

Mass in celebration and thanksgiving for the life of

Rod Irving

30th August 1941 ~ 20th October 2024



Our Lady of the Annunciation
- Bishop Eton

Friday 15th November 2024

12:00 Midday

Entrance

Con te partirò - Andrea Bocelli

Cuando sono solo Sogno all'orizzonte E mancan le parole. Sì, lo so che non c'è luce In una stanza quando manca il sole, Se non ci sei tu con me, con me.	When I'm alone I dream of the horizon And I'm out of words. Yes, I know that there's no light In a bedroom when the sun is missing, If you're not there with me, with me.
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Su le finestre Mostra a tutti il mio cuore Che hai acceso, Chiudi dentro me la luce che Hai incontrato per strada	In the windows Show to everyone my heart That you've turned on, Turn off inside me the light that You've found in the street.
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Con te partirò. Paesi che non ho mai Veduto e vissuto con te, Adesso si li vivrò. Con te partirò Su navi per mari Che, io lo so, No, no, non esistono più, Con te io li vivrò.	I will leave with you. Countries that I've never Seen nor lived with you, Now I will live them. I will leave with you On ships through the seas That, I know it, Don't, don't, don't exist anymore, With you I will live them.
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Quando sei lontana Sogno all'orizzonte E mancan le parole. E io sì lo so che sei con me, con me, Tu, mia luna, tu sei qui con me. Mio sole, tu sei qui con me, Con me, con me, con me.	When you're far away I dream of the horizon And I'm out of words. And I do know you'll be with me, with me, You, my moon, you're here with me. My sun, you're here with me, With me, with me, with me.
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Con te partirò. Paesi che non ho mai Veduto e vissuto con te, Adesso si li vivrò. Con te partirò Su navi per mari Che, io lo so, No, no, non esistono più, Con te io li rivivrò.	I will leave with you. Countries that I've never Seen nor lived with you, Now I will live them. I will leave with you On ships through the seas That, I know it, Don't, don't, don't exist anymore, With you I will relive them.
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Con te partirò Su navi per mari Che, io lo so, No, no, non esistono più, Con te io li rivivrò. Con te partirò. Io con te.	I will leave with you On ships through the seas That, I know it, Don't, don't, don't exist anymore, With you I will relive them. I will leave with you I with you.
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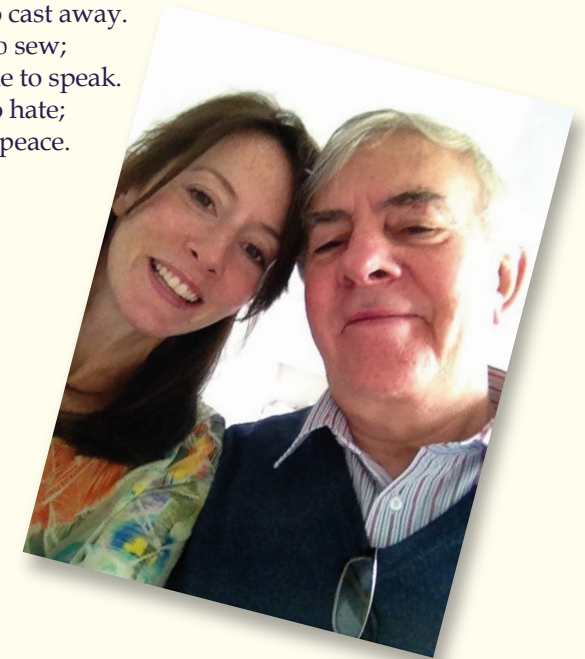
Welcome

From Father Andrew

First Reading

*A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Read by John O'Driscoll, Rod's very good friend*

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.
A time to give birth, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
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 be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.
The word of the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm

I Watch The Sunrise

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

But you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
I feel your brightness near me.

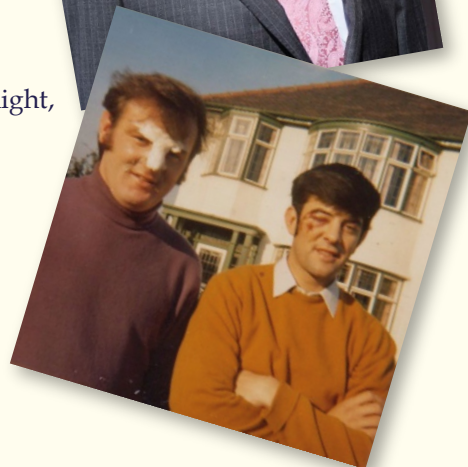
For you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunset fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.

For you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
Waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest
Only your peace is near me.

Yes, you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord.



