

REQUIEM MASS FOR THE  
HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF



# JOHN FRANCIS HAY

1947 - 2019

*"Be not discomforted; for I trust that we shall, once in heaven, see each other full merrily,  
where we shall be sure to live and to love together in joyful bliss eternally"*

*St. Thomas More*

Friday 21st June 2019

St Augustine of England Catholic Church, Nottingham





*“To touch the hearts of your students is the greatest miracle you can perform”  
(St. John Baptiste de La Salle, Patron Saint of Teachers)*



## **OPENING SONG**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy;  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe;  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace;  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm;  
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **GREETING AND PENITENTIAL RITE**

*Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

Wisdom of Solomon, Chapter 3: verses 1-9

*The Hebrew King speaks of the destiny of those who trust in the Lord.*

read by John's daughter, Ruth



## **PSALM 18**

**Response:** *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

sung by John's sister-in-law, Patricia Hay

## **SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4: verses 13-18

*The apostle reassures the Thessalonians that we shall be with the Lord forever.*

read by John's son, Tom

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.*

*Anyone who believes in me will never die. Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

John, Chapter 12: verses 23-28

*Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat.*

## **HOMILY**

## **BIDDING PRAYERS**

read by John's brother, Anthony, and grandson, Rory



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY SONG

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

## SANCTUS

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Dei Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra, Gloria tua, Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your  
cross and resurrection, you have set us free.*

## COMMUNION RITE

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*



## **COMMUNION SONG**

I am the bread of life,  
he who comes to me shall not hunger,  
he who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me, unless the Father draws him.

*And I will raise him up (x2)*  
*And I will raise him up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the light of the world,  
and he who eats of this bread,  
he shall live for ever. (x2)

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of God  
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.

I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even if you die,  
you shall live forever.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **EULOGY**

by John's son, Nick



## **RECESSIONAL SONG**

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art! (x2)*

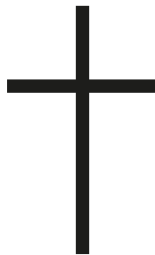
And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in:  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;  
when I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art!

## **FINAL COMMENDATION**

## **RECESSIONAL MUSIC**

Enigma Variations: Nimrod



John (Hebrew) meaning 'God is gracious'

John Francis Hay was born on 30th May 1947, in Buxton, the eldest son of Ted and Felicity. The young family lived in Sheffield until 1949, when they moved to Nottingham, by which time John's younger brother, Charles, had been born. The family was completed with the arrival of Anthony in 1953.

John attended the former St. Mary's primary school in Derby Road before being sent away, aged just 8, to a small Benedictine boarding school in the Peak District. At age 11, John went on to The Becket School in Nottingham where he would, one day, return as a teacher. He continued his studies at Loughborough University.

John met Ann Woodhead whilst she was teaching in Nottingham and John was a student, working various factory jobs to support himself. They lived in adjacent bedsits in Vickers Street and he wooed her with his culinary talents! During this time, he was Master of Ceremonies at St. Barnabas Cathedral, where he had been a parishioner, chorister and altar server.

A teaching position for Ann and a place at teacher training college for John took the young couple to South London. They lived in Blackheath and were married on 2nd August 1969 at Our Lady of Grace Church, Charlton. This year would have been their Golden Wedding Anniversary.





John and Ann returned to Nottingham in 1971. They bought the only house they ever owned and made 400 Woodborough Road their home, hoping to fill it with children. Thomas arrived on Christmas Day 1972, followed by Nicholas in 1975 and Ruth in 1978. Whilst expecting Thomas, John fully immersed himself into life in his new, local parish of St. Augustine's.

The Hay family's life revolved around the church and John was actively involved in parish life for the next 48 years. His contributions included fundraising events through parish barbecues and parish suppers; being a Eucharistic minister, a confirmation catechist, registrar duties, reading, doing the collection and count and, of course, singing! John was a man of great faith and he loved his life within the faith community of St. Augustine's. There was never doubt in John's mind about where he was heading, "all this, and heaven too!"

John's vocation as a teacher took him to many Nottingham schools, also FE colleges and teaching within the prison service. He loved teaching and sharing his knowledge with anyone and everyone. His belief and gift in storytelling aided his teaching career and allowed him to be 'a Man for All Seasons'; John could relate to anyone, quickly finding common ground with his many stories, jokes and anecdotes.

John joined the Catenian Association in the 1970s, spending many years as secretary. He was president of Nottingham 20 circle when they celebrated their 1000th meeting. He drew great faith, friendship and support from his Catenian brothers throughout his life, and he remained an active member until his death.



John was a well-known man of the community. He was heavily involved in the Nottingham Interfaith Council, dabbled in local politics, involved in Alexandra Park events, Becket Former Scholars, a regular at the Nottingham Playhouse and, of course, enjoying the pubs of Nottingham! Over the years, 'Trilby John', frequented, among others, The Coach and Horses, The Turf Tavern, Langtry's, the Rose of England and his local pub, The Duke of Cambridge, where his own silver tankard still hangs.

John absolutely loved being a Grandpa, and was very eager to become one! He was incredibly proud of all his grandchildren: Donal, Matthew, Rory, Isaac, Anna, Eli and Peter. He drew such joy from spending time with them and watching them grow.

John lived life to the full and continued to do so even when his health was deteriorating. He loved his family and was very proud of us all. Ann was the love of his life and the whole family was left devastated when she died in October 2016. Despite this, John demonstrated tremendous courage, strength, fortitude and faith during this time. He remained positive throughout his considerable health problems, retaining a zest for life and strong will to live and to love right until the end.

John was admitted to hospital in April 2019. He was very poorly, but remained eager and focused on returning home to 400. Very tragically, John had a fall on his 72nd birthday, whilst still in hospital, which resulted in his death the following day, 31st May 2019. His three children were with him to say a last goodbye, as John left us to join Ann in paradise.





We thank you all for sharing in our celebration today.  
We will take John's mortal remains for burial at Wilford Hill Cemetery.  
All are welcome to join us, if you wish.

The family would be delighted if you would gather at the  
Cottage Hotel, Easthorpe Street, Ruddington NG11 6LA for refreshments.



Donations in memory of John for  
**Nottingham City Hospital Dialysis Unit**  
and  
**St Augustine's Church.**



*“May the King of Creation bring us all to sup with Him at the eternal banquet”*

**A.W. LYMN**

*The Family Funeral Service*

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