



Paddy and Jean

8th October 1938
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'reunited'

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Funeral Mass
for
'Paddy'
James Graeme Bryson

4th February 1913 – 28th September 2012



St Mary's Catholic Church
Little Crosby
Monday 8th October 2012

The Introductory Rites

Greeting

(at the door of the church)

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

All: And also with you.

(the Archbishop sprinkles the coffin with water from the Baptismal Font)

Archbishop: The Lord God lives in his holy temple yet abides in our midst.
Since in baptism Paddy became God's temple
and the Spirit of God lived in him,
with reverence we bless his mortal body.

Hymn

All: O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul,

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
when I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim; my God, how great thou art.

Then sings my soul,

Prayer

Archbishop: O God,
in whom sinners find mercy and the saints find joy,
we pray to you for our brother Paddy
whose body we honour with Christian burial,
that he may be delivered from the bonds of death,
Admit him to the joyful company of your saints
and raise him on the last day to rejoice in your presence for ever.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

Chp.14, v.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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

All: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

Ps. 129

If you, O Lord should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive
But with you is found forgiveness
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

Gospel Acclamation

All: 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

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

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

Chp. 14: vv.1-6

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.

All: Glory to you Lord.

Homily

The Prayer of the Faithful

Archbishop: Brothers and sisters,
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead:
He sits at the right hand of the Father; he intercedes for us all.
Let us join with one another in praying to God,
not only for Paddy, but for all mankind.

Reader: We pray for Paddy,
who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life.
May he now be admitted to the company of saints.
Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for our deceased relatives and friends,
and, especially, for Paddy's wife, Jean, to whom he was devoted.
Grant them an everlasting home in heaven.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those in public office.
May they promote the wellbeing of all,
from conception to natural death.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray those who serve in the armed services.
May they conduct themselves with honour and distinction,
and return safely to their homes and families.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all in public service who have been injured
in body, mind or soul.
May the society they served provide fitting and proper care
for them and their families.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all who are engaged in medical research work,
especially those seeking the causes of cancer, and cures for it.
Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the family of Paddy and Jean.
May they be consoled in their grief by the Lord,
who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all who have assembled here today.
may we be gathered together again in God's kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to pray for us all.

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

Blessed art 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.

Amen.

We pause for silent, personal, prayer

Archbishop: God of mercy,
look kindly upon your servant, Paddy,
who has set down the burden of his years.
As he served you faithfully throughout his life
may you give him the fullness of your peace and joy.
We give thanks for Paddy's long life,
now caught up in your eternal love.
We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

All: He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy follow the Master
there's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound: his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might though he with giants fight;
he will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what they say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

Invitation to Prayer

Archbishop: 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.

Archbishop: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord
for the salvation of your servant Paddy,
we beseech your mercy, that he,
who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour,
may find in him a merciful Judge.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Archbishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

Archbishop: *(Preface III for the dead)*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.
For he is the salvation of the world,
the human race,
the resurrection of the dead.
Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty
and rejoices in your presence for ever.
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

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.

Eucharistic Prayer III

Archbishop: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,
that they may become the Body and † Blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed
he himself took bread,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,

which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith.

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

Archbishop: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
with Saint James
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant Benedict our Pope,

and me your unworthy servant,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

† Remember your servant Paddy
whom you have called
from this world to yourself.
Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his,
may also be one with him in his Resurrection,
when from the earth
he will raise up in the flesh those who have died,
and transform our lowly body
after the pattern of his own glorious body.
To our departed brothers and sisters, too,
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory,
when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
For seeing you, our God, as you are,
we shall be like you for all the ages
and praise you without end,
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good. †

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.

Communion Rite

Archbishop: 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.

Archbishop: 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.

All: For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Archbishop: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Archbishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Archbishop: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*(We all offer one another a sign that expresses peace,
communion and charity.)*

Archbishop: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

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

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have mercy on us.

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

Archbishop: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your Death gave life to the world,
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins
and from every evil;
keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me
be parted from you.

Archbishop: 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.

Archbishop: May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.
(he reverently consumes the Body of Christ)
May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.
(he reverently consumes the Blood of Christ).

The distribution of Communion is now made.

During the distribution, members of St Edward's College Consort sing:

An Irish Blessing (Chilcott), and
A Gaelic Blessing (Rutter)

Prayer after Communion

Archbishop: Lord God,
whose Son left us,
in the Sacrament of his Body,
food for the journey,
mercifully grant that, strengthened by it,
our brother Paddy may come to the eternal table of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Personal Remembrance

The Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, Dame Lorna Muirhead DBE

Final Commendation

Archbishop: With faith in Jesus Christ, we must reverently bury the body of our brother.

Let us pray with confidence to God,
in whose sight all creation lives,
that he will raise up in holiness and power the mortal body of our
brother and command his soul be numbered among the blessed.

May God grant him a merciful judgement,
deliverance from death, and pardon of sin.
May Christ the Good Shepherd carry him home
to be at peace with the Father.
May he rejoice for ever in the presence of the eternal King,
and in the company of saints.

Song of Farewell

Members of St Edward's College Consort sing.

May the choirs of angels come to greet you.
May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.
May you find eternal life.

The Lord is my light and my help;
it is he who protects me from harm.
the strength of my days;
before whom should I tremble with fear?

May the choirs of angels

There is one thing I ask of the Lord;
that he grant me my heartfelt desire.
To dwell in the courts of our God
ev'ry day of my life in his presence.

May the choirs of angels

O Lord, hear my voice when I cry;
have mercy on me and give answer.
Do not cast me way in your anger,
for you are the God of my help.

May the choirs of angels

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness;
I shall dwell in the land of the living.
Hope in God, stand firm and take heart,
for place all your trust in the Lord.

May the choirs of angels

Prayer of Commendation

Archbishop: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother,
in the sure and certain hope that,
together with all who have died in Christ,
he will rise with him on the last day,
We give thanks for the blessings
which you bestowed upon him in his life:
they are signs to us of your goodness
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.
Merciful Lord,
turn toward us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to your servant
and help us who remain
to comfort one another with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ
and are with you and our brother for ever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Archbishop: In peace, let us take Paddy to his place of rest.

Recessional Hymn

All: I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test.
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her paths are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.