

*A Mass to Celebrate the Life
-of-*

Martha Heffernan

5th November 1937 - 25th January 2025



Funeral Mass
St. Mary's Church
Lucan

Thursday 30th January 2025
10.00am

Celebrant: Monsignor Dan O'Connor
Soloist: Katie O'Flaherty
Accompanist: Eoin Shanahan

Entrance Hymn: The Bells of the Angelus

Presentation of symbols: Conor Brady, David Holmes, Sally Heffernan, Dara Brady, Liam Heffernan, Finn Heffernan.

Reading 1: Jim Holmes

A reading from Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for everything under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and time to gather them; A time to embrace, and a time to be free from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; A time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sow; A time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace. What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task that God has appointed for the sons of men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without man's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

*This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm (sung) Mo Grá Thú

Reading 2: Carmel Heffernan

A reading from St Paul's Letter to Timothy 4:6-8

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation Hymn: (sung)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 11:17 -25

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at

home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die”.

*The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

Prayers of the Faithful:

Kate Heffernan

For Nanny Matt, whose faith sustained her during this earthly life, that she may be received by God the Father and all the saints with love and joy into the eternal dwelling place prepared for her.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

James Holmes

For Martha’s husband Michael and their children, Breda Christopher, Tricia, Matthew Michael and Emer, her sons and daughters in law and her 14 grandchildren, that they may be granted consolation from the Holy Spirit and discover hope in their grief.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Sarah Heffernan

For Martha’s brothers, Dinny, Paddy and Jim, their families and her friends, that they may be filled with a spirit of gratitude for the experiences they have shared; be comforted by their memories; and be sustained and inspired by the witness of faith of Martha.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Alfie Heffernan

For all the sick and suffering and for those who care for them, that they may be filled daily with courage and hope.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Ava Heffernan

For all those who have died, especially Martha’s parents Annie and Denis, her sister Bridie and the departed members of the Heffernan and Farrell families, that they may share in the peace, joy and happiness of eternal life in heaven with the God.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession

Ben Heffernan and Brendan Holmes

Hymn: Ag Críost an Síol

Communion Hymns: Hail Queen of Heaven
Lady of Knock

Eulogy

Recessional Hymn: Queen of the May



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*St Rita, pray for us
St Jude, pray for us
St Anthony, pray for us
St Martin de Porres, pray for us
St Gerard, pray for us
St Pio, pray for us
St Peter Julian Eymard, pray for us
St Martha, pray for us
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us
Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in thee*



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