

At the End

*The songs that I sing
Should have told you an Easter story
Of a long sweet Spring
With its gold and its feasts and its glory.*

*Of the moons then that married
Green May to the mellow September,
Long noons that ne'er tarried
Life's hail and farewell to remember--*

*But the haste of the years
Had rushed to the fall of our sorrow,
To the waste of our tears,
The hush and the pall of our morrow.*

Thomas MacDonagh



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EASTER SUNDAY

27th MARCH 2016

CLOUGHJORDAN

COMMEMORATES

THOMAS MACDONAGH



PROGRAMME

Sunday 27th March 2016

- Assemble opposite The Meadow, Main Street, Cloughjordan at 10.20 a.m.
- March to St. Michael's & John's Church led by two pipers from Thomas MacDonagh Pipe Band, Templemore , accompanied by banner of Kilruane MacDonaghs GAA Club.
- Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel (O.N.E.) perform Guard of Honour.
- On arrival at St. Michael's & John's Church the O.N.E. colour party will take up positions in the Church where they will partake in the ceremonies at Mass (11 a.m.)
- Re-assemble in Church Grounds.
- After Mass the pipers and O.N.E. personnel will lead the procession down Main St.
- On arrival at the old schoolhouse the Proclamation will be read by Rod Rohan. (*Rod read the Proclamation at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in 1966*).
- Lament for Thomas MacDonagh by Francis Ledwidge will be recited by Bawney Hayes.
- Jim Casey, Chairperson of 2016 Commemoration Committee will invite Cllr Ger Darcy, Cathaoirleach of Nenagh Municipal District and member of the Committee, to unveil the wall plaque (12.30 p.m. approx).
- The band members and O.N.E. personnel will then be transported to Mounsey's Cross where they will assemble for the march to Grawn Graveyard (1.15 p.m. approx).

- Other participants will walk in orderly procession to Mounsey's Cross for march to Grawn (weather permitting). Transport will be available if required. (*Participants are advised not to take their own cars to Grawn as parking may present a problem*).
- On arrival at Grawn there will be an Ecumenical Blessing by Fr. Sean Dwan, Reverend Ruth Gill and Rev Shannon De Laureal (2 p.m. approx).
- Jim Casey will speak on behalf of organisers and community and will introduce Tom Cleary of Ballycapple who will unveil the information board.
- Attendees then move into the Graveyard where Mrs. Peig Cahill of Grawn will lay a wreath on the MacDonagh Graves.
- Paul McAuley, great grandson of Thomas MacDonagh will speak.
- Tom Williams will perform 'Thomas MacDonagh', song composed by Seamus Doran.
- Representatives of O.N.E. will play the last post.
- National Anthem will be played.
- All present will be invited to the GAA Complex where refreshments will be provided by the I.C.A. Music will also be provided in conjunction with the Committee for the Tipperary County Fleadh 2016 (3 p.m. approx).

The residents of Cloughjordan are urged to display tricolours and bunting and to have the village looking at its festive best to mark this historic occasion.

All are welcome so come along and join in.