

Reflections ...

Though we need to weep your loss,
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,
Where no storm or night or pain can reach you.

Your love was like the dawn
Brightening over our lives,
Awakening beneath the dark
A further adventure of colour

You placed smiles like flowers
On the altar of the heart.
Your mind always sparkled
With wonder at things.

Let us not look for you only in memory,
Where we would grow lonely without you.
You would want us to find you in presence,
Beside us when beauty brightens,
When kindness glows
And music echoes eternal tones.

When orchids brighten the earth,
Darkest winter has turned to spring;
May this dark grief flower with hope
In every heart that loves you.

May you continue to inspire us:
To enter each day with a generous heart.
To serve the call of courage and love
Until we see your beautiful face again
In that land where there is no more separation,
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,
And where we will never lose you again.

John O'Donohue

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THIS PANDEMIC

"Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful"

We know Lord, that all of your children are precious to you.

You knitted each one of us in the womb and
know the very number of hairs of our head.
The numbers on a death toll are not anonymous
people to you Lord.

And precious in your eyes Lord are the deaths
of your faithful children in this pandemic.

Heavenly Father we entrust into your loving care
all those who have died in this pandemic
along with the families and friends who mourn their loss.
In these times where we have been unable to grieve together
may we all experience Your closeness to us.

We pray for a speedy end to this pandemic and
that we emerge into a new time of healing, restoration and
rebuilding of lives according to your loving will. **Amen.**

*"Death leaves a Heartache no one can Heal
Love leaves a Memory no one can Steal"*

*Raise them up to eternal life, O Lord,
and hold them in the palm of your hand.*

Remembrance Mass Sixmilebridge Parish Church 12th November 2021



All Our Loved Ones and especially
All who have gone to their eternal home in
Heaven since this time last year.
We remember in our Prayers all who have
died as a result of Covid-19

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Jim Pewter
Seamus Collins
Rita Nash
Mary Lynch
Mary Meehan
Kieran Maxwell
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*"I will Love you until the moment I pass from this
existence to the next, and then I will find you again
and love you some more."*



May He support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging
and a holy rest and peace at the last.

Cardinal Newman

Dear God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering here tonight...

We thank you that you are a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness ...

Continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage.

May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved from our Parish and who have gone to their eternal home in Heaven since this time last year as we light a candle in their memory.

(called by name)

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as really is.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: "We will remember them"

At the rising of the sun and at its going down ...

Response: We will remember them

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter

Resp: We will remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer ..

Resp: We will remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn..

Resp: We will remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends ...

Resp: We will remember them

When we are lost and sick at heart ...

Resp: We will remember them

When we have joy and wish to share it ...

Resp: We will remember them

When we have decisions that are difficult to make ...

Resp: We will remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs ...

Resp: We will remember them.

All: For as long as we live, they too will live ...

For they are a part of us and we remember them.

The Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There He sat down and was joined by His disciples. Then He began to speak. This is what He taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Happy the gentle:

They shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

They shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right;

They shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful;

They shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart;

They shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

They shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right;

Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God



"Remembering the Little Ones"

We remember the families of babies lost from the womb and in infancy who are

Born Into Heaven

"There is no footprint so small that it does not leave an imprint on the world".



I did not die young I lived my span of life within your body and within your love.

There are many who have lived long lives and have not been loved as me.

If you would honour me then speak my name and number me among your family.

If you would honour me then strive to live in love for in that love, I live.

Never ever doubt that we will meet again.

Until that happy day, I will grow with God and wait for you.

Dear Parents By Christy Kenneally

For Loved Ones

Lord be good to them, and show them all your love.

Lord, be kind to them, and grant them peace above.

Lord, be merciful to them, and wipe their sins away.

Lord, be generous to them, with all my heart I pray.

Lord, be gracious to them, for good that they have done.

Lord, be gentle with them, for sufferings undergone.

Lord, may we meet again, when heaven's crown is won.

Amen.

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May They Rest in God's Love