

Concluding prayer

Compassionate God, You are always near those who are in pain. Your listening ear is bent towards the cries of the wounded. Your heart of love is filled with tears for the suffering. Let us always see that we are not alone, that we are loved always and that we are part of all life - each one's joy and sorrow is our joy and sorrow, and ours is theirs. May we draw strength from this inner communion. May we always be a compassionate presence for ourselves, and for all who struggle with life's pain. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, **Amen**.

Final Blessing

(We give this blessing to each other)

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May he make his face shine upon you.
May he grant you many blessings,
May you grow in faith, hope and love.
May you always feel the warmth of your loved one surrounding you.
May you walk the path of God's light and love,
May you always feel the protection of God's loving embrace.
And may God's blessing, compassion and love enfold you and encircle you always. **Amen**.

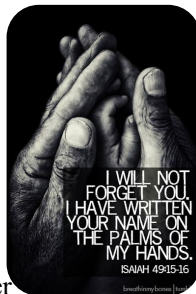
Closing Hymn – You Raise Me Up

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until you come and sit a while with me.

*You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up – to more than I can be.*

There is no life, no life without its hunger
Each restless soul beats so imperfectly
But when you come and I am filled with wonder
Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

*You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up – to more than I can be.*



*Sometimes love is for a moment.
Sometimes, love is for a lifetime.
Sometimes a moment is a lifetime.*

***“See I will not forget you... I have carved you on the palm of my hand”
(Isaiah 49:15)***

**Clondalkin Village
Parish Church**

12th November 2020

Quiet music as people gather

Welcome/Introduction

Sign of the Cross In the name of the Father, ...

Opening Prayer

God our Father, You know us and care for us. You have carved us on the palm of Your hand. We ask Your blessing on our Service of Remembrance here today and pray that it will bring us strength, healing and hope. God of love and compassion, you know our thoughts and our feelings. You recognise the pain and loss we suffer as we mourn for our children, our family, our friends, our loved ones. May we be aware of your presence each day. Increase our faith, our hope and our love. Grant that we may be guided in the light of your love as we continue to love and support each other. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, **Amen**.



Listening to God's Word

Our reading is taken from Isaiah

The Lord says,

“I have called you by name, you are mine.

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.*

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. You are precious in my eyes and I love you with an endless love.’

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection - Arms of the Angel (sung)

**Our Gospel is taken from Mark
(10: 13-16)**

People were bringing little children to Him, in order that He might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, *“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”* And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



Short reflection

Blessing of the Book of Remembrance & names

Loving and gracious God, we ask you to watch over and



cradle in your arms, our loved ones whose names are inscribed in our Book of Remembrance and on the lists. They symbolise the treasured memories of our loved ones we hold in our hearts. Comfort with your healing presence, parents, family members and friends. We pray that you, our Heavenly Father and Mary, our Blessed Mother will watch over our children, our family members, our friends always. May eternal joy and peace be theirs. **Amen**

Short silence

Reflection - Lighting of Candles

We light our Paschal Candle, the light we celebrate at Easter. The light that dispels all fear,. No darkness is too dark, no night too long that the light of our loving God can not over come. Even death itself holds no fear, and holds nowpower. As we light this candle we say with renewed trust and confidence -



All our laughter, all our sadness
SAFE NOW IN GOD'S HANDS

All our anger, all our gladness,
SAFE NOW IN GOD'S HANDS

All our stories, all our memories,
SAFE NOW IN GOD'S HANDS

Those we remember, those we love
SAFE NOW IN GOD'S HANDS

(We now name and light a candle for your loved one/s)

Candles will be lit for all who wished to be with us today but for whatever reason could not make it. We remember them and their loved ones in our prayers.

When all the candles are lit, the reader says:

Our response is: "With Love we Remember Them"

All: With Love we Remember Them

We Bring our Prayers – A Litany of Remembrance

Let us remember those who have lived and loved, those who have been with us, if only for a brief moment, ...

Let us remember parents & guardians whose grief may seem intolerable today, having only recently suffered their loss, their dreams and hopes have been shattered. Give them strength to take life one day at a time. *We remember the light they gave us as we pray: **With Love we Remember Them***

Let us remember those whose loss may be many years ago. Some of whom felt unable to grieve openly for them at the time. Ease their hearts with the memories they treasure. *We remember the light they gave us as we pray: **With Love we Remember Them***

Let us remember in a special way brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins of the loved ones remembered here today. We thank all who supported us in our time of need. *We remember the light they gave us as we pray; **With Love we Remember Them***

Let us remember with gratitude all medical, social, pastoral and household staff who care for bereaved parents in their daily work. We remember their kindness and compassion. *We remember the light they gave us as we pray: **With Love we Remember Them***

So Lord,
Let us remember *the light filled ones* who enkindled our spirits with their influence and the spark of their beliefs. **We remember them.**

Let us remember *the risk takers*, who faced their fears and took action, who sought justice even though they had to pay a price for it. **We remember them.**

When someone you love becomes a memory... that memory becomes a treasure

Let us remember those we *never got a chance to hold or hug*. But whose brief life touches ours so deeply. **We remember them.**

Let us remember *the vulnerable ones* who allowed us to care for them, allowed us to be with them in their time of need. **We remember them.**

Let us remember *the faith-filled ones* who led us by word and example into a deeper relationship with God. **We remember them.**

Let us remember *the brave ones*, who walked through their struggles with hope, who taught us how to trust. **We remember them.**

Let us remember *the great lovers of life*, whose humour and enthusiasm lifted our spirits and brought us joy. **We remember them.**

Let us remember *the nurturers*, who gave us birth physically or spiritually, who gave us support by their caring presence. **We remember them.**

Let us remember all our loved ones who have passed through our world however briefly... who have shared our journey, who have added to our story and who enriched our lives with their presence. **We remember them.**

In the rising of the sun and it's going down

All: **We remember them.**

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter

All: **We remember them.**

In the opening of the buds and in the warmth of summer

All: **We remember them.**

When we are weary or tired and in need of strength

All: **We remember them.**

We plant a symbol of our remembrance

Reflection - Snowdrops

The world may never notice,
If a snowdrop doesn't bloom,
Or even pause to wonder,
If the petals fall too soon,
But every life that ever forms, or ever comes to be,
Touches the world in some small way,
For all eternity.

The one we loved and cared for,
Was swiftly here and gone.
But the love that was then planted
Is a light that still shines on.
And though our arms are empty,
Our hearts know what to do,
Every beating of our hearts
Says that we love you.



We bring all our prayers together as one family as we pray together - **Our Father ...**

WE REMEMBER THEM

