



Fr. John O'Sullivan (RIP)  
(15<sup>th</sup> June 1924-15<sup>th</sup> June 2020)

The death has occurred this morning of Fr John O'Sullivan (on his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday). Fr O'Sullivan spent his 'retirement' tirelessly ministering in the parish of Aghagallon and Ballinderry, prior to moving to Nazareth Care Village.

We offer our sincere condolences to Fr O'Sullivan's nieces, his extended family, friends and past parishioners during this sad time.

**For Priesthood**

May the blessings released through your hands  
Cause windows to open in darkened minds.

May the sufferings your calling brings  
Be but winter before the spring.

May the companionship of your doubt  
Restore what your beliefs leave out.

May the secret hungers of your heart  
Harvest from emptiness its sacred fruit.

May your solitude be a voyage  
Into the wilderness and wonder of God.

May your words have the prophetic edge  
To enable the heart to hear itself.

May the silence where your calling dwells  
Foster your freedom in all you do and feel.

May you find words full of divine warmth  
To clothe the dying in the language of dawn.

May the slow light of the Eucharist  
Be a sure shelter around your future.

**John O'Donohue**

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