



*Sé do bheatha 'bhaile.*

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TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND SOUL OF



**RICHARD DAVID McDONALD**

1st August 1970 - 10th January 2021

Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Wednesday 3rd February 2021  
at 11.00 am

Celebrant Fr John Joseph Martin

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;  
If all men count with you, but none too much,  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!"

*- 'If' - Rudyard Kipling*

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.*

Please keep this Order of Service and your Memorial Card as a memory of this day and of the incredible strength, passion, and love that personified Richard David McDonald.

Please take your Wildflower Seeds and plant them across Nottingham, Ireland, and beyond, so that his wild spirit blooms in every corner of this place.

Relive your memories with him at every opportunity, for they are the eternal blessing he has left us with.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### INTRODUCTORY MUSIC

*Fools Gold*  
The Stone Roses

WELCOME  
Father John Martin

### OPENING PRAYER

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

HOMILY  
Father John Martin

## FIRST READING

Corinthians 13:4-8

Carleen Bentley

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. (But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.)

## MAIN FAMILY EULOGY AND SECOND READING

Ezekiel 25:27

as performed in *Pulp Fiction*

Richard McDonald Jnr.

The path of the righteous man is beset on all sides  
By the inequities of the selfish and the tyranny of evil men.  
Blessed is he who, in the name of charity and good will,  
Shepherds the weak through the valley of darkness.  
For he is truly his brother's keeper and the finder of lost children.  
And I will strike down upon thee  
With great vengeance and furious anger  
Those who attempt to poison and destroy my brothers.  
And you will know my name is the Lord.

## MUSIC

*Zelda's Lullaby from The Legend of Zelda*

Arr. Amy Turk

## POEM

chosen by Elaine Booth

Feel no guilt in laughter, he'd know how much you care.  
Feel no sorrow in a smile that he is not here to share.  
You cannot grieve forever; he would not want you to.  
He'd hope that you could carry on the way you always do.  
So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared,  
The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared.  
Let memories surround you, a word someone may say  
Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour, a day,  
That brings him back as clearly as though he were still here,  
And fills you with the feeling that he is always near.  
For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart  
And he will live forever locked safely within your heart.  
Rest in peace Eternal Peace Brother, Love you.

*Sarah Chapman*

ADDITIONAL EULOGY

Carleen Bentley

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Donna Booth

POEM

Rochelle Robertson

MUSIC

*Always On My Mind*  
Pet Shop Boys

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Father John Martin

EXIT MUSIC

*The Whole Of The Moon*  
The Waterboys

EULOGY

Richard McDonald Jnr.

THIRD READING

Psalm 46  
Michelle McDonald

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.  
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

### FOURTH READING

Ruth 1:16-18

Richard McDonald Jnr.

Naomi said to Ruth: "Look, your sister has returned to her people, follow her". But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

### MUSIC

*Champagne Supernova*

Oasis

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 19: 13-15

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. The Gospel of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy are those who die in the Lord!  
Now they can rest forever after their work,  
Since their good deeds go with them.  
Alleluia!