



Irish College of General Practitioners  
Coláiste Dhochtúirí Teaghlaigh Éireann



# COLLEGE MEMORIAL CEREMONY 2021 TO REMEMBER DECEASED MEMBERS

7–8pm Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

— A VIRTUAL EVENT —





# COLLEGE MEMORIAL CEREMONY 2021 PROGRAMME

*Ubi Caritas Est Vera, Deus Ibi Est /  
Where True Charity Is, God Is There* ~ Ola Gjeilo

Continuum Youth Choir

## Introduction

Mr Fintan Foy, CEO

## WELCOME

Prof Tom O'Dowd, President

*When Great Trees Fall* ~ Maya Angelou

Prof Tom O'Dowd

*Dido's Lament* ~ Henry Purcell

Yue Tang, Cellist & Brian Conor, Pianist

*For Everything There Is A Season* Ecclesiastes (3:1-7,11)

Dr John Farrell, Chairman

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Dr Gráinne Ní Ghairbhí, Honorary Secretary

*Begin* ~ Brendan Kennelly

Dr John O'Brien, former President

*We Remember Them* ~ Jewish Liturgy

Dr Paul Armstrong, Dr Deirdre Collins, Dr Lucinda Dockeray, Dr Knut Moe

*Après Un Rêve/After A Dream* ~ Gabriel Fauré

Yue Tang, Cellist & Brian Conor, Pianist

*Everything Will Be All Right* ~ Derek Mahon

Dr Lucia Gannon, Chair Membership Services

## READING OF NAMES OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Dr Andrée Rochfort, Director of Health Practice

## REFLECTION

*Vocalise* ~ Rachmaninoff

Yue Tang, Cellist & Brian Conor, Pianist

*Sicut Cervus* ~ Giovanni Palestrina

Palestrina Choir



## COLLEGE MEMORIAL CEREMONY 2021 READINGS



### *When Great Trees Fall* ~ Maya Angelou

**Prof Tom O'Dowd**

When great trees fall,  
rocks on distant hills shudder,  
lions hunker down  
in tall grasses,  
and even elephants  
lumber after safety.

When great trees fall  
in forests,  
small things recoil into silence,  
their senses  
eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die,  
the air around us becomes  
light, rare, sterile.  
We breathe, briefly.  
Our eyes, briefly,  
see with  
a hurtful clarity.  
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,  
examines,  
gnaws on kind words  
unsaid,  
promised walks  
never taken.

Great souls die and  
our reality, bound to  
them, takes leave of us.

Our souls,  
dependent upon their  
nurture,  
now shrink, wizened.

Our minds, formed  
and informed by their  
radiance, fall away.

We are not so much maddened  
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance of  
dark, cold  
caves.

And when great souls die,  
after a period peace blooms,  
slowly and always  
irregularly. Spaces fill

with a kind of  
soothing electric vibration.  
Our senses, restored, never  
to be the same, whisper to us.  
They existed. They existed.  
We can be. Be and be  
better. For they existed.





## COLLEGE MEMORIAL CEREMONY 2021 READINGS

*For Everything There is a Season, and a Time for Every Matter Under Heaven*  
Ecclesiastes (3:1-7,11)

**Dr John Farrell**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to root up what is planted;

A time to break down and a time to build up;

A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to dance;

A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

A time to keep and a time to discard;

A time to tear, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

God has made everything suitable for its time.





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## LIGHTING OF CANDLES



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Dr Gráinne Ní Ghairbhí





# COLLEGE MEMORIAL CEREMONY 2021

## READINGS

### *Begin* ~ Brendan Kennelly

#### Dr John O'Brien

Begin again to the summoning birds  
to the sight of the light at the window,  
begin to the roar of morning traffic  
all along Pembroke Road.

Every beginning is a promise  
born in light and dying in dark  
determination and exaltation of springtime  
flowering the way to work.

Begin to the pageant of queuing girls  
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal  
bridges linking the past and future  
old friends passing though with us still.

