

In Loving Memory of



Carmel Buttigieg

“Charlie”

27th February, 1940 - 13th June, 2026

A lifetime of love and memories



Mass and Thanksgiving for the Life of
Carmel "Charlie" Buttigieg

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church
St Marys

Friday 19th June, 2026

Celebrant
Fr. Jeff Miller

Vocalist
Eileen McCann



OPENING PRAYER

Fr: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Fr: In the waters of baptism Charlie died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

Fr: My brothers and sisters, we have come together to renew our trust in Christ who, by dying on the cross, has freed us from eternal death and, by rising, has opened for us the gates of heaven. Let us pray for our brother, that he may share in Christ's victory, and let us pray for ourselves, that the Lord may grant us the gift of his loving consolation.

God of loving kindness, listen favourably to our prayers: strengthen our belief that your Son has risen from the dead and our hope that your servant Charlie will also rise again. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

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.

When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.

They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever.

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.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In green pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
He refreshes my soul.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;
for you are at my side with your rod and your staff
That give me courage.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
All the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
For years to come.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

If God is for us, who is against us?
He who did not withhold his own Son,
But gave him up for all of us,
Will he not with him also give us everything else?
Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?
It is Christ Jesus, who died,
Yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God,
Who indeed intercedes for us.
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
Nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
Nor anything else in all creation,
Will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Fr: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Fr: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Fr: Jesus said to the disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Fr: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

For Charlie who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brother who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our brother Charlie, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Fr: With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us offer our prayer to the Father.
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.

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FINAL COMMENDATION

Fr: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Fr: Saints of God, come to his aid!
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!
All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
May angels lead you to Abraham's side.
All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Charlie, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Charlie in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fr: In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.
May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.



Following the Mass, the cortege will proceed to
Pinegrove Memorial Park
Kington Street, Minchinbury
where Charlie will be laid to rest.

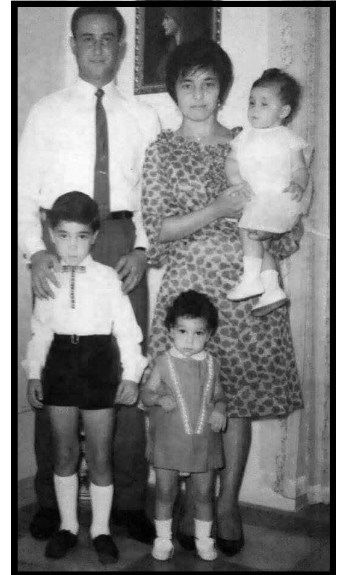
His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.



*We wish to thank you for your kind and comforting
expressions of sympathy.*

*Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and will
always be remembered.*



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