Adam Dymarkowski RIP Funeral Mass Rathdowney Church Tuesday 11th April 2023

Wife: Agneshka Daughters: Laura and Daria Brother: Darek Sister: Eva Cousin: Ola Adam's mother Cristina in Bidgosht

Over the years I have celebrated many funeral masses here for Irish people who at some stage in their lives left Ireland to find work and to make a better life for themselves in another country. Today is the first time I celebrate a funeral mass for a man who left his own country to come and live here in Ireland.

Adam was born on the 21st of October 1968. While born in Katsinia Adam was brought up in the city of Bidgosht in Poland. He was educated there. His love of music brought him to play the guitar at the local parish church. As a young man Adam was obliged to spend some years in the Polish army and it was during this time that his love of horses developed being part of the Cavalry section of the army. Later he was to meet and marry you Agneshka and you would have two daughters Laura and Daria. In July 2006 Adam decided to come to Ireland and here to Rathdowney where one of his friends had arranged a summer job for him. Adam realised there were work opportunities here that were not available to him at home. After a few years Adam persuaded you Agneshka to move here with Laura who was only 9 and Daria who was just four. It was a difficult upheaval in your lives and you faced many challenges not least the barrier of language. But Rathdowney came to be your home. By all accounts Adam was something of a workaholic and like so many of his country men and women have contributed so much to our society and our economy over the years.

Adam's sudden death at such a young age has been a terrible shock for you who loved him so much. Our hearts go out to you Agneshka, Laura and Daria but also to you Darek and Ev-a Anna Olek and Natalia. I'm particularly conscious of Adam's mother Cristina at home in Bidgosht.

I cant speak with any knowledge of Adam's relationship with his God but I was thinking the other day that he will have a bit of an advantage over a lot of us as He knocks on heaven's door. I'm not sure if in the Polish Catholic tradition you think of St. Peter as the one who stands at the gates of heaven and pretty much decides who gets in or not. You know how when you meet someone for the first time, and you wonder what you might talk about. Well, it is a plus if you know something about the other person's interests or what work they do. Well, there is Adam the very keen fisherman meeting up with St. Peter . And then of course they will get on to the subject of Fishing . And even though Peter has never fished out of Ballycotton in Co. Cork and Adam probably has never taken his boat out on the Sea of Galilee still they should get on well together. That of course will also help when Peter introduces Pat to Jesus himself. When it came to choosing his closest collaborators the first people Jesus picked were all Fishermen.

I want to end with a little prayer which is simply called the Fisherman's Prayer. I'm making it Adam's prayer today:

God grant that I may live to fish until my dying day,

and when my Final Cast is made I most humbly pray,

when in the Lord's landing net I am peacefully asleep,

that in His Mercy, I may be judged "As Good Enough To Keep

Adam, May you rest in peace.

Born 21st October 1968 in Katsinia

Came to Ireland (Rathdowney)first on 1st of July 2006 for a summer job and never went home

Agneshka, Laura and Daria joined him some years later.

Adam worked in meat factory here, then was moved to Waterford and then back to Roscrea

A workaholic. Even though he was not feeling well last Friday week he told his supervisor that he would be in to work on Saturday. Sadly he was never to see Saturday

Family lived first in the Showgrounds and then moved to Knockiel Drive

He loved to fish particularly Sea fishing. He particularly loved to go fishing off the coast of Ballycotton in East Cork

Music was his other love and he played the guitar as a young man in his local church choir in Poland.

As a young man he was obliged by law in Poland to serve in the army for a few years. He was part of the cavalry division of the army which gave him a life-long of horses. He also loved vintage cars and attending vintage shows