

Late Fragment
**And did you get
 what you wanted
 from life even so?**

*Fr Tony with his mother, Pat
 on the 25th anniversary of
 his ordination to
 priesthood.*

I did.

**And what did you
 want?**

**To call myself
 beloved, to feel
 myself beloved on
 the earth.**

Raymond Carver



Mass Intentions 29th & 30th August 2020

All masses are being offered Fr. Tony Coote, ADM, on his first anniversary.

6pm Tommy Donoghue

Mass Intentions 5th and 6th September 2020.

Sat 6pm Michael Conroy (A)
 Sally Caygill (A)
 Kathleen Nugent & Mary Doyle (A)
 Thomas & Ellen Dempsey (A)
 Fr Ivo Mascarenhas (RIP)

Sun 10am Miranda Family (deceased)
 Sheila Dempsey (1st A)
 Joseph (Joe) Byrne (A)
 Ann Mc Grath (MM)

Sun 11.30am Richie Leonard (MM)
 Timothy O'Sullivan (A)
 Pinto family (deceased)
 Gerard Cawley (1st A)
 Sean O'Mathuna (A)

Fr. Tony - In his Own Words

Our lives will never be measured in words spoken or success achieved but rather how we live and how our life has affected those around us.

Jesus will meet me and take me by the hand and lead me into the presence of the mystery revealed.

I feel loved and I hope I have loved and, for me, that's the very essence of what Jesus said.

When I get a challenge, I always face it. I get up every morning and I face the day and get on with it. That is what keeps me going.

The challenge is always to find our faith in the more difficult moments. It can be easy to believe in the sunshine, but much harder in the rain.

I don't believe we are heading to a future of emptiness, but rather a destination of hope.

Always look for the best inside yourself and don't be afraid to let others see that.

I see no meaning in this life ending in a grave. When the train stops, I will step onto that platform with hope and no fear.

5km Walk While You Can in memory of Fr Tony

We had hoped to host a parish walk in memory of Fr Tony but Covid 19 put paid to those plans for this year.

Instead, parishioners are asked to do a 5km "Walk While You Can" between 28th August and 12th September in aid of Fr Tony and to raise funds for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Take a photo and send it to kilmacudparishoffice@gmail.com so we can display them afterwards in the Church. Details www.imnda.ie/walk-while-you-can/



Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Brendan Mc Cabe whose funeral was held here during the week. We also remember Andy Courtenay who passed away last week and whose funeral will be held in America.

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Fr. Tony Coote, ADM

16.06.1964 – 28.08.2019

"Tony represented the love of God to so many who bore in their heart troubles and doubts. He could do that because he understood what that love of God meant".

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.



Fr. Tony came to Kilmacud as Administrator in June 2010. He immediately created an impact with his warmth, his humour and his three-minute sermons which always delivered a thought-provoking message or question. Every Tuesday and every weekend he joined us in celebrating the Eucharist and throughout the week he could be seen popping in and out of the office and church.

His energy and enthusiasm was boundless and he made his mark in many ways, not least in the renovations to our church building which, while initially not welcomed by everyone, have provided us with a more intimate, brighter and more comfortable setting for our church services and celebrations.

He was determined to support a strong faith community in Kilmacud, supporting parish groups, and reaching out to our young people, to families, to older people and the marginalised in ways that joined us all together in a spirit of community and faith.

In the face of illness and death Fr. Tony left his lasting legacy. In speaking openly about Motor Neurone Disease and its challenges, his absolute acceptance of the will of God and his unshakeable belief that he would see the face of God, he touched the hearts of people – believers and non-believers - not just in Kilmacud, Stillorgan and Mount Merrion, but across Ireland and the world. His words: "I see no meaning in this life ending in a grave. When the train stops I will step onto that platform with hope and no fear" brought consolation and hope to many.

As his brother David said at his funeral, Fr. Tony was a great connector, and his ability to mobilise people for a cause was second to none. Many parishioners joined Fr. Tony on his walk from Donegal to Cork - his 'Walk While You Can' charity inspired many, raising awareness of MND and also raising important funds for research and nurses to care for those with MND. Walk While You Can continues to raise vital funds for MND in his memory.

His good work lives on in many ways not least through the UCD Volunteers Overseas (UCDVO) which he set up in 2003 when a chaplain at the university and in the now nationwide student-led mental health movement Please Talk. The good he has done also lives on in our parish of Kilmacud where we continue to remember the example he set for us.

Most importantly, it lives on in the hearts of his family whom he loved very much. This weekend our thoughts are especially with his mother Patricia, his brothers Kieran, David, and Pat, sisters-in-law Nicky and Michelle, nieces and nephews Tom, Lily, Charlie and Tara, Jasmyn, Khloe, and Eve, Rían, Oscar and Mikey.

Walk While You Can, Live While You Can, Love While You Can.

May he rest in peace.