

**THE THREE CHURCHES of  
CHRIST THE KING, ST BRIGID'S & ST PAUL'S**

# **MASS OF MEMORIES**



**10.00am**

**Saturday 7th November 2020**

**St BRIGID'S CHURCH**

**Celebrants: Canon Matthew Jones and Father Andy Bord**

Welcome to this mass which is being streamed from St Brigid's Church.

We start by remembering by name the members of our three churches family and relatives of members of our community, who have died during the last year

*Pauline Heath*

*Paul Walker*

*Vera Callow*

*Giuseppe Antonini*

*Lorna Watermeyer*

*Paul Newsam*

*Frances Jones*

*David Norris*

*Ryan Moore*

*Susan Day*

*Stan Andrews*

*John Gardiner*

*Jane Richards*

*Gwendoline McDonagh*

*Claire Bell*

*Carol Jenkins*

*Erasmus Meletti*

*Anthony Greenman*

*Jean Hill*

*John Imperato*

*Margaret Hoffer*

*Michael Crowley*

*Ivy Church*

*David McLees*

*Maria Al Haddad*

*Maria Meletti*

*Jennifer Megahan*

*Ellen Evans*

*John Burke*

*David Rees*

*William Murphy*

*Antonio Milardi*

*Paul John*

*Letizia Schiazza*

*Theresa Young*

*Terence Widnall*

*Ted Jones*

*Bri Pearson*

*Huguette Skinner*

*Ronald Clayton*

*Prabashee Iddamalgoda*

*Gill Facey*

*John O'Brien*

*Kevin Walsh*



On the main altar behind me a candle has been lit for each of them to mark each of their lives; and a large candle to represent the lives of others whom we remember at this time of year. We take a few moments to recall all of them – however long ago they died.

## Opening Prayers

### The Liturgy of the Word

Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm 139 1-3, 7-10, 13-14

*Response:* **Lead me, O Lord, in the path of life eternal**

O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or die down,  
all my ways lie open to you. **Response**

O where can I go from your spirit,  
or where can I flee from your face?  
If I climb the heavens, you are there.  
If I lie in the grave, you are there. **Response**

If I take the wings of the dawn  
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,  
even there your hand would lead me,  
your right hand would hold me fast. **Response**

For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.

**Response**



**Gospel acclamation :** *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel John 14 : 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.



**Homily**

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

God, the almighty Father, raised Jesus his Son from the dead; with confidence in his love and goodness, we ask Him to save all his people, living and dead.

We pray for all our deceased sisters and brothers that they may be admitted to the company of the Saints in heaven.

Lord in your mercy

**Response: *Hear our prayer***

We remember those who have died in the current pandemic without family members at their side. And we remember families deprived of the opportunity to say goodbye in person or to mark the passing of a loved one with a normal funeral.

Lord in your mercy

**Response: *Hear our prayer***

We pray for all those mourning the loss of a beloved family member or friend. May they experience God's consoling love and be supported by those around them.

Lord in your mercy

**Response: *Hear our prayer***

We pray for medical staff, carers and counsellors who support the dying and reach out to the bereaved. Through their work may they provide practical and emotional support to all those they encounter.

Lord in your mercy

**Response: *Hear our prayer***

We pray for ourselves that we may be ready to support others, having the wisdom to know when we can help and when we should just listen and stand by in sympathy.

Lord in your mercy

**Response: *Hear our prayer***

Mary stood at the foot of the Cross and watched her Son die – she understands our grief. We ask her to join her prayers with ours as we say ..... **Hail Mary**

Let us pray for a few moments in silence asking for new hope even in our sorrow and putting all our needs before God.

Father hear the petitions we put before you. Grant us your blessings and your consoling love as we move forward in our lives. We make our prayer through Jesus who is Lord, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### *Offertory reflection*

We have lit candles in remembrance of those we mourn and placed them before the altar of sacrifice. Now we, who are still on our journey, prepare for the sacrifice by bringing gifts to our God, who first gave them to us.

In the gifts of bread and wine, we recall our salvation, the sacrifice of Jesus. We offer to Him our lives, our griefs, our sorrows and our pain but with them our love, our joy and our hope.

*The memorial acclamation after the consecration is:*

**We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
And profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**



## **Communion**

*After communion we join together in the Prayer of St Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

***Amen.***

## Final prayers and Blessing

For each of those named at the start of the mass a wooden heart with their name on will be placed on our memory tree in the grounds of St Brigid's Church, next to the church hall. When our churches are open again blank hearts will be available for anyone who wants to take one and add it to the memory tree in memory of a loved one. The hearts will remain there for the next month.

If you would like to donate some spring bulbs to be planted in the grounds of our Churches in memory of loved ones they can be left in the porch of St Brigid's presbytery.



The Mass has been arranged by the  
3 Churches Bereavement Support Group.

If you would like support from the Group or  
feel you could join us in reaching out the hand of friendship to others at a  
difficult time in their lives, please phone 07594217098 and leave a message  
or contact Canon Matthew Jones or Father Andy Bord at St Brigid's

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