

Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of

Francis Joseph James Brennan
'Fran'

23rd December 1963 - 1st August 2021



St Joseph's Catholic Church
Thursday 2nd September 2021
at 1.00 pm





ORDER OF SERVICE

*Burrow Beach, Sutton
County Dublin, Ireland
Fran's Birthplace*

ENTRANCE MUSIC

I'll See You Again
Westlife

EULOGY

Fran Remembered
read by Steve, brother-in-law

FIRST READING

from the letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians, Chapter 4: verses 4-9
read by Euan, great-nephew

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 102

read by Danielle, niece and goddaughter

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever. **(R.)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

from the Book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3: verses 1-8
read by Simone, niece

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Our homeland is in heaven,
from heaven comes the Saviour
we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

by Father Kevin Athaide

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John, Chapter 6: verses 37-40

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

At the end of the Gospel reading

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

by Father Frank Daley

BIDDING PRAYERS

Sean, nephew

Dear Fran, we know that you are now alongside your soulmate, Kieran, and we take great comfort from this. Both lovingly reunited with Mum, Maureen and Dad, Frank.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Jemma, niece

Fran, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and great uncle, happy and bright, a channel of light. He provided kindness and unconditional love for all his family. May this encourage us all to follow his example in living our lives with these beautiful values.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Deirdre, sister

We thank the Lord for giving us our brother, Fran. His kindness, compassion and love will be greatly missed by us all, and his many friends. Sleep tight in heaven.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Katie, niece

Lord, we pray for Uncle Fran that he may now be at peace in the Kingdom of God, and free from the pain he suffered. We pray for all his family and friends and ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to hear our prayers.

**All: Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now...

And at the hour of our death. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

by Colette and Carol, Fran's sisters

OFFERTORY HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord...

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord...



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning, bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

*But you are always close to me,
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you,
Following all your ways, Lord.*

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.
And at the midday, life seems to say,
I feel your brightness near me.
For you are always...

I watch the sunset, fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.
For you are always...

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
Waiting 'til morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest,
Only your peace is near me.
Yes, you are always...

TRIBUTE TO UNCLE FRAN
read by Jack, nephew

TRIBUTE TO UNCLE FRAN
read by Jemma, niece



POEM

read by Noel, brother

As kids we lived together,
We fought, we laughed, we cried.
We did not always show the love
That we each had inside.
We shared our dreams and plans
And some secrets too.
All the memories we share
Are what bonds us now to you.
We grew to find we have love
That is very strong today.
It's a love shared by our family
That will never fade away.
You are our brother, not by choice,
But by the nature of our births.
We could not have chosen a better one,
You were the best on earth.

FINAL COMMENDATION AND PRAYERS

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Abraham, Martin And John
by Marvin Gaye

Heartfelt thanks from Colette, Deirdre, Noel, Carol and all the family to each of you for being here to remember their brother today. Your thoughts, love, and kindness at such a sad time will be a lifetime memory.

Following the service and committal, they all warmly invite each of you to celebrate Fran's life with them at The Bell and Castle, Burton Road, Derby DE1 1TG. This is for the part of the day where you can gather to share your memories of their brother with them and each other over a bite to eat and drink.

The family's request is for memorial donations for
The Intensive Care Unit, Royal Derby Hospital
(Trust Fund No: 21170)

Donations may be left in the box provided on leaving the service, sent care of A.W. Lymn, The Family Funeral Service or left online at www.lymn.co.uk/obituaries

To Fran's many friends, we offer our sincerest thanks for being part of his life.



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