**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – 21 NOVEMBER 2022**

**God’s Word John 12:24 *(Aramaic Bible in Plain English)*  Mags**  
“Timeless truth I speak to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls and dies in the ground,

it remains alone, but if it dies, it yields much fruit.”

**Song Jesus Remember Me (Taizé)**

**All sing:** Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom

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**Prayer Order of Christian Funerals (270) Sr. Maura**

**Let us pray,**

**All say:** Lord of all gentleness,

surround us with your care

and comfort us in our sorrow

as we grieve the loss of those

we remember this evening.

As you washed them in the waters of baptism

and welcome them into the life of heaven,

so call us one day

to be united with them

and share for ever the joy of your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Briathar Dé Psalm 23 Micheál**

‘Sé an Tiarna m’aoire; ní bheidh aon ní de dhíth orm.

Cuireann sé i mo luí mé i móinéar féar ghlas.

Seolann sé ar imeall an uisce mé, mar a bhfaighim suaimhneas.

Seolann sé mé ar rianta díreacha mar gheall ar a ainm.

**Song The Lord is my Shepherd (John Rutter)**

**Reflection You Are Here (Thich Nhat Hanh) Mags**

The seeds of negativity are always there, but very positive seeds also exist, such as the seeds of compassion, tolerance, and love. Our practice is to recognise and water the positive seeds. If you recognise the seed of compassion in yourself, you should make sure it is watered several times a day.

***Moment of Silence***

**Briathar Dé Psalm 23: Micheál**

Fiú dá siúlfainn i ngleann an dorchadais, níor bhaol liom an t-olc;

agus tú faram le do shlat is do bhachall, chun solás a thabhairt dom.

**Rutter ctd.**

**Reflection Eternal Wisdom (Willigis Jäger S.J.) Mags**

Everything is in a state of constant transformation. This is evident in our daily lives: trees bloom, leaves fall, seasons come and go and, from the remains new life blooms. Without death, no new life can be forthcoming. In this continuous change, we see the actual miracle of life. This demands trust, the trust of the seed within the dark earth, which awakens in spring to a new blossoming; the trust of the caterpillar that it will one day emerge from the cocoon as a butterfly. In the willingness to surrender, the new can unfold.

***Moment of Silence***

**Psalm 23** Cóiríonn tú bord chun béile dom i bhfianaise mo naimhde; **Micheál**

ungann tú mo cheann le hola; tá mo chupán ag cur thar mhaoil.

**Rutter ctd.**

**Reflection St. Augustine Speaks about his mother, St. Monica Mags**

Addressing myself and my brother, my mother said, “Lay this body anywhere, and take no trouble over it. One thing only do I ask of you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.” Having made her meaning clear to us with such words as she could muster, she fell silent. (IX.11).

**Song Pie Jesu (Andrew Lloyd Webber)**

***Moment of Silence***

**Psalm 23** Leanfaidh cineáltas is fábhar mé gach uile lá de mo shaol; **Micheál**

I dteach an Tiarna a mhairfidh mé go brách na breithe.

**Rutter ctd.**

**Reflection Pére Sertilange Mags**

A family doesn’t disappear, it is transformed. A part of it enters the invisible.

We think that death is an absence, when in fact it is a secret presence.

We think that it creates an infinite distance, when in fact it abolishes distance completely

by raising to the spirit that which was flesh.

The more beings who have departed the family circle, the more heavenly connections for those left behind.

Heaven is no longer inhabited by angels, unfamiliar saints and a mysterious God;

it becomes familiar.

It is now part of the family home – the home at its upper level, you could say,

and, from top to bottom, memories, prayers and assistance respond to each other.

**Song Grant Them Eternal Rest (Owen Alstott)**

**All sing:** Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**Reflection Hope Against Darkness (Richard Rohr OFM) Micheál**

Part of the great mystery of life is that it’s just as hard to see the ecstasy and beauty of things as it is to accept the crucifixion of things, Both are the paschal mystery – Christ has died, Christ has risen – and both are an utter act of surrender. In fact, when I see how the negative response comes first to most people, I wonder if the seeing of the resurrection is not actually the harder part of faith.

**Song Acclamation (Michael Joncas)**

**All sing:** Dying you destroyed our death, Rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, come in glory.

***Moment of Silence***

**Reflection Mechtilde of Magdeburg Mags**

‘Do not fear your death. For when that moment arrives, I will draw my breath and your soul will come to Me like a needle to a magnet.’

**Song Do Not Be Afraid (Marie Dunne CHF)**

**All sing:** Do not be afraid, I am with you, I am by your side;

Trust in me, have faith in me and do not be afraid.

**Prayer Order of Christian Funerals (225/226) Sr. Nilima**

**All say:** Merciful Lord,

you know the anguish of the sorrowful,

you are attentive to the prayers of the humble.

Hear your people who cry out to you in their need,

and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness;

May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God,

who stood by the cross as her Son was dying,

help those who mourn tonight

and accompany all of us in our time of need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Song Mary Temple of the Lord (Marie Dunne CHF)**

Mary temple of the Lord, Mary bearer of God’s Word

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

**Reflection From ‘The Road to Character’ David Brooks Micheál**

We come across certain people who perform acts of sacrificial service with the same modest everyday spirit they would display if they were just getting groceries. They are not thinking about what impressive work they are doing. They are not thinking about themselves at all. Take a moment to give thanks for the saints who have blessed our lives and may the good they have done inspire us to live lives worthy to one day be part of their company.

**Song God Be in my Head (H. Walford Davies)**

**Reflection Blessings *(Together We Pray-Church of Scotland)* Mags**

There is blessing to be discovered

in the parting of the ways.

In loss, there is a finding;

in leaving, there is an arrival;

in surrender, there is a saving.

And we may find ourselves

richly hallowed in new relationship

and ready for a different journey.

**Prelude Introit (Karl Jenkins)**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them*