

*In Celebration of the Life of
Patrick Fitzgerald*



29th April 1941 – 2nd December 2023

St Gabriel's Catholic Parish, Tuesday 12th December 2023

Father Declan O'Brien



An Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*



Placing of the Symbols of Paddy's Life

Accordion – Brendan Dufficy
Tin Whistle – Madeline Fitzgerald
Rosary Beads & Book – Annie Fitzgerald
Bodyke Jumper – Kate Fitzgerald
Family Christmas Photo – Brydie Fitzgerald
Cap & Squash Racquet – Ciara Fitzgerald
Irish flag – Harrison Fitzgerald
Sinn Fein Jumper – Martin Fitzgerald
Handball & Deck of cards – Aidan Fitzgerald

Clare Jumper – Ella Power
Brisbane Lions Scarf – Neve Fitzgerald
Hurley and Ball – Declan Power
From Clare to Here CD – Grace Power
Gaelic Football – Alice Fitzgerald
Photo of Granda & Elisha – Erin Kelly
Long puck trophy – Ivy Fitzgerald
Clare Flag – Isla Kelly
Pioneer Certificate – Harley Fitzgerald
Keys to van & gardening gloves – Conor Patrick Fitzgerald

The Mass of Thanksgiving

Opening Hymn Here I Am Lord

*Claire Fitzgerald-Power,
MaryAnne Fitzgerald-Kelly & Ciaran Fitzgerald*

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 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.

Blessing with Holy Water

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

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

Lighting of Baptismal Candle

Martin Fitzgerald

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

Placing of the Pall

Eileen Fitzgerald-Dufficy

Priest At his baptism Patrick received a new garment and was asked to wear it spotlessly throughout his life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that he may have done during his life, but rather look upon his faithfulness to his God and his love for his family and friends.

Placing of Symbols

Opening Prayer

Priest O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant, Patrick, 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: Ecclesiastes (3:1-8)

Sean Fitzgerald

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 up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw 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 throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
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

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is My Shepherd Leonie Canavan-Fitzgerald

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd
There is nothing I shall want**

The Lord is my shepherd; There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd
There is nothing I shall want**

He guides me along the right path; He is true to His name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness, No evil would, I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort.

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd
There is nothing I shall want**

You have prepared a banquet for me, In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; My cup is overflowing.

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd
There is nothing I shall want**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell, For ever and ever.

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd
There is nothing I shall want**

Second Reading:

A reading from the second letter of Timothy (4:6-8) Tom McMahon

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.
The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

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 John 14:1-6 (please stand)

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

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 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily (please be seated)

Words of Remembrance/Eulogy

*Jim Fitzgerald, Joe Fitzgerald
& Eileen Fitzgerald-Dufficy*

Prayers of the Faithful

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.

Joe Fitzgerald: Lord, we ask that you support Paddy's wife Eileen, his children and grandchildren. Hold them in your love and tender care, ease their grief and sorrow, and support all those who support them. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Steven Fitzgerald: Lord, we remember those we love who have gone before us, especially Granda's parents Martin and Annie, his brothers John and Thomas, his brother-in-law Mick and granddaughter Elisha. May they rest in peace. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Ciaran Fitzgerald: We pray for Dad's relatives in Ireland and all those who can't be here today. May his kind and gentle nature inspire them to be more like him. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Dermot Fitzgerald: We pray for all those who cared for Dad, especially over the past 18 months in particular the amazing nurses and doctors at the Austin Hospital and the Repat. May God grant them the strength, wisdom and compassion to continue caring for others. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Shannon Dufficy: We are grateful for the example Granda showed us in simple ways. His love of family, his dedication to his faith and his genuine love of people. He touched the lives of every person he met and will continue to live on in our memories forever. Lord hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Oliver Dufficy: Lord, thank you for the treasured memories I have with you Granda. The jobs we did around the house, splitting timber in the garage, setting up traps to catch the possums and all of the cups of tea together. You taught us to appreciate every little thing in life because that's what you did. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Michael Dufficy: Lord, we thank Granda for his many talents. In particular his gift of music, football and hurling which will live on through his children and us grandchildren. His gift of story telling about any sport, the Snowy Mountains and the people he met along the way will be cherished by us all forever. 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: *Come As You Are* *Claire Fitzgerald-Power,*
MaryAnne Fitzgerald-Kelly & Ciaran Fitzgerald

Offertory Procession *Anna McManus, Mary McCloskey*
& Brendan Dufficy

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: How Great Thou Art
Be Not Afraid*

Kerry McManus

Reflection: From Clare to Here

Jim, Patrick, and Brendan Fitzgerald

Prayer after Communion

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

All: Amen.

Memorial Photos Clare My Heart My Home

Mary Anne Kelly

Music: For Ireland I'll Not Tell Her Name

Joe Fitzgerald

Final Commendation

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

All: **Amen.**

Pall Bearers Jim, Patrick, Brendan, Martin, Ciaran, and Dermot Fitzgerald

Recessional Music *Faith of Our Fathers*

Organ





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

At the conclusion of the service, you are warmly invited to the burial
at Yan Yean Cemetery, 2265 Plenty Rd, Yan Yean.

Afterwards please join the family for refreshments
at Whitehaven Receptions 930 Glenburnie Rd, Whittlesea



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