

# *Parish of Baldoyle*



*A Celebration of Life  
When a Loved One Dies*

*The Priests of the Parish  
wish to extend their deepest sympathy  
to you and your family  
at the sad death of your loved one.*

*This is a particularly sad time  
for you and yours  
and so we offer to you  
whatever support we can.*

*Please feel free to call us at any time.*

*This booklet contains Readings,  
Psalms and  
Prayers of the Faithful  
which can be used  
at the Funeral Mass.*

## ***AFTER THE FUNERAL***

### **THE MEMORIAL MASS**

It is traditional in many parishes to have a Memorial Mass or Month's Mind for the deceased in the weeks following the funeral.

The Month's Mind is an opportunity to once again remember & pray for your loved one, who has passed from this life to our loving God.

It is celebrated in an atmosphere of prayerful remembrance, of gratitude, And of hope in the resurrection. The pain of loss is not quite as intense now, and the Memorial Mass helps us to move forward into the future.

### **Other Celebrations**

In the months and years following the death of your loved one, there will be other opportunities to remember and pray for them in a special way.

It is good to have a Mass celebrated on the anniversary of the death, or during the month of November, and perhaps around the time of Cemetery Sunday. These will keep the memory of your loved one alive, and will help the process of grieving.

## *Suggested Prayers of the Faithful*

Prayers of the Faithful No 1	<p>Reader: In baptism N.: was given the pledge of eternal life. May he/she now be admitted to the company of the saints.  <i>Lord hear us.</i>  <i>Lord graciously hear us.</i></p>
Prayers of the Faithful No 2	<p>Reader: The gift of life, which we all share, is very precious. Lord, make us more aware of the gifts and talents that you have given us, particularly those that we so often take for granted. May we use them to make the world a better place.  <b><i>Lord hear us.</i></b>  <b><i>Lord graciously hear us.</i></b></p>
Prayers of the Faithful No 3	<p>Reader: For the Family of N.: that in these difficult and dark days they may be sustained by their faith, and by the knowledge that they will be reunited with N. one day in God's heavenly kingdom.  <b><i>Lord hear us.</i></b>  <b><i>Lord graciously hear us.</i></b></p>
Prayers of the Faithful No 4	<p>Reader: Let us pray for all who are suffering that the Lord may give them strength in their weakness. Mary was close to Jesus when He died, so we know she can understand our sorrow at this time. Let us turn to her for help.  <b><i>Lord hear us.</i></b>  <b><i>Lord graciously hear us.</i></b></p>
Prayers of the Faithful No 5	<p>Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends: that God may bring them into the light of his presence, and give them a share in his glory.  <b><i>Lord hear us</i></b>  <b><i>Lord graciously hear us.</i></b></p>
Prayers of the Faithful No 6	<p>Reader: For all those who care for the sick, Especially those who cared for N.....during their illness.  <b><i>Lord hear us.</i></b>  <b><i>Lord graciously hear us.</i></b></p>

## *Old Testament Readings*

*Reading 1 A Reading from The Book of Ecclesiastes (3: 1-8.11)*

*For Everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
A time to break down, and a time to build up;  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to throw away stones,  
and a time to gather stones together;  
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
A time to tear, and a time to sew;  
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
A time for war, and a time for peace.  
God has made everything suitable for its time.*

***This is the word of the Lord***

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*Reading 2 A Reading from The Book of Wisdom (3:1-9)*

*The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.*

***This is the word of the Lord.***

Reading 3 A Reading from The Book of Job (4:7-15)

The virtuous man, though he die before his time, will find rest. Length of days is not what makes age honourable, nor number of years the true measure of life; understanding, this is man's grey hairs, untarnished life, this is ripe old age. He has sought to please God, so God has loved him; as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up. He has been carried off so that evil may not warp his understanding or treachery seduce his soul; for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade, and the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart. Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life; his soul being pleasing to the Lord, he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him. Yet people look on, uncomprehending; it does not enter their heads that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord, and protection, his holy ones.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

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Reading 4 A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

Reading 10 A Reading from The Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (3:20-21)

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

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Reading 11 A Reading from The Letter of St John (3:1-2)

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the Future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, And trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not I should have told you.  
I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am you may be too.”  
(John 14:1-3)*

Reading 9 A Reading from The First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
(4:13-18)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

***"I am the resurrection and the life.  
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies  
He will live, and whoever lives and believes in me  
Will never die."  
(John 11: 25-26)***

Responsorial  
Psalm 1

Psalm 22

Responsorial  
Psalm 2

Psalm 23

## ***RESPONSORIAL PSALMS***

**Response:** The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

***Response***

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

***Response***

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil:  
my cup is overflowing.

***Response***

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

***Response***

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**Response:** *The earth is the Lord's and its fullness*

The earth is the Lord's and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm.

***Response***

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
Those with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desire not worthless things.

***Response***

They shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves them.  
Such are the people who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

***Response***

Responsorial  
Psalm 3

Psalm 83

**Response** : The Lord is compassion and love.

*The Lord is compassion and love  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.*

*Response*

*For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.*

*Response*

*As a father has compassion on his children,  
the Lord has pity of those who fear him;  
for he knows of what we are made,  
he remembers that we are dust.*

*Response*

*The love of the Lord is everlasting  
upon those who fear him;  
He justice reaches out to children's children  
when they keep his covenant in truth.*

*Response*

***“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN:  
THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.”  
(Matthew 5: 5)***

Reading 7 A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (15:20-28)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man.

Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him.

After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Though when it is said that everything is subjected, this clearly cannot include the One who subjected everything to him. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

***This is the word of the Lord.***

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Reading 8 A Reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (5:1,6-10)

We know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens. We are always full of confidence, then, when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight—we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord.

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, Good or bad.

***This is the word of the Lord***

Reading 5 A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans  
(8:331-35. 37-39)

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all. We may be certain, after such a gift. that he will not refuse us anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us-he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Reading 6 A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (14:7-12)

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.

***This is the word of the Lord.***

Responsorial  
Psalm 4

Psalm 41

**Response: My soul is thirsting for God,  
the God of my life.**

Like a deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

***Response***

My soul is thirsting for God, the god of my life;  
when can I enter and see the face of God?

***Response***

By day the Lord will send his loving kindness;  
by night I will sing to him, praise the God of my life.

***Response***

Why are you cast down, my soul, why groan within me?  
Hope in God; I will praise him still, my saviour and my God.

***Response***

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**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

Responsorial  
Psalm 5

Psalm 26

The Lord is my light and help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

***Response***

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

***Response***

Do not abandon or forsake me, O god my help.  
though father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

***Response***

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord.

***Response***

# *New Testament Readings*

Reading 1 A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (5:5-11)

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man—though of course for someone really worthy. A man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, it is likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

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Reading 2 A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to Timothy (4:6-8)

I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

Reading 3 A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (6:3-9)

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, When we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the death by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin. but we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

***This is the word of the Lord.***

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Reading 4 A Reading from the First Letter of St John (4:7-12.17)

Let us love one another, for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God: for God is love. In this love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the expiation for our sins. If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. In this is love perfected in us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment.

***This is the word of the Lord.***