

Sr. Cecilia Sheila Gallagher, LSA
(Sr. M. Magdalen)

Given to us February 4th, 1925
Cashel, Ardara, Co. Donegal, Ireland



Entered Religious Life May 5th, 1958

Returned to her Beloved July 18th, 2021

***“There are in the end three things that last:
Faith, hope and love
and the greatest of these is love.”***
1 Corinthians 13:13

Mass of the Resurrection ~ July 25th, 2021
Sisters of St. Anne Chapel ~ Marlborough, MA

Be not afraid. I go before you always; come follow me, and I will give you rest.

Liturgy of the Word

1st READING: *The Book of Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.

For if to others, indeed, they seem punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Shepherd Me, O God*

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Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: *John 17:24-26*

I wish that where I am they also may be with me.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY: *Fr. Dinh G. Võtrần, a.a.*

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ~ OUR LADY OF KNOCK INTERCEDE FOR US

In gratitude for Sheila whose life's journey began in Ireland and who graced us with her presence and gifts for 60 years as a Little Sister of the Assumption. Let us pray ...

For Sheila's nieces: Rosemary, Marsa, Marian and Josephine; her nephew, Joseph and her grandnieces and grandnephews residing in Ireland and England: in gratitude for the loving, familial contact that was maintained with Sheila from across the sea. May they be blessed in abundance. Let us pray ...

For a resolution of the conflicts that affect the Emerald Isle.. Let us pray

Here at home and in Germany and Belgium, we pray for the people affected by the severe weather. Let us pray ...

For the people of Africa and other 3rd world countries for a more equitable distribution of the Covid Vaccine. Let us pray ...

In gratitude For the Sisters of St. Ann and the staff at Marie Esther who so devotedly cared for Sheila. Let us pray

In these times of change, we entrust the 'Little Sisters Family in Mission' to continue to be propelled by Fr. Stephen Pernet's motivation: "Show love for others by sharing life with them." Let us pray

For all the intentions we hold in our hearts Let us pray ...

OFFERTORY PROCESSION:

Symbols of Sr. Sheila's Missionary Life

Profession Cross, LSA Rule of Life, Chalice, Water & Wine

OFFERTORY HYMN: *My Hands Belong to You*

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My hands belong to You, Lord, my hands belong to You.
I lift them up to You, Lord, **and sing Alleluia.** (2x)

My heart belongs to You, Lord, my heart belongs to You. I lift it up to You, Lord ...

My Life belongs to You, Lord, my life belongs to You. I lift I up to You, Lord

SIGN OF PEACE: *Prayer for Unity ~ Prayer of Fr. Stephen Pernet, LSA Founder*

My God, My God unite all minds in truth, Unite all minds in truth, all minds in truth.
And unite all hearts, unite all hearts in Charity.

My God, My God unite all minds in truth All minds in truth, O Lord we pray.
Unite all minds, unite all hearts – in Cha - ri - ty.

COMMUNION HYMN: *On Eagle's Wings*

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And He will raise you up on eagle's wings Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun And hold you in the palm of His hand

MEDITATION HYMN: *Ave Maria*

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE:

Sr. Annette Allain, LSA ~ Coordinator, U.S. Territory

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Lady of Knock*

Golden rose, Queen of Ireland, All my cares and troubles cease
as we kneel with love before you, Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace

PRAYERS OF COMMITAL

Presider: Our sister Sheila has gone to her rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome her to the table of God's children in heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist her with our prayers.

Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with our sister; together may we meet Christ Jesus when he who is our life appears in glory.

All: Almighty and ever-living God, in you we place our trust and hope. As we take leave of our sister, give our hearts peace in the firm hope that one day Sheila will live in the mansion you have prepared for her in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Presider: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Sheila, and we send her body to be committed to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

All: The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. Amen

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider: Bow you heads and pray for God's Blessing. May Almighty God bless you, The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Presider: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

