

*We come together to pray &
Celebrate the life of
Jeremiah Fitzgerald*



27th August 1926 – 16th December 2021

St John Vianney, Thursday 6th January 2022

Father Tom Cleary

The Mass of Thanksgiving

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace

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.

'Twas grace that taught me heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

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. *please be seated*

Lighting of Pascal Candle

Father Tom

Priest In baptism our brother, Jeremiah, received the light of Christ, this
light has guided him through her life.

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

Blessing with Holy Water

Priest On the day of his baptism Joseph 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 who mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant, Jeremiah, 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: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13

Joe Deane

Love is patient, love is kind,
Love is not jealous, it does not boast, nor is it proud.
It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends
And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Fill your mind with everything that is pure.
I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord;
I repeat, what I want is your happiness.
Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is near.
There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need,
pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God,
which is so much greater that we can understand,
will guard your hearts and your thoughts,
in Jesus Christ.
Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true,
everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure,
everything that we love and honour,
and everything that can be thought virtuous
and worthy of praise.
Keep doing all the things that you learned from em
and have been taught by me
and have heard and seen that I do.
Then the God of peace will be with you
The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand)

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

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

(please be seated)

Words of Remembrance/Eulogy

John Fitzgerald
Ben Lyons

(Slide Show of Jerry's life screened during the Eulogy)

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.

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

All Lord, hear our prayer.

June We pray for Jerry's family, that their hearts not be troubled, but filled with peace. May it always comfort them to know Jerry now lives with God in the peace of the Saints.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

June We pray for all those who grieve the loss of Jerry, his children John, Maree, Peter, Dennis and Patrick. His grandchildren Tanya and Nathan, daughter in laws Carole and Pina. May they find peace and comfort through the compassion shown to them by others.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

June We remember those who have gone before us, especially Jerry's beloved wife Noelene, his children Kathleen and Joseph, and relatives and friends who have left us. May they have an everlasting home in heaven.
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

Make me a Channel of your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury your pardon Lord,
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Offertory Procession

Dennis & Peter Fitzgerald

Prayers over the gifts

Eucharistic Prayer II

Communion Rite

Prayers over the Gifts

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, we pray, 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 Hymn How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

And when I think: that God His son not sparing,
Sent Him to die- I scarce can take it in,
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart;
When shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim; My God, how great Thou art.

Refrain

Prayer after Communion

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

All: **Amen.**

Final Commendation

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Jeremiah. 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 her 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: A Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother, Joseph, 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 Jerry was to his family, friends, and the community.

Grant him eternal rest.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pall Bearers

*John Fitzgerald, Peter Fitzgerald,
Dennis Fitzgerald, Patrick Fitzgerald
Nathan Fitzgerald & Simon Grady*

Recessional Music: Irish Rover

Greg Wright



Following the service, Jerry will be buried at Springvale Cemetery.

The Fitzgerald Family would like to thank you for love and support,
and for sharing this celebration of Jerry's life.

At the conclusion of the Burial, you are warmly invited for refreshments
Mulgrave Country Club
Corner Wellington & Jells Rd, Wheelers Hill

