

In Loving Memory of
Michael O'Connor

31 May 1933 – 26 November 2016.

St Peter's Church, Clayton, 1st December, 2016.

The Mass of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Father John Quinn

Opening Hymn Here I Am Lord (please stand & sing)

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 snow and rain, I have born my people's pain
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my love to them, whom shall I send?

Refrain

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

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 Mick'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)*

Sprinkling of Holy Water Priest

Lighting of Pascal Candle Mary Mansfield

Words of Remembrance Eileen McClure & Patricia Schiena

Memorial DVD

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Patricia Schiena

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and
a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sow;
A time to keep silent, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.

The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

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, tho' 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 forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

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 (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 where 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.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Father John Quinn

(please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

Kim McClure, Daniel Schiena, Adam Magnaboscus & Hayley Gatt

Priest: My dear friends, as we remember the life of Mick O'Connor, Let us not be saddened by his death but joyous in his resurrection with Christ. Let us praise God for his life as we pray together.

Kim: Lord, we give thanks for Uncle Mikey and for all he meant to us. May he now share the fullness of a new life with you. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Adam Lord, we pray for Uncle Mikey's wife, our dear Aunty Kathleen who has been a wonderful wife of 50 years and who has cared for him so lovingly through his many months of suffering. May you protect and comfort her at this time. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Daniel Lord, bless and comfort those who mourn Uncle Mikey's passing especially his family, relatives and friends both here and in Ireland. May they be a comfort to each other at this time of sorrow. We pray to the Lord..

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Hayley Lord, we thank you for our beloved uncle Mikey. Although we will miss him we know he is safe. Let your light shine upon him and may he rest in peace. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Lord, We thank you for the sign of your love that we have experienced through the life of Mick O'Connor. Welcome him into eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the gifts: Kathleen Magnabosco & John McClure

Offertory Music Paddy Fitzgerald

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 Hymn: *Amazing Grace* Marion O'Hagan

Reflection: *Céad Míle Fáilte* Evelyn McDonaugh

Prayer after Communion (*priest*)

All the Saints of Ireland Eamon Naughton

Final Commendation

Priest Before we take Mick to his final resting place, let us take our
leave of him. 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 Mick.
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
Mick 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
Mick was to his family, friends, and the community.

Grant him eternal rest.

All Amen.

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

Recessional Music: Gypsy Rover

Marion O'Hagan & Paddy Fitzgerald

Pall Bearers: Luke, James, Johnny & Michael Moran

Kathleen would like to thank you
for your love and support, and for
sharing this celebration of Mick's life.

Interment will be at **Springvale Cemetery**
(A J Holt Lawn), at approximately 4pm.

After the interment you are warmly
invited to refreshments at the
Sandown Park Hotel
Cnr Corrigan Rd & Princess Hwy
(opposite the cemetery gate)



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