

### Concluding Prayer:

Visit us this night, we pray you, Lord:  
drive far from it all the snares of the enemy.  
May your holy angels stay here  
and guard us in peace  
and let your blessing be always upon us.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

May the Lord grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

### Anthem to Our Lady [Maria Parkinson]

As I kneel before you,  
as I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
and fill me with your love.

**Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.**

All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ, mother of mine,  
present them to my Lord.

**Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.**



*St Laurence O'Toole—pray for us.*

## +NIGHT PRAYER+ FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE DIOCESAN PATRON



O God, come to our aid

**O Lord make haste to help us**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit

**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be  
world without end, Amen, Alleluia!**

### Examination of conscience:

Lord, you have been our guide and our help  
throughout this day: we call to mind  
all the good things we have received – *(silence...)*  
We ask your pardon for any way we may have  
offended you, or any of our sisters and brothers.  
*(silence. . .)*

### Hymn: Day is done

*[words: James Quinn S.J. Welsh trad. Melody]*

Day is done, but love unfailing  
Dwells ever here;  
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,  
Calms every fear.  
Loving Father, none forsaking,  
Take our hearts, of Love's own making,  
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,  
Be always near.

Dark descends, but Light unending  
Shines through our night;  
You are with us, ever lending  
New strength to sight;  
One in love, your truth confessing,  
One in hope of heaven's blessings,  
May we see, in love's possessing,  
Love's endless light!

### Psalm 4

*Antiphon:* Lord have mercy and hear me.



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When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

***O men, how long will your hearts be closed,  
will you love what is futile and seek what is false?***

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

***Fear him; do not sin: ponder on your bed and be still  
Make justice your sacrifice, and trust in the Lord.***

"What can bring us happiness?" many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

*You have put into my heart a greater joy  
than they have from abundance of corn and new wine.*

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,*

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be  
world without end Amen.

**All: Lord have mercy and hear me.**



### **Psalm 134(133)**

Antiphon: Bless the Lord through the night.

*O come, bless the Lord,  
all you who serve the Lord,*

who stand in the house of the Lord,  
in the courts of the house of our God.

*Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the Lord through the night.*

May the Lord bless you from Zion,  
he who made both heaven and earth.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit*

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be  
world without end Amen.

**All: Bless the Lord through the night.**

### **Scripture Reading: Revelations 22:4-5**

They will see the Lord face to face, and his name will be  
written on their foreheads. It will never be night again  
and they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because  
the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign  
for ever and ever.

### **Short Responsory:**

Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

You have redeemed us Lord God of truth.

**Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

### **Nunc dimittis Luke 2:29-32**

Antiphon: Save us, Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep.

That we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace.

**All pray:** At last all powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen.

**All:** Save us, Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep.

That we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace.

### **PRAYER TO SAINT LAURENCE O'TOOLE:**

St. Laurence O'Toole, man of peace,  
you were in the middle of family and political  
conflict from your earliest days. Give the gift  
of peace and hope to all who experience  
the trauma of division in families, in communities  
and among nations.

St. Laurence O'Toole, man of prayer,  
you recognised the call to serve the Lord  
in a particular way at Glendalough. Give the gift  
of perseverance to all who are discerning  
their Christian vocation at this time.

St. Laurence O'Toole, man of faith,  
you had the openness to accept a position  
of leadership in your community at an early age.  
Bless our young people with a spirit of generosity  
to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel.

St. Laurence O'Toole, man of prayer,  
you inspired people by your commitment  
to the spiritual life and the recitation of the  
Prayer of the Church. Fill us with that desire to pray  
in communion with each other throughout each day.

St. Laurence O'Toole, man of faith,  
you opened your heart and your doors  
to those who were poor. Increase our awareness  
of those in need and inspire us to act  
with justice and charity at all times.

St. Laurence O'Toole, man of prayer,  
you were respected for your commitment  
to your Church and to your country. Grant us  
the grace to live in this world while always  
reflecting the eternal values of the kingdom.

St. Laurence O'Toole, man of peace,  
you gave your last ounce of energy in the cause  
of peace. Give us the gift of tirelessness  
as we try to live as instruments of Christ's peace,  
love and tolerance.