

James Donnelly: The following words are taken from a letter from Seamus Heaney to Fr. Liam where Seamus concluded the letter with the words *“May you be blessed in your blessed work”*. When Fr. Liam wrote to Marie, Seamus’ wife recently, she said Seamus would have been delighted that his words were included in the Mass. We pray today for Pope Francis and Bishop Donal McKeown that *“they be blessed in their blessed work”*.

Lord hear us.

Liam Fullan: We pray for the deceased members of Fr. Liam’s family, his parents Minnie and Frank, his brothers and sisters, Marie, Henry, Frank, Jim, Martina and his nephew Patrick Fullan.

Lord hear us.

Francis Donnelly: We pray for the living members of Fr. Liam’s family, his sister Philomena and her husband Pat Fullan, his sisters in law, Rosemary, Vera and Geraldine, his nephews and nieces and grandnephews and grandnieces.

Lord hear us.

Seamus Donnelly: We pray for all the parishes in which Fr. Liam has served as a priest, namely – Coleraine, Glendermott and Pennyburn Derry, Ballyscullion, Ballykelly, Strathfoyle and Errigal (Ballerin and Glenullin) and we remember the priests living and dead who served with him in all those parishes.

Lord hear us.

Patrick Donnelly: We thank the ladies who looked after Fr. Liam as housekeepers, Siobhan McNicholl, Mary Ann Lavery (deceased), Brigid McCann (deceased) and Orlagh McLaughlin.

Lord hear us.

Bishop: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brother Fr. Liam. Cleanse him of his sins and grant him the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

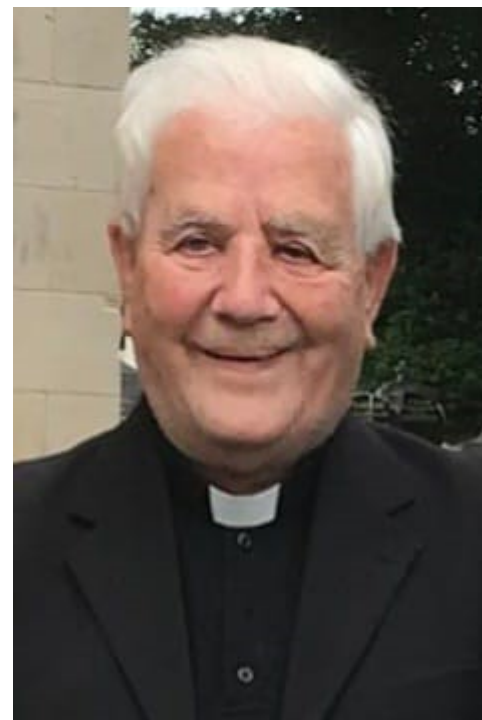
Offertory Procession: *Rory Donnelly, Emma Donnelly,
Liam Donnelly, Orlagh McLaughlin & Adrian Fullan*

Communion Reflection: *Joe McGurk*

Musicians: *Orla Donnelly, Kate Donnelly and Lavey Parish Choir*

Requiem Mass for Father Liam Donnelly

12th May 1939 – 26th October 2024



St. Mary’s Church, Lavey
Wednesday 30th October 2024

Celebrant: Bishop Donal McKeown

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading - *read by Sarah Delaney*

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

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 building.
A time for tears, a time for laughter;
A time for mourning, 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 and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm – Sung

Second Reading - *read by Caroline Trainor*

A Reading from the letters of St Paul to the Roman

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life; it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as scripture says: By my life – it is the Lord who speaks – every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation - Sung

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 how they persecuted the prophets before you.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily: *Father Oliver Crilly*

Prayers of the Faithful

Bishop: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his: