



**The Church of St Jude, Wexford**

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**Church of The Holy Wisdom**

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A service of thanksgiving for the life of  
Richard James Fiennes-Clinton  
May 4, 1972 ~ August 23, 2025



Saturday August 30, 2025 at 11:00am

**Burial Sentences** *(please stand)*

**Welcome and Opening Prayer** *(please be seated)*

**Hymn 3** *Morning Has Broken*

*Bunesson*

Morning has broken, like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

**Tributes**

*Please be seated for the readings*

**A reading from the book of Psalms.**

*Psalm 23*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil; and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*All*            Thanks be to God.

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.**

*Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8*

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 kill, and a time to heal; 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 to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*All*            Thanks be to God.

**Homily**      The Rev. Canon Gregory Carpenter (*please remain seated*)

*We observe a moment of silence.*

**The Apostles' Creed** (*please stand*)

*Officiant*    Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All*            I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People** (*please be seated or kneel*)

*Leader* God of grace and glory we thank you for Richard, who was dear to his family and friends. We thank you for the love he offered and received while he was here on earth. Lord in your mercy,

*All* Hear our prayer.

*Leader* We pray that Richard will go on living in all those who knew him; that your comforting hand will be with all the members of his family. We pray that he will always be remembered in their hearts and minds. Lord in your mercy,

*All* Hear our prayer.

*Leader* We ask that all who were close to Richard may now, because of his death, be even closer to each other, remembering always your promise to be faithful to us in death. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favour you bear for all people. Lord in your mercy,

*All* Hear our prayer.

*Leader* God of grace, we thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, who by his death has destroyed the power of death and by his glorious resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant us to know that because Christ lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life shall be able to separate us from your love. Lord in your mercy,

*All* Hear our prayer.

*Leader* All these things we ask we bring together in the words that our Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ taught his disciples, saying:

*All* Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not

into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn 24** *Abide With Me (please stand)*

*Eventide*

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory;  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**Prayer of Commendation** *(please remain standing)*

*Officiant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*All* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto the earth shall we return. For so you did ordain when you created me saying; you are dust and to dust you shall return. All of us go down to

the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Officiant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Officiant* Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Richard James. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

*All* Amen.

*Officiant* Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord.

*All* And let light perpetual shine upon him.

*Officiant* May his soul, by the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*All* Amen.

**Blessing** (*please remain standing*)

*Officiant* God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to this nation and all the world peace and concord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you this day and always.

*All* Amen.

**Hymn 352** *Amazing Grace*

*New Britain*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found: was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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*Directly following the liturgy the family will host a reception at the back  
of the church. All are welcome.*

*A private internment will take place on a later date.*

### **Participants in the Liturgy**

*Officiant and Homilist ~ The Rev. Canon Greg Carpenter*

*Organist ~ Senan Whelan*

*Reader ~ Sharon Fiennes-Clinton (sister-in-law)*

*Tributes ~ Marc Fitkin (friend), Shannon Stark (sister),  
Kayleigh Fiennes-Clinton (niece),  
The Rev Greg Fiennes-Clinton (brother)*

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