



A Requiem Mass Celebrating the Life
and Repose of the Soul of

'Betty'



Mary Elizabeth Iles

21st August 1931 - 2nd July 2021

Friday 9th July 2021 at 1:00 pm
Sacred Hearts Church, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham

Entrance Hymn

Lord Of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace.
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-53)

Greeting and Sprinkling with Holy Water

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

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: In the waters of baptism Betty died with Christ and rose with him
to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

Placing of Symbols

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die,

A time to plant and a time to uproot,

A time to kill and a time to heal,

A time to tear down and a time to build,

A time to weep and a time to laugh,

A time to mourn and a time to dance,

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

A time to embrace and a time to refrain,

A time to search and a time to give up,

A time to keep and a time to throw away,

A time to tear and a time to mend,

A time to be silent and a time to speak,

A time to love and a time to hate,

A time to war and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 22

Response All: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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/

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/

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/

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

A reading from the second book of the Apocalypse 14: 13

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, "Write down: happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them".

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 6: 40

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!

The Gospel Reading

John 14: 1 - 6

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many places to live in; otherwise I would 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 to myself, so that you may be with me where I am. 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; I am Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of Intercession

Each intercession concluded with: Lord, in your mercy
followed by the response said by All: Hear our prayer.

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed are 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.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

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.

All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

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.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

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

At the conclusion of the prayer:

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Communion Rite

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching
we dare to say:

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.
Amen.

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 of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now
and for ever.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Sign of Peace

*You are invited to make a sign of peace with
a nod of the head or another similar gesture.*

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins
of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Receiving Holy Communion

*Practising Catholics may come up as directed and receive in their hand.
Everybody else is to remain in their places and receive a
spiritual blessing as directed.*

Communion Hymn

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

by Katherine Jenkins

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek,
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastien Temple

Prayer after Communion

Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister.
May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness
and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when
the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Signs of Farewell

The coffin will be sprinkled with holy water

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Priest: May she rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Priest: May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Saints of God, come to her aid!

Come to meet her, angels of the Lord!

Response All: Receive her soul and present her to God, the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to Abraham's side. **Response.**

Give her eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on her for ever. **Response.**

All-powerful and merciful God,
we commend to you Betty, your servant.

In your mercy and love,
blot out the sins she has committed
through human weakness.

In this world she has died:
let her live with you for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Priest: In peace and in prayer let us send Betty on the final stage of her
journey.

May Betty now find true happiness and rest in peace.

Recessional Hymn

Be Not Afraid

sung by Ed Jansen

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Chorus

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Chorus

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

Chorus

Bob Dufford

The family wish to thank everyone for their prayers and support.

Following the Requiem Mass, Betty will be cremated at Gloucester Crematorium at 2:30 pm. All attending the Mass, are welcome to join for the short committal, if they so wish.

Address: Gloucester Cemetery and Crematorium,
Coney Hill Road, Gloucester GL4 4PA.

The family hope to be able to offer a celebration of Betty's life later on in the year.

Any donations, in memory of Betty, for the benefit of
Alzheimer's Society
will be gratefully received and can be sent
c/o Ian George Funerals Ltd at the address overleaf.



Mernagh Blessing

Long life to you Betty Mernagh
Long did you prosper and reign
You and your family lived happily
In the beautiful lawns of Killiane.

(amended from original)



Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you
May the sun be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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