Begin to the loneliness that cannot end  
since it perhaps is what makes us begin,  
begin to wonder at unknown faces  
at crying birds in the sudden rain  
at branches stark in the willing sunlight  
at seagulls foraging for bread  
at couples sharing a sunny secret  
alone together while making good.

Though we live in a world that dreams of ending  
that always seems about to give in  
something that will not acknowledge conclusion  
insists that we forever begin.



## COLLEGE MEMORIAL CEREMONY 2021 READINGS

***We Remember Them*** ~ Jewish Liturgy (Rabbis Kamens & Riemer)

**Dr Paul Armstrong, Dr Deirdre Collins, Dr Lucinda Dockeray, Dr Knut Moe**

We remember them  
In the rising of the sun, and in its going down,  
*We remember them*  
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill  
of winter,  
*We remember them.*  
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth  
of spring,  
*We remember them.*  
In the blueness of the sky and in the  
warmth of summer,  
*We remember them.*  
In the rustling of the leaves and in the  
beauty of autumn,  
*We remember them.*

In the beginning of the year and when it  
ends,  
*We remember them.*  
When we are weary and in need of  
strength,  
*We remember them.*  
When we are lost and sick at heart,  
*We remember them.*  
When we have joys we yearn to share,  
*We remember them.*  
So long as they live, we, too, shall live, for  
they are now a part of us, as  
*We remember them.*



## COLLEGE MEMORIAL CEREMONY 2021 READINGS

*Everything Is Going To Be Alright* ~ Derek Mahon

**Dr Lucia Gannon**

How should I not be glad to contemplate the clouds clearing  
beyond the dormer window and a high tide reflected on the ceiling?

There will be dying, there will be dying, but there is no need to go into that.

The poems flow from the hand unbidden and the hidden source is the watchful heart.

The sun rises in spite of everything and the far cities are beautiful and bright.

I lie here in a riot of sunlight watching the daybreak and the clouds flying.

Everything is going to be all right.





## COLLEGE MEMORIAL CEREMONY 2021 PROGRAMME

### *Recently Deceased Members*

Dr Patrick A Aylmer	Dr Paul McDermott
Dr Patrick Casey	Dr Oonagh M McKeagney
Dr Sean F X Casey	Dr Martin F Maguire
Dr Deirdre Niamh Collins	Dr Sean Murphy
Dr Peter J Conlon	Dr Hubert Murray
Dr John Fleetwood	Dr Ann R O'Callaghan
Dr William P Fox	Dr Philomena O'Hagan-McManus
Dr Niall M Joyce	Dr Thomas J Tiernan
Dr Cormac Lyons	
Dr Sean J McCarthy	

### *Deceased College Presidents*

Dr Eileen Caulfield  
Dr Eithne  
Conway McGee  
Dr Ellard Eppel  
Dr Michael Flynn  
Dr Patrick J Henry  
Dr John Lappin  
Prof James McCormick  
Dr Cormac MacNamara

Dr John Mason  
Dr Aiden Meade  
Dr Deirdre Murphy  
Dr Ted O'Brien  
Dr Conal O'Doherty  
Dr Ken O'Flaherty  
Dr Dick Shanahan

### *We also remember...*

Dr Manne Berber	Dr Joseph Meehan
Dr Michael Boland	Dr Philip Murray
Dr Stephen Cox	Dr Meda O'Callaghan-Lehane
Dr Maurice Davin-Power	Dr Nial O'Leary
Dr Michael Dunne	Dr Eamonn Ralph
Dr John Hunt	Dr Gertrude Ronan-Martin
Dr Rory Lehane	Dr Niall Webb
Dr Donal McCafferty	

### *And all other deceased College Members*

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Dr Andrée Rochfort



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Event Co-ordinator	<b>Ms Gillian Doran</b>
Music	<b>Continuum Youth Choir &amp; Palestrina Choir</b> <b>Ms Blanaid Murphy</b> , Conductor
Soloists	<b>Mr Yue Tang</b> , Cellist & <b>Mr Brian Conor</b> , Pianist
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**Mr Dermot Folan**, COO, December 2021