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Dolores O'Riordan

Beloved Irish singer Dolores O'Riordan was planning on recording in Glenstal Abbey, Co. Limerick, and tested the acoustics there just months before she died.

Bro. Anthony Keane OSB told The Irish Catholic that she sang the Panis Angelicus in their church, and that they will miss her at the monastery.

"She sang beautifully in the church the Panis Angelicus. I suppose we had been talking about doing a recording together and I suggested that she test the resonance and the acoustics of the church and she did sing it," Bro. Anthony said.

A well-attended memorial Mass was held for Dolores over the weekend in St Joseph's Church in Limerick city marking a year since The Cranberries singer died. Fans swarmed to the Mass which some family members spoke at.

Bro. Anthony said: "We feel great sadness I must say, but yet I do feel there is a certain completion in her life which is very outstanding.

"Everyone does miss her presence and her ongoing creation, I suppose in a certain sense it has been fulfilled, the collection of her songs has been completed, her life's work is completed and well done. So we do mourn her absence but that mourning is really based on tenderness and love and appreciation of what she did."

Live music

Regarding her live music he said it was "divine" and brought people to God's love.

"She was an extraordinarily graceful and holy person and was Faithful to God always in her love and uprightness and generosity and kindness," said Bro. Anthony.

Describing Dolores as "refreshingly honest", he added: "In meeting her in person you met the person who was on the stage, authentic, creative and true, even when you heard her singing she would begin sometimes so humbly, so simply and so tentatively and then build up from those elemental sounds a most amazing explosion of power, a bit like the conversion of matter into energy."

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