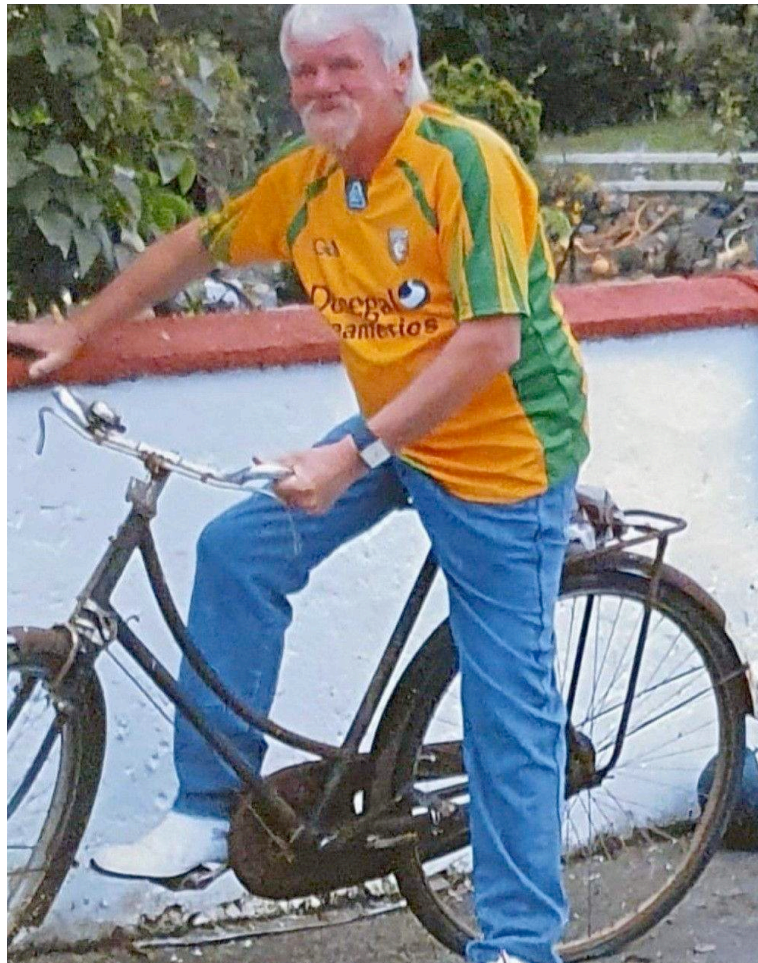


In Loving Memory of
Joe Gallagher



4th July 1952 – 14th February 2022

St Brendan's Flemington, Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Father Declan O'Brien



The Mass of Thanksgiving

Opening Hymn

Here I Am Lord

Marion O'Hagan

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, who make the stars at night, I will make the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will take the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them, Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Priest In the name of the Father, and of 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.

Lighting of Baptismal Candle

Rachael Tilley

Priest In baptism our brother, Joe, received the light of Christ. This light has
 guided him through his life.

All May it now lead him into eternal life and peace.

Blessing with Holy Water

Priest On the day of his baptism, Joe died with Christ and rose with Him to eternal life.

All **May he now share eternal life with Him in glory.**

Opening Prayer

Priest O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant, Joe, whom you have called out of this world; and because he put his hope and trust in you, command that he may be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: *John 14:1-6*

Rina Lombardo

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"

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 word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is My Shepherd

Marion O'Hagan

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Gospel Acclamation

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

All Alleluia!

Gospel

(please stand)

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:1-12)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.
The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

(please be seated)

Words of Remembrance/Eulogy

Marg Dwyer & Cahil Brady

Prayers of the Faithful

Marg Dwyer

Priest God, the Almighty Father, raised Jesus his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

Marg We give thanks for the life of Joseph and for the gift he was to the many people whose lives he touched.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Marg We pray for those who have gone before us, especially Joseph's parents Joseph and Peggy and relatives and friends who have left us. May they rest in peace.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Marg We pray for Joseph's family and friends here and overseas, that our hearts not be troubled but filled with peace. May it always comfort us to know Joseph now lives with God in the peace of the saints.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Marg We pray for the ambulance, police, coroner, and for all those who assisted during this difficult time.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest We ask you, loving God, to hear and grant these and all our prayers in our hearts. We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: *Goodbye My Old Friend*

Offertory Procession *Jenny Amoroso & Helen Mohan*

Prayer over the gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

**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, from every evil. Graciously grant peace in our days,
 that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and
 safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope 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 said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my
 peace I give to you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your
 Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with
 your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Sign of Peace

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

**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.**

Communion Hymns:

*Queen of Ireland, Lady of Knock
Homes of Donegal*

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Lord by your death and resurrection of Christ which we celebrate in this Eucharist bring our son, Joe, the peace of your eternal home. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Joe's Memorial Photos

Created by Rachael Tilley

Saints of Ireland

Eamonn Naughton

Final Commendation

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Joe. 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: 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, Father of mercies, we commend our brother, Joe, 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 Joe was to his family, friends, and the community.
Grant him eternal rest.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Pall Bearers

John Gallagher, Tony Brady, Cahil Brady
Jason Lewis, John Rodden, Bernard

Brady

Recessional Music

Irish Pipers

Death is nothing at all

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away to the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
That, we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way
which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me. Pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you.
For an interval.
Somewhere. Very near.
Just around the corner.

All is well.

Nothing is past; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before
only better, infinitely happier and forever we will all be one together with Christ.



- Henry Scott Holland



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

At the conclusion of the service, you are warmly invited for refreshments
at The Quiet Man Irish Pub
271 Racecourse Rd, Flemington