

Sister Joyce-Mary Fryer osm

21st February 1938 - 4th October 2025

Requiem Mass: Thursday, 6th November 12:30



St Catherine of Alexandria Church, Littlehampton

Celebrant: Rev Boniface Akpoigbe MSP

Concelebrants: Rev Chris O'Brien osm

Rev Gerard Mitchell SJ & Rev Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ



'Well done good and faithful servant enter into the joy of the Lord'
Matt:25:23

**The Celebrants will greet the coffin at the back of the church
after which the opening hymn will be sung.**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true child;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

After the greeting the Celebrant will invite those designated to
place on the coffin the Christian symbols of a Bible, a Crucifix and
a copy of the Servite Sisters' Constitutions.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, giver of life and destroyer of death
receive your servant, Joyce-Mary
who today leaves our community to come to you.
May that light which never fades shine upon her.
While travelling the path of the Gospel,
through the darkness and labours of this world,

she lived as a follower of your Son
and dedicated herself to the service of Mary.
May she now receive eternal rest.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word.

Reading is from the First Letter of St John 3: 1-2

See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

R Show me, Lord, your way so that I may walk in your truth.

Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am faithful;
save the servant who trusts in you.

R. Show me, Lord, your way so that I may walk in your truth.

You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
Give joy to your servant, O Lord,
for to you I lift up my soul.

R. Show me, Lord, your way so that I may walk in your truth.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

R. Show me, Lord, your way so that I may walk in your truth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
You have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Gospel Mark 10:28-31

You will receive a hundredfold now in this time with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

At that time:

Peter began to say to Jesus,

‘See, we have left everything and followed you.’

Jesus said, ‘Truly, I say to you,

There is no one who has left house, or brothers or sisters,

or mother or father, or children, or lands,

for my sake and for the gospel,

who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time,

houses, brothers, and sisters

mothers, children, and lands,

with persecutions,

and in the age to come eternal life.

But many who are first will be last, and the last first.’

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

The Homily follows.

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant: We turn now to God our Father to make our prayers of intercession.

Reader:

Father, we thank you for the life of Sister Joyce-Mary and for the years we have shared with her in Servite Community. Help us now to recognise the gift she has been to us.

Lord in your Mercy.... ***Hear our prayer***

We thank you for the gifts, Joyce-Mary shared freely, especially in her multiple ministries. We pray for those whom she influenced and pray that the life lessons she imparted may have made them better citizens of the world

Lord in your Mercy... ***Hear our prayer***

Joyce-Mary was always compassionate and generous to the less fortunate and today we pray for all in our world who find life difficult and burdensome especially women and children

Lord in you Mercy.... ***Hear our prayer***

We remember with gratitude how Joyce-Mary adapted to her decreasing energy. We pray a blessing on all those who have given her wonderful care over the years, especially the staff at St Juliana's, St Richard's Hospital and latterly the staff at Norden House.

Lord in your Mercy....

We pray in thanksgiving for all the members of the family both living and dead. We remember especially those who predeceased her, her parents and her brother, George, always remembering Sister Loretta.

Lord in your Mercy... *Hear our prayer*

We ask Mary, whose Servant Joyce-Mary was, to bring her to the heavenly glory of your Kingdom.

Hail Mary....

Celebrant: God, we have made our prayers full of confidence in your mercy and faithful love. As we offer our prayers in the name of Jesus your Son, we trust that you will hear and answer us. Amen

Offertory Hymn: All that I am

All that I am, all that I do,
All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to You.
Take and sanctify these gifts
for Your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve You
is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to You.

All that I dream, all that I pray,
all that I'll ever make, I give to You today.
Take and sanctify these gifts
for Your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve You
is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to You.





*'The facts are always
friendly, every bit of evidence
one can acquire, in any area,
leads one closer to what is true.'*

Carl R Rogers 1961

*(A favourite philosophy of Sister
Joyce-Mary)*

Prayer over the Offerings:

O Lord, we offer you these gifts for our sister, Joyce-Mary. By
your power convert them into the sacrament of redemption, by
which the sins of the whole world are forgiven, and the promise of
future resurrection is given to us

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Preface for a Deceased Servite

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere
to give you thanks, through Christ our Lord.

As the destroyer of sin and death,
Christ enables his disciples, who live and conquer by grace,
to eat from the promised tree of life.

As the Lord has died for his servants,
he prepares a place for them in your house,
where Our Lady reigns and her servants rejoice.

As the merciful judge who will come at the end of time,
he carries to heaven his brothers and sisters,

born to new life,
where there will be true freedom,

a lasting treasure and undying love.

Therefore, we, too, with all the angels praise you, in joyful exultation, as we say/sing Holy Holy.....

Hymn at Holy Communion O Bread of Heaven

O Bread of Heaven! beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal;
My Jesus, dearest Treasure, hail!
I love Thee, and adoring kneel:
The loving soul by Thee is fed
With Thy own self in form of bread!

O Food of Life! Thou who dost give
The pledge of immortality!
I live;—no, 'tis not I that live,
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,
And every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of Love! that dost unite
The servant to his loving Lord!
Could I dare live, and not requite
Such love,—then death were meet reward:
I cannot live, unless to prove
Some love for such unmeasured love.

Prayer after Holy Communion:

O Lord, we have received the food of everlasting life.
May the mysteries we have shared
be of help to our sister, Joyce-Mary
who as a Servant of Mary committed herself
to witness the Gospel

and be at the service of the Church and all people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Before the Final Commendation, an Appreciation of the life of
Sister Joyce-Mary will be given.

At the end of the prayers of commendation

The Day Thou Gavest Lord is ended

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.



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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.