

Celebration of the life of

Rolly Antonio V. Obenza

12th June 1963 - 8th March 2025



Requiem Mass
ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH
18th March 2025
2.00 pm

GREETING THE PