



A REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LIFE OF  
**RONALD CURZON**

13th July 1938 - 14th October 2020



Our Lady and St Thomas of Hereford Roman Catholic Church  
Thursday 5th November 2020 at 11.00 am



*'Rocket' Ron.*

*His association with Edwin Loxley spanned three decades.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## GATHERING MUSIC

Instrumental

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sister, let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**All: And grant us your salvation.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

### OPENING PRAYER

### REMEMBERING RON

Sue, Lynn and Tracey

### MUSIC TRIBUTE

Helen and Ian

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from St Paul to the Romans, Chapter 8: verses 31-35 and 37-39  
read by Megan Curzon-Manners

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22

read by Megan Curzon-Manners

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still. **R.**

My table thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows. **R.**

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forever more  
My dwelling place shall be. **R.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All stand*

### **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

It is my Father's will, says the Lord,  
That whoever believes in the Son  
Shall have eternal life,  
And that I shall raise him up on the last day.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

**All: Glory to you, O 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.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY  
Father Andrew

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL  
read by Megan Curzon-Manners

Opening priest's prayer...

Let us pray for the comfort and consolation of Ron's family,  
relatives and friends. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray that God will give us consolation, peace and encouragement  
as we continue along the journey of life. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us:  
that they may now be enjoying a Heavenly reward  
for their goodness and kindness. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For people everywhere who are grieving, that the pain they endure may not  
be too much to bear. And that they may experience consolation from Christ  
who suffered, died and rose again to eternal life. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the virtues of faith, hope and love,  
that we may be strengthened and reassured  
on our own journey through life. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**



Let us pray that God's love and strength may be strong in the hearts of the young people, that they may be inspired by the values they cherished in Ron's life, and continue those qualities in their own. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For Ron, who began eternal life with Jesus in Baptism: that our merciful and loving God will grant Ron a place of peace and light in God's heavenly Kingdom. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

We ask for the intercession of our Blessed Lady,  
Mother of Mercy, as together we say:

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

**Blessed are you among women**

**and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.**

Closing priest's prayer...

OFFERTORY HYMN

Abba Father

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

**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.**

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The Mystery of Faith.

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil.  
Graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress  
as we await the blessed hope and the coming our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

## THE PEACE

**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.**

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## COMMUNION HYMN

In Love For Me

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

SIGNS OF FAREWELL

SONG OF FAREWELL

**All: I know that my Redeemer lives,  
And on that final day of days,  
His voice shall bid me rise again:  
Unending joy, unceasing praise!  
This hope I cherish in my heart:  
To stand on earth, my flesh restored,  
And, not a stranger but a friend,  
Behold my Saviour and my Lord.**

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

In peace let us take Ron to his place of rest.  
**All: May the angels lead you into paradise:  
May the martyrs come to welcome you  
And take you to the holy city,  
The new and eternal Jerusalem.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Be Not Afraid

*The family will now move to Bramcote Crematorium,  
Serenity Chapel for the committal.*



*Reunited*



MUSIC AT THE CHAPEL  
The Wings That Fly Us Home  
John Denver

COMMITTAL



*King of Dads*



*Ron, aged 10*

Ron's family would like to thank everyone for all the kind messages of sympathy and support received at this time, and also for your presence here today, which is of great comfort.

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