

Chicago

Dec 11th 1907

Dear Mother

It is about time I would write you a few lines. You must think that I have forgotten all about you, but as John and Patrick & Kate write home so often I didn't think it was necessary for me. I am delighted to know that you are getting good health. I hope in God that you will continue so for I have every hope to see you once again. I often think of how you prayed for God to leave you to take care of poor Father in his deathbed. May his soul rest in peace. It makes me very lonesome to think of him especially at Christmas time.

Dear Mother, Mark Jennings was telling me about you. I imagined I was talking to you myself. They are all fine young men and a credit to their mother. Mark is a policeman and getting twenty pounds a month. I hope Aunt Mary, Aunt Nelly, Aunt Winnie and Aunt Sally are all well, also all my cousins and neighbours and not forgetting poor Mullany and Brocby. I suppose you watch him pass the bridge yet. Dear Mother, I am sending you the small sum of two pounds, hoping you will have a happy Christmas and I do hope for the short time you have to live that you will take good care of yourself. I hope that Bridget and the children are very kind to you and that they will leave nothing undone to make your life as pleasant as possible. I am not sending as much to you as I would like to, but after a while I will be in a position to help Michael & Bridget for their kindness to you and with the help of God, they will get their reward from their own children. I wrote to John. I hope you will hear from him and Patt. Patt is very strange. He never once wrote to me. Both them and I will never miss you until you are gone for many a time your prayers and God has saved us all. If I told you some of the narrow escapes you would think so too.

Now Mother, myself and Delia and the children join in sending you our fond love and best wishes and wishing you all a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

From your affectionate son.

Thomas McHugh

To Mother with xxx kisses.

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow with some adjustment for punctuation, spelling and grammar.

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