



Requiem Mass for  
**Rosemary, Lady Johnson-Ferguson**

18th July 1942 - 10th January 2021

Wednesday 3rd February 2021  
at 1.45 pm

Chapel of St Thérèse of Lisieux,  
Farleigh School,  
Andover

## Order of Mass

Celebrant: Fr Simon Everson  
Organist: Marcus Reeves

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### GREETING

*at the door of the church  
(stand)*

Priest: May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

### SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

*There is no singing due to COVID restrictions.  
the organist will play the hymns:*

**OPENING HYMN  
Lourdes Hymn**

Immaculate Mary, our hearts are on fire,  
That title so wondrous fills all our desire.

*Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, ave, Maria!*

We pray for God's glory, may His Kingdom come!  
We pray for His Vicar, our Father, and Rome.

We pray for our Mother the Church upon earth,  
And bless, sweetest Lady, the land of our birth.

For poor, sick, afflicted thy mercy we crave;  
And comfort the dying, thou light of the grave.

In grief and temptation, in joy or in pain,  
We'll ask thee, our Mother, nor seek thee in vain.

In death's solemn moment, our Mother, be nigh;  
As children of Mary, O teach us to die.

And crown thy sweet mercy with this special grace  
To behold soon in heaven God's ravishing face.

Now to God be all glory and worship for aye,  
And to God's virgin Mother an endless Ave.

**PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS**

**Book of the Gospels or Bible**

Priest: In life Rosemary cherished the Gospel of Christ.  
May Christ now greet her with these words of eternal life:

**All: Come, blessed of my Father!**

**Cross**

Priest: In baptism Rosemary received the sign of the Cross.  
**All: May she now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.**

**Rosary Beads**

Priest: In life Rosemary prayed the mystery of Christ through the Rosary.  
**All: May Christ now welcome her to the throne of grace.**

**COLLECT**

Priest:

Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son,  
who died on the Cross, was raised from the dead,  
the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Grant that through this mystery your servant Rosemary,  
who has gone to her rest in Christ,  
may share in the joy of his resurrection.

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.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*(sit)*

Isaiah, Chapter 25: verses 6-9 (The Eschatological Banquet)

Reader: Paul Johnson-Ferguson

On this mountain, the Lord Sabaoth is preparing for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of succulent food, of well-strained wines.

On this mountain he has destroyed  
the veil which veiled all peoples,  
the pall enveloping all nations.

He has destroyed death for ever.  
Lord God has wiped away the tears from every cheek;  
he has taken his people's shame away over all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

And on that day it will be said,  
'Look, this is your God,  
in him we put our hope that he would save us.  
This is the Lord, we waited for him.  
Let us exult and rejoice in his salvation.'

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

### PSALM 23

**R. 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.**

Surly 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, Chapter 6: verses 3-9  
Reader: Simon Johnson-Ferguson

Do you not realise that we who were baptised  
into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death?

So by baptism into his death we were buried with him,  
so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory,  
we too should live in newness of life.

If we have become united to him by dying a death like his,  
so we shall be united by a resurrection like his,  
in the knowledge that our former self was crucified with him  
so that the self of sin should be set aside,  
so that we should no longer be enslaved to sin.

For someone who has died has been justified from sin.  
But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall live with him too,  
knowing that Christ once raised from the dead will never die again.  
Death no longer has dominion over him.

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

**ACCLAMATION**

*(stand)*

**Response: Alleluia.**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will never die. **Alleluia.**

**THE GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me;  
and one who comes to me I will certainly not drive away,  
because I have come down from heaven  
to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Now this is the will of him who sent me  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,  
but that I should raise it up on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son  
and believes in him should have eternal life,  
and that I should raise up that person on the last day.

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

**HOMILY**

*(sit)*

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Lord, in your Mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER**

*(stand)*

Priest: Pray my brothers and sisters, 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.**

*Prayer over the offerings*

**All: Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*(stand)*

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.**

**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.**

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Priest: Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*...Doxology*

**All: Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

*(stand)*

### OUR FATHER

**All: Our Father... but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil and graciously grant us 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 wait the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### THE 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN

#### Soul of My Saviour

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
Wash me with waters gushing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,  
O blessèd Jesus, hear and answer me;  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
In death's dread moments make me only thine;  
Call me and bid me come to thee on high  
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## FINAL COMMENDATION

### WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*(sit)*

Mark Johnson-Ferguson

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

*(stand)*

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take our leave of sister Rosemary.  
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.

*(silence)*

### SIGNS OF FAREWELL

*(sprinkling and incensing of the coffin)*

### SONG OF FAREWELL

Priest: Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

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

Priest: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

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

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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

### PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Rosemary,  
in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died  
in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you have bestowed upon  
Rosemary in this 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 with our sister forever.

**All: Amen!**

### PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Priest: In peace let us take our sister to her place of rest.  
*(The symbols of the Christian life are now removed from the  
coffin by those who placed them.)*

**HYMN**  
**Hail, Queen Of Heav'n**

Hail, Queen of Heav'n, the ocean Star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below!  
Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care,  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea,  
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee;  
Remind thy Son that He has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
O thee, blest Advocate, we cry,  
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,  
And soothe with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, Star of the sea,  
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to Him who reigns above,  
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
The source of life, of grace, of love,  
Homage we pay on bended knee;  
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the sea.  
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

**POSTLUDE**

Rosemary's family would like to thank everyone who has joined them today.

Family members only will accompany Rosemary to the crematorium.

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