs of Farewell

Priest With water, and with incense, we farewell Anthony.
Saints of God, come to his aid!
Come to meet him angels of the Lord!

All Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Priest May Christ who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

All Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Priest Give him eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on him forever.

All Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Prayer of Commendation

Priest Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend our brother Anthony in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

We give thanks for all his gifts and talents and for all that Anthony was to his family, friends, and the community.

Grant him eternal rest.

All Amen.

Priest: In peace let us take our Anthony, to his place of rest.

The Departure

Recessional Music:

Take Me Home

Sung by Celtic Thunder

I sit here thinking, As the sun is sinking
Over the mountain, And the dry, dusty ground

As the night is falling, I start recalling
The nights, In my own town

I see the faces, In familiar places
I hear the music, That they played way back then

My heart rejoices, As I hear the voices
Calling me, Home again

Home, Oh take me home, Oh to the people, I left behind
Oh to the love, I know I'll find, Oooh take me home

As the sky is burning, My mind is turning
To the cold winter evenings, By my own fire side

So far away now, But any day now
I'll sail, On the morning tide

Home, Oh take me home, Oh to the people
I left behind, Oh to the love, I know...

Pall Bearers:

Joseph Devlin

Martin Devlin

Sean Devlin

Kieran Devlin

Phillip Ryan

John Paul Ferron

Rod Spicer

Private Cremation at a later date.

Anthony's ashes will be taken to Ireland by his family in the summer,
to be interred with his parents in Sacred Heart graveyard,
Plumbridge Co. Tyrone. N. Ireland

The Devlin family would like to thank you
for your love and support, and for
sharing this celebration of Anthony's life.

At the conclusion of Mass you are warmly invited to
join us for refreshments at Symons Centre, besides the Church.



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