

Graveyard Service of Remembrance 2021

*In ainm an Athar agus an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh. Amen.
(In the name of the Father...)*

Word of God (St Paul to the Romans)

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others;
if we live, we live for the Lord; 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Prayer of Blessing

God of love, through Jesus you have destroyed the power of death.

By his three days in the tomb you made holy our graves.

By his rising from the dead, you grant us eternal life.

+ Bless this grave and all who are buried here (*sprinkle with holy water*)

Bless the ties of love and friendship which continue to bind us together.

Grant us comfort in our grief

and may our loved ones rest in your everlasting love and care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Reflection: They are Gone

You can shed tears that they are gone

Or you can smile because they have lived

You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back

Or you can open your eyes and see all that they have left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them

Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday

Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember them and only that they are gone

Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back

Or you can do what they would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Suaimhneas síoraí tabhair dóibh, a Thiarna.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.