

St George's Catholic Church, Sudbury



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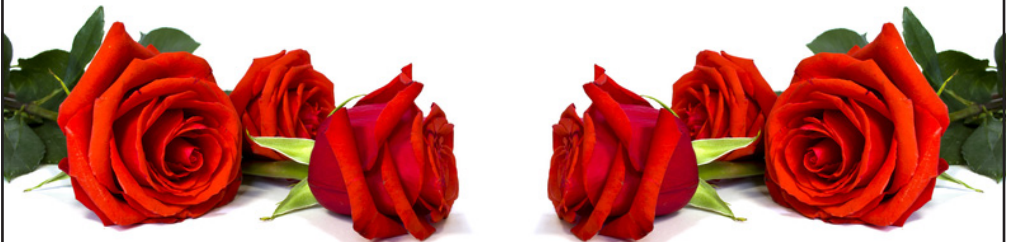
for the repose of the soul of

Anne Frances O'Connor

14th May 1940 – 12th December 2022

Monday 9th January 2023

at 11.00am



ORDER OF SERVICE

Reception of the body and placing of Christian Symbols

Opening hymn

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem buildèd here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear: o clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariots of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight;
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Collect

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9

Let us live a new life
(read by Judith Meredith)

A reading from the letter of St Pauls to the Romans.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R/.**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R/.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R/.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R/.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-35.37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ.

(read by Tessa Roots)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

STAND

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*It is my Father's will, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-6

There are many rooms in my Father's house.

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according John. **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.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

SIT

Homily

STAND

Prayers of Intercession

*(read by Amey Hutchinson, Isabella Duffy,
Anthony O'Connor, Orla Duffy, Maria O'Connor)*

Priest: Brothers and Sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church.

Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

1. We pray for all those we have loved who have died. Lord give them the reward of their goodness. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

2. For the sorrowing family, relatives, and friends of Gran Anne, that we may find strength and consolation in your Christian faith and in the love and support of this community
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

3. God of all consolation, help us to comfort one another in our grief, finding light in time of darkness, and faith in time of doubt.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

4. We pray for those here today, that our memory of Gran Anne whom we loved inspires us with a renewed love for all our sisters and brothers.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

5. We pray for all those who cared for Nana including the staff and fellow residents at Randolph House in Harrow, Anita Noble, the staff and fellow residents at Montrose Care Home in Watford, and the nurses and doctors in Watford General Hospital.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom.
We ask this through Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.
You will never sink beneath the waves.
Do not be afraid...

When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.
Do not be afraid...

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
Do not be afraid...

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.
Do not be afraid...

You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.
Do not be afraid...

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Preface dialogue

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

Sanctus

**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.**

KNEEL

Memorial Acclamation

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

STAND

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

The Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei

**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.**

KNEEL

Invitation to Holy Communion

*Catholics who are present are invited to come to receive Holy Communion.
Others present are invited to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing:
they should come to the minister with their arms crossed before them,
to make it clear that they are coming to receive the prayer of blessing.*

Ave Maria (*Schubert*)

Communion 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 peoples 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?

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?

STAND

Post-Communion Prayer

SIT

Eulogy

(Jeni Duffy and Richard O'Connor)

STAND

Final Commendation and Farewell

May angels guide you and bring you into paradise:
and may all the martyrs come forth to welcome you home;
and may they lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem.

May the angel chorus sing to welcome you,
and like Lazarus, forgotten and poor,
you shall have everlasting rest.

Final Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
'Twas God that made them all*

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colours
And made their tiny wings

The purple headed mountains
The rivers running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky

The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden
He made them every one

He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is the Almighty
Who has made all things well

**(Celebrant: Mgr. Jeremy Fairhead, Organist: Jake Scicinski,
Singer: Karlene Moreno-Hayworth)**

Crematorium
Breakspeare Crematorium
Breakspeare Road, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 7SJ

Prayer Reflection – Anita O’Connor (at the crematorium)

You can shed tears that she is gone. Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she’ll come back.
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can’t see her.
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow because of yesterday.
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she’s gone.
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can close your mind, be empty and turn back.
Or you can do what she would want, smile, open your eyes. Love and go on.

The O’Connor family invite you all to the reception and afternoon tea at:

Grange Country House
Rickmansworth Road
Northwood
HA6 2RB
From around 1.15pm to 4pm

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