

In Loving Memory of
Denis Patrick Houlihan



25th May 1938 – 23rd September 2019

St Kevin's Catholic Church, Templestowe



Denis Patrick Houlihan

Born in Co. Carlow, Ireland

Husband of Josie

Father of Margaret, Thomas (dec), Kathy and Denise

Father in law of Richard and Niall

Grandfather of Sean, Ciaran, Sadie and Luca

Sisters Johanna, Kathleen, Vera and Brigid

Celebrant: Fr Peter O'Rourke

Cantor: John Caddy

Organist: Danuta Southern

The Mass of Thanksgiving

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

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*

Blessing with Holy Water: This sprinkling with blessed water reminds us of the saving waters of Baptism. It calls to mind Baptism and initiation into the community of faith.

Father: In the waters of baptism, Denis died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him in eternal glory.

Placing of the Pall: The colour of the pall is a reminder of our faith in the Resurrection. Covering the coffin is a ritual reference to Denis' baptismal robe. It is a sign of the Christian dignity of the person and signifies that all are equal in the eyes of God.

Father: May Christ who claimed Denis into Baptism now enfold him in His love, and bring him to eternal life. In life, Denis cherished the Gospel of Christ. May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life: "Come blessed my Father".

Lighting of Paschal Candle

Niall Guing

Symbol of the risen Lord Jesus, ever present among His people, the Paschal Candle is a reminder of paschal significance of the death of Christian born into the death of Jesus at Baptism.

Opening Prayer

Priest: Faithful God, you have lovingly brought Denis' 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.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading:

Margaret Dempsey

A reading from the second letter of Timothy 4:6-8

Very soon now I will be on my way to heaven. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith, and now the time has come for me to stop and rest. In heaven a crown is waiting for me which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on the great day of his return.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is My Shepherd (sung)

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

*I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promises to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

Refrain

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.

Eulogy

Denise Houlihan and Kathy Houlihan

Homily

(please be seated)

Prayers of the Faithful *Sean Dempsey, Ciaran Dempsey,
Catherine Connolly & Stephanie Gallinagh*

Priest: Lord, we pray for those who live a sincere and good life, the hour of death is transformed into an hour of glory, because Christ gives them the crown of eternal life. Let us pray in our hour of loss.

Sean We thank God for the wonderful life of Grandad, for the hard work and care he showed his family, his friends and the Irish community. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Ciaran We pray for Grandad as he is in Heaven. We will always remember him as a man with a big smile and a twinkle in his eye. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Steph We pray for Denis' family and friends, whose lives are richer for knowing him. Help them find comfort in knowing that he is now at peace. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Cat We pray that Denis is reunited with his loved ones who have gone before him. His parents, his sisters Peggy, Lily, Sadie and Maureen and especially his son, Tommie. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Lord, you are our strength and our refuge. Comfort us in our sorrow, bless us in our lives and hear the prayers we make to you in the name of your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Eucharist (Mise Eire)

Presentation of the gifts: Johanna Byrne & Brigid Houlihan

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.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Lord, receive the gifts of bread and wine that represent all that we have, all that we are and all that we have shared with Denis. Just as you transform them, may we also be transformed with Denis in the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever.

All: **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

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: **Eucharistic Prayer**

Priest: The mystery of faith

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

Fr Peter: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, forever and ever.

All: Amen

Communion Rite

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 from every evil and grant us peace I our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we await in joyful hope for 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, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever 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

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 Hymns

Faith of our Fathers

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate,
If they, like them should die for thee:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will strive
To win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then indeed be free.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

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.

As grace first taught my 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;
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Ave Maria

Prayer after Communion (*priest*)

Memorial DVD to Irish Eyes are Smiling

Irish Prayer:

Renee Tunney

*God looked around his garden and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

Final Commendation

Priest Before we take Denis 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 Denis.
Saints of God, come to his aid!
Come to meet his 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 his 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 Denis in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

Grant him eternal rest, O Lord. Let his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

All Amen.

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

The Departure

Recessional Songs :

Follow me up to Carlow

Take me home to Carlow

Pall Bearers:

Sean Tunney
Richard Dempsey
Niall Guing
John Bolger
Danny Slee
Bryan Taaffe



If Tomorrow Starts Without Me...

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise you find your eyes all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.

He said my place was ready, in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned and walked away a tear fell from my eye.
For all my life I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do.
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays the good ones and the bad.
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.

When I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow
I thought of you and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow.

When I walked through heavens gates I felt so much at home.

God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you"
Today your life on earth has passed but here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last
And since each day is the same there's no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful so trusting and so true.

Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.

You have been forgiven and now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?
So when tomorrow starts with out me don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

Denis' family would like to thank you
for your love and support, and for
sharing this celebration of his life.

**Following Mass, the burial service for Denis will be
conducted at Templestowe Cemetery, 263 Foote Street
Templestowe (entry via Church Rd) at 12:00pm.**

You are warmly invited to
join the family for refreshments at
The Clifton Hill Hotel from 13:00,
89 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill.



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