

*Mass of thanksgiving
for the life of*



Seamus McGrath

25th February 1941 – 12th January 2021

Rest In Peace

St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh
Friday 15th January 2021 at 11.00am

ENTRANCE HYMN

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom. (3:1-6, 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 blessings 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy. (4:6-8)

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith. All there is to come for me now is the Crown of Righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for His appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOMILY

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Dear friends, since God has loved us so much, we too must love one another. No one has seen God, but as long as we love one another, God will live in us and his love will be complete in us, and we know that love is stronger than death, so let us pray to the God who first loved us

We thank God for Seamus' life. We give thanks for the faith which he lived and for the friendship and love which he shared with so many during his time on earth.

Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.

Seamus lived Christ 's great commandment of love may he now hear those words ... "Well done, good and faithful servant, inherit the Kingdom which has been prepared for you."

Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.

We remember all those who grieve for Seamus and all who have experienced recent loss in their lives. We remember all our family and friends and may our faith be our strength and may eternal life be our great hope.

Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.

We remember all who supported or helped Seamus in any way over the years of his life. We pray for our extended family and friends and all who have offered comfort and strength over the last few days. May God reward all of them for their kindness and care.

Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all who are in need and especially those who are suffering at this time. We think in a special way of all who are struggling with sickness and we pray that the Lord will heal them and fill them with his peace.

Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.

We remember all our loved ones who have died and especially those who were close to us in life. We think today of all the deceased members of the McGrath and Mc Ardle families. May all of them enjoy forever the fullness of everlasting life.

Lord hear us... Lord graciously hear us.

Priest: Father, you inspire our hope and strengthen our faith through the resurrection of Christ your Son. Hear these our prayers which we make with faith in Him and in your power through the Holy Spirit, to deliver us from all evil through Christ our Lord. Amen

OFFERTORY HYMN

COMMUNION HYMN

FINAL HYMN



Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change;
courage to change
the things I can;
and wisdom to know
the difference.

We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A prayer to our Blessed Lord, for those who are growing old

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,
Hold me firmly lest I Fall,
I am nervous when I am walking,
and to thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing,
Watch me when I'm on the stairs,
Let me know you are beside me,
Listen to my fervent prayer.

Bring me to my destination,
With you safely - every day,
Help me with each undertaking
As the hours they pass away.

And when evening falls upon me,
And I fear to be alone,
Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,
Please stay with me in my home.

Seamus's family would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayers, kindness, care and support shown to them at this sad time.

