

St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church

Requiem Mass to  
Celebrate the Life of

# John Francis Shepherd

11<sup>th</sup> December 1940 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
1:15pm

Mass Celebrated by Father Tom Farrell

Charter Chapel, Canley Crematorium  
2:30pm



# Order of Service

Welcome

## Opening Hymn

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail; and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**Reading**

John (3: 1-2)

**Psalm**

I Lift My Eyes To The Mountains

**Gospel**

John (14: 1-6)

**Homily**

**Offertory**

## Communion Hymn

In bread we bring you Lord, our body's' labour  
In wine we offer you our spirit's grief.  
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?  
But stand united now, in one belief.  
For we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word  
And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.  
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,  
Our life belongs to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,  
And it becomes for us our spirit's food.  
Over the cup we bring, your Word is spoken;  
Make it your gift to us, your healing blood.  
Take all that daily toil, plants in our heart's poor soil,  
Take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream.  
The chances we have missed, the graces we resist,  
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

## Recessional Hymn

*Walk with me, oh my Lord,  
Through the darkest night and brightest day  
Be at my side, oh Lord,  
Hold my hand and guide me on my way.*

Sometimes the road seems long,  
My energy is spent.  
Then Lord I think of you  
And I am given strength.

Stones often bar my path,  
And there are times I fall,  
But you are always there  
To help me when I call.

Just as you calmed the wind  
And walked upon the sea  
Conquer, my living Lord  
The storms that threaten me.

Help me to pierce the mists  
That cloud my heart and mind,  
So that I shall not fear  
The steepest mountain-side.

As once you healed the lame  
And gave sight to the blind,  
Help me when I'm downcast  
To hold my head up high.



The family would like to thank you all for attending today  
and for your cards and messages of sympathy.

Donations on behalf of John for:

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