

# **Pope Francis 1936-2025**

## **Mass and Service of Light**

### **Clane Parish Church**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord,  
to comfort all those who mourn and give them  
for ashes a garland;  
for mourning robe the oil of gladness,  
for despondency, praise.

This is the word of the Lord.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet  
for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness  
shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall  
I dwell for ever and ever.

Glory be.

If you walk in the Way of God you will live in peace forever. Baruch 3:13  
The Footsteps of one who brings Good News are a welcome sound. Isaiah 52:7  
I have come that you may have life and have it to the full. John 10:10  
May his goodness and kindness follow us each day of our lives. Psalm 23:6  
Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Psalm 32:10  
Always treat others as you would like them to treat you. Matthew 6:12  
Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8  
Today you will be with me in Paradise. Luke 23:43  
Love one another as I have loved you. John 13:34  
May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans. Psalm 20:4  
Trust in the Lord with all your Heart. Proverbs 3:5  
Where shall wisdom be found and where is the place of understanding. Job 28:12  
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119, V 105  
May your love be upon us O Lord as we place all our hope in you. Psalm 32

I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets,  
rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.  
I do not want a Church concerned with being at the center and which then ends by being caught up  
in a web of obsessions and procedures.  
Frequently, we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a toll house;  
it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems.  
(Pope Francis)

Christ be with me,  
Christ within me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet,  
Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friends and strangers.