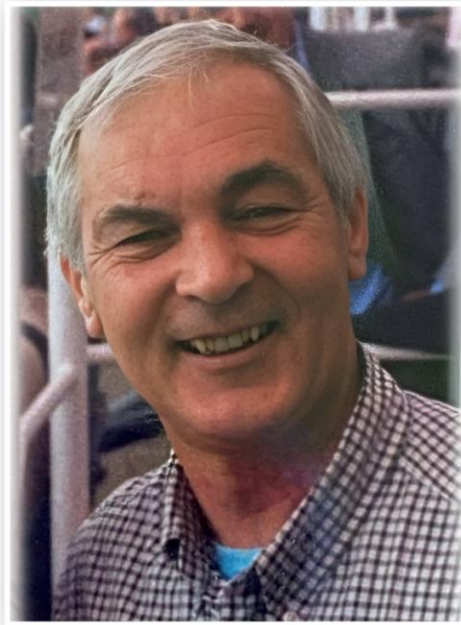


FUNERAL MASS
for
John McLoughlin

17th July 1953 – 11th May 2026



Much loved husband, father,
brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

St Peter's Catholic Church, Hove

May 26th 2026

Introductory Rites

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

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: In the waters of baptism John died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with Him eternal glory.

Entrance Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness [386 Celebration Hymnal]

Placing of the Christian Symbols on the Coffin; bible and crucifix

Celebrant: In life John cherished the Gospel of Christ. May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life: Come, blessed of my Father!

In baptism John received the sign of the cross. May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John (4:11-16)

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd sung by choir

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel John 14:1-6

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit**

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily

Bidding Prayers

We pray for John, who has died. We remember the courage and strength that John displayed throughout his long illness. He never gave up hope and never once complained. That he may be welcomed into the peace and light of God's kingdom.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

We pray for John's family and friends. That in their grief they may find comfort in one another, strength in faith, and support from the love that surrounds them today.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

We pray for all the carers, community nurses and doctors who cared for John throughout his illness. That their kindness and compassion may be richly blessed.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

We pray for parishioners who are lonely, bereaved, or suffering at this time. That they may know God's comfort and the care of those around them.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

We pray for all our deceased family members, especially John's parents, May and Jim, and beloved cousins John and Christine. That they may be united together once more in the fullness of eternal life.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

We pray to our mother Mary, who from childhood, John felt close to and carried that faith throughout his life.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst 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.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn How Great Thou Art [568 Celebration Hymnal]

Celebrant: Pray, 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 Gifts

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

At the conclusion of the Preface, all sing:

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

Celebrant: The mystery of faith

All: We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every
evil...and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: And with your spirit

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
(all offer one another the customary sign of peace)

All: Lamb of God you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us *(repeat)*
Lamb of God you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.

Celebrant: 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.

Those who are unable to receive communion are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns

Amazing Grace [40 Celebration Hymnal]

As I Kneel Before You [859 Celebration Hymnal]

Post-Communion Prayer

Eulogy

Final Commendation and Farewell

At the Conclusion

Celebrant: In peace let us take John to his place of rest.

Concluding music: Fisherman's Blues by The Waterboys.

Cath, Molly and Seamus would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their attendance today and for the overwhelming support at this time. Thanks also go to all the wonderful carers, nurses and doctors who did so much to help John.

Cath would also like to sincerely thank all the staff and governors at Cottesmore School for the kindness and support shown during her absence from school, allowing her to care for John during his last months.

Following the Mass there will a short committal service at 2.00pm at Down's Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, BN2 4DZ. Those who wish to join us for the cremation service are welcome to do so, otherwise we will see you at the Hove Deep Sea Anglers from 3pm for drinks, food and a celebration of John's life.



John's last Christmas



Molly's First Holy Communion 2006

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