

Funeral Mass for



Mary Patricia Welsh R.I.P.

25th April 1944 - 24th March 2018



*Tuesday 17th April 2018
at 10.00 am
Our Lady and St Edward,
Gordon Road, Thorneywood,
Nottingham NG3 2LG*



Order of Service

Led by Father Jonathan Cotton



Opening Music
Queen Of My Heart by Westlife

Introduction to the Mass

Greeting the People

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

The Priest says a few words of welcome and introduction to the Service.

Penitential Rite

Repeat the following after the Priest:

Priest: Lord, have mercy ... Christ, have mercy ... Lord, have mercy ...

Priest: May Almighty God ... life everlasting. **All: Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Priest: Let us pray.

(Brief silent prayer for Mary)

Lord our God, the death of our sister Mary recalls our human condition and the brevity of our lives on earth. But for those who believe in your love, death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds that you forge in our lives. We share the faith of your Son's disciples and the hope of the children of God.

Bring the light of Jesus Christ's resurrection to this time of testing and pain as we pray for Mary and for those who love her, through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans, Chapter 14: verses 7-12

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as scripture says: by my life – it is the Lord who speaks – every knee shall bend before me and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

At the end of the Reading:

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**



The Psalm - Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green.
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make,
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill.
For thou art with me and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes,
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for ever more
my dwelling-place shall be.

Tune: Crimond

Alleluia

All: Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even if he dies he will live."**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6
All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

At the end of the Reading:

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Eulogy

by family members

Homily

by Father Jonathan Cotton



Bidding Prayers
read by the grandchildren

Response after each Prayer:
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hymn

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me.
Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

from St Patrick's Breastplate

by James Quinn

Offertory Prayers

All: Blessed be God for ever... [x2]

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts. **All: We have lifted them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right and just.**

The Preface prayer concludes with: Holy, Holy, Holy.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

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

The Communion Rite: 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,

but deliver us from evil. Amen.





Accompanying Prayers
including

**For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Lamb of God

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

After the Priest's prayer, we all say:

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Holy Communion

Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they wouldn't dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on.
Dance, then...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people, they said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on the cross to die.
Dance, then...

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone
but I am the dance and I still go on.
Dance, then...

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you live in me.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Dance, then...

Sydney Carter

Post Communion Prayer

Final Commendation and Farewell

Exhortation, followed by a Farewell Chant

Response: Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

Prayer: Concluding with: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Let us go in procession to take our sister to her place of rest.

Recessional Music

Unchained Melody by The Righteous Brothers

The procession will now move to Bulwell Cemetery for 11.30 am

At the Graveside we will Listen to

Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow? by The Shirelles



The family would like to thank everyone
for their kind words and support at this sad time.

A.W. LYMN

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