**Opening Hymn**

**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 at peace.

If they experienced punishment as people see it,

their hope was rich with immortality; slight was

their affliction, great will their blessing 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.

Those 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.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Here I am Lord – sung

Second Reading

***A reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Romans:***

Think of God’s mercy, I ask you, in a way worthy of thoughtful

people.

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer

good to evil.

Love each other as much as brothers should and

have a profound respect for each other.

Work for the Lord with untiring effort and earnestness of spirit.

If you have hope, this will make you cheerful.

Do not give up if trials come; keep on praying.

If any are in need, share with them. And you should make

hospitality your special concern.

**The word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Louise:**

Eddie fought the good fight; he finished the race; He kept his faith; may he now receive from Christ the crown of eternal glory which He won for us with His death and resurrection.

**Lord Hear Us**

**Louise:**

For those who mourn Eddie, especially his wife Bernie, (who can’t be with us today due to illness) his sons John, Edward & Anthony, his sister Josie, his grandchildren and his wider family and friends, that they may find inspiration and comfort in his example.

**Lord hear Us**

**Louise:**

For Professor McCaffrey and all his team in the Mater, for the staff of St Francis Hospice Blanchardstown, his carer Joyce and all the team in Haven pharmacy, Ballygall who tirelessly cared for and minded Eddie throughout the last 11 years. May they be rewarded for their goodness.

**Lord hear us**

**Louise:**

Eddie touched all our lives, help us to keep alive the values and ideals that he put before us.

**Lord Hear us**

**Louise:**

For all the departed Ryan and Byrne relatives and for all who have died in the peace of Christ; that they may enjoy the fullness of eternal life

**Lord Hear Us**

**Offertory**

The first offertory gift is a photo of Eddies family, his wife Bernie, his 3 sons, John, Edward and Anthony, his sister Josie and her family Pat, Robert & Karina and his 7 grandchildren. Dylan, Zoe, Ciaran, Nina, Adam, Euan & Finn. This is a symbol of how important Eddies family were to him throughout his life!

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The second offertory gift is a photo of Eddie & his beloved wife Bernie. This is a symbol of Eddies devotion to Bernie for nearly 54 years. Throughout his illness Dad tended, minded and cared for Bernie through her early stages of dementia.

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The third offertory gift is a Liverpool jersey as a symbol of his loyal support for Liverpool throughout his life and generated a legacy amongst his children and grandchildren.

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The fourth offertory gift is of Eddies garden tools. Eddie loved his garden and could often be found there for hours tidying his lawn, his flowers beds and his much loved rose bushes. Another legacy he passed onto his sons.

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And finally, the bread and wine, a symbol of Eddies faith, throughout his illness Eddie maintained a quiet faith, which supported him right through his illness but particularly his final weeks of pain.

**Eulogy**