



In Loving Memory of

Thomas Joseph Flannery

12th March 1958 – 30th April 2021

Order of Service

Sacred Heart Church, Quex Road, Kilburn

Tuesday 18th May 2021

Priest Fr. Terry Murray OMI



Entrance Song

FOREVER YOUNG

by Joan Baez

Memories Offering

First Reading

Finola Flannery

An honest man here lies at rest,
The friend of man, the friend of truth;
The friend of age, and guide of youth:
Few hearts like his, with virtue warmed,
Few heads with knowledge so informed:
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this.

Second Reading

Thomas Flannery

As we look back over time
We find ourselves wondering;
Did we remember to thank you enough
For all you have done for us?
For all the times you were by our sides
To help and support us,
To celebrate our successes,
To understand our problems,
And accept our defeats?
Or for teaching us by your example,
The value of hard work, good judgment,
Courage and integrity?
We wonder if we ever thanked you
For the sacrifices you made
To let us have the very best?
And for the simple things
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?
If we have forgotten to show our
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,
We're thanking you now.
And we are hoping you knew all along,
How much you meant to us.

Eulogy

Fiona Flannery

Memories of Tom

to the music of

THE WHOLE OF THE MOON

by The Waterboys

Prayers of the Faithful

read by Katie Heston, Martin Kirrane, Jane Gleeson, Alan Crosby

For Tom - that after a life well lived,
he be welcomed home by God to the Kingdom.
Lord in your mercy.

For Tom's family - that Cait, Fiona, Catherine and Thomas, Kenneth
& Thomas Aiden be supported by family and friends at this time.
Lord in your mercy.

For the medical staff who helped us care for Tom. To all the people who
were so kind to Tom & to his family, be blessed by God for their kindness.
Lord in your mercy.

For all our dead - we pray that all those who have gone before us will
welcome Tom home and keep him safe until the day we meet him again.
Lord in your mercy.

Our Father

read in Gaelic
read by Noreen Heston

Offertory

Claire Kirrane & Briège Crosby

Offertory Hymn

BE NOT AFRAID

Keith Montrell

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
You shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.*

Come, follow me and I will give you rest,
And blessed are your poor.
For the kingdom shall be theirs,
Blest are you that weep and mourn.
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me.
Blessed, blessed are you!

*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.*





Communion Hymn

GOING HOME

Sissel

Going home, going home
I'm just going home
Quiet like, some still day
I'm just going home

It's not far, yes close by
Through an open door
Work all done, care laid by
Going to fear no more

Mother's there expecting me
Father's waiting, too
Lots of folk gathered there
All the friends I knew

All the friends I knew
I'm going home

Nothing lost, all's gain
No more fret nor pain
No more stumbling on the way
No more longing for the day
Going to roam no more

Morning star lights the way
Restless dream all done
Shadows gone, break of day
Real life yes begun

There's no break, ain't no end
Just' a living on
Wide awake with a smile
Going on and on

Going home, going home
I'm just going home
It's not far, yes close by
Through an open door
I'm just going home

Going home, going home

To My Tom

read by Father Terry

To my Tom, I spent my life loving you & will spend the rest of my life missing you. I cannot put in to words the pain of losing you, but I will always be grateful for the extra time we got together in lockdown, the conversations, the cups of tea, the walks; and the laughter. We were side by side in work & home life & I would not change a moment of it.

Thank you for the best forty years.

Love always,

Cait

Final Thoughts and Prayers

by Father Terry

Procession from Church to the Place of Committal

THE BOXER

by Simon & Garfunkel



*To Our Dad,
We miss you every moment of every day
You were so precious & unique
A guiding light throughout our lives
You gave us strength when we felt weak*

*Happy memories flood our minds
Whenever we think of you
You can never be replaced
That much is sadly true*

*The fact you are no longer here
Still fills our hearts with pain
We wish we had just one last chance
To talk and laugh with you again*

*We shall always remember
The closeness that we had
We love and miss you so much
Our kind & thoughtful Dad.*

Love Catherine, Fiona & Thomas



Dad



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