

Requiem Mass



JOHN MURPHY

Died peacefully on 1st January 2025



St. John's Cathedral, Limerick

Wednesday, 5th January 2025 at 11am

Chief Celebrant: Fr. O'Connor PP
Music: Joan Cunneen & Michael O'Brien



♪ **Entrance Hymn:** **I Watch the Sunrise**

Life Symbols: Garden Hoe
Golf Club
Newspaper

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Read by Frank

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-11)

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:
A time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.
A time for killing, a time for healing; a time for knocking down,
A time for tears, a time for laughter; a time for mourning,
a time for building.
a time for dancing.
A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up;
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.
A time for searching, a time for losing; a time for keeping,
a time for throwing away.
A time for tearing, a time for sewing; a time for keeping silent,
a time for speaking.
A time for loving, a time for hating; a time for war, a time for peace.
What does a man gain for the efforts that he makes? I contemplate the task that God gives mankind to labour at. All that he does is apt for its time; but though he has permitted man to consider time in its wholeness, man cannot comprehend the work of God from beginning to end.

This is the word of the Lord.

♪ **Responsorial Psalm:** *Here I Am, Lord*

Second Reading:*Read by Mary***A reading from the first letter of St. Peter (1:3-9)**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.**♪ Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia***Gospel:** Fr. O'Connor PP**Prayers of the Faithful:** Read by his 5 grandchildren**♪ Offertory:** *As I Kneel Before You***♪ Communion:** *There is a Place***Communion Reflection:** Peter | see overleaf**Eulogy:** David**Final Commendation and Farewell****♪ Recessional Hymn:** *May the Road Rise to Meet You*

God Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.



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