Second Reading

*A reading from The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran
Read by Hedley Lewis, Rod's very good friend*

For what is it to die?
But to stand naked in the wind
and to melt into the sun.
And what is it to cease breathing?
But to free the breath from its restless tides,
that it may rise and expand and seek God, unencumbered.

Only when you drink from the river of silence
shall you indeed sing.
And when you have reached the mountain top,
then you shall begin to climb.
And the earth shall claim your limbs.
Then shall you truly dance.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life says the Lord:

No one can come to the father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.



Homily

Bidding Prayers

Read by Emilia and Rosie, Rod's Granddaughters

Lord we give thanks for Grandad Rod and for all the gifts he gave to us.

For his unconditional love, kindness, courage and for making us laugh so much. May he rest safe and in peace in the knowledge that his legacy of love, kindness, laughter and generosity will shine brightly in each one of us for generations to come.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Lord, we pray for those who are sick or struggling with dementia. Grant them and their families strength and courage to face the days ahead with hope and trust in your love and the love and support of their family and friends.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Lord, we ask you to bless all the generous and deeply caring medical and support staff who worked tirelessly to care for Grandad Rod during his time in Marine View Lodge. They showed limitless compassion, kindness and love and we can't thank them enough. For Jackie, Paul, Jade, Viv, June, Jeanette, Leah, Carol, Debbie and Sharon and all who cared for him, may you bless them all.

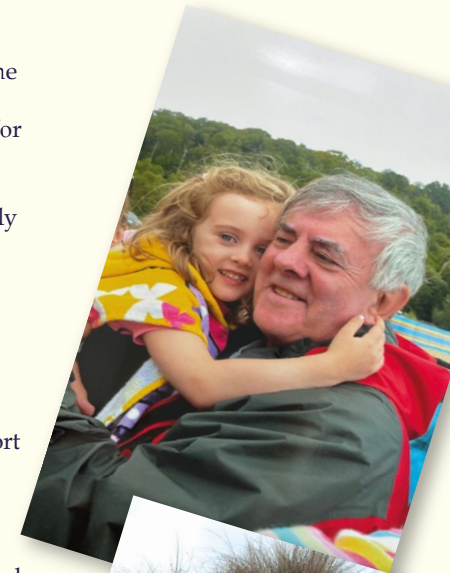
Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Lord we pray for peace and kindness in our communities and throughout the world. May the love of God fill us with compassion and understanding, helping us to bridge divides and work towards peace, equality and happiness everywhere.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Offertory Procession

Gifts of bread and wine will be brought forward by John Hennigan and Barbara Crellin, Rod's very good friends



Communion Hymn

As I Kneel Before You

As I kneel before you
As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day, make it yours
And fill me with your love

Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu

All I have I give you
Every dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord

Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu

As I kneel before you
And I see your smiling face
Every thought, every word
Is lost in your embrace

Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu

Holy Communion



Reflection

Nessun Dorma - Puccini
Sung by Luciano Pavarotti

Nessun dorma, nessun dorma.
Tu pure, o principessa,
Nella tua fredda stanza,
Guardi le stelle
Che tremano d'amore
E di speranza.

Ma il mio mistero è chiuso in me.
Il nome mio nessun saprà.
No, no, sulla tua bocca lo dirò,
Quando la luce splenderà.
Ed il mio bacio scioglierà il silenzio
Che ti fa mia.

Il nome suo nessun saprà.
E noi dovrem, ahimè, morir, morir

Dilegua, o notte.
Tramontate, stelle.
Tramontate, stelle.
All'alba vincerò.
Vincerò! Vincerò!

Nobody sleep, nobody sleep.
Even you, oh princess,
In your cold room,
Look at the stars
That shiver in love
And in hope.

But my mystery is locked in me.
Nobody will know my name.
No, no, in your mouth I'll say it,
When the light shines.
And my kiss will melt the silence
That makes you mine.

Nobody will know his name.
And we'll have to, oh! die, die.

Disappear, you night.
Fade, you stars.
Fade, you stars.
At dawn I will win.
I will win! I will win!

Prayer after Communion

Eulogy

From Liz and Kate, Rod's daughters

Final Commendation



Recessional Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior 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, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

The committal service will now follow at 1.30pm
Springwood Crematorium, Rosemary Chapel,
Springwood Avenue, Liverpool L25 7UN.



With Gratitude

Rod's family would like to thank you all for joining them to celebrate his life today. The loving messages and support from you all have been such a huge source of comfort and support over the last few years and during this very sad time.

They would be pleased if you could join them to continue the celebration of Rod's life from 2pm at
The Mansion House, Calderstones Park, Liverpool L18 3JD.

If you would like to help research into dementia, contributions to Alzheimer's Research UK would be greatly appreciated.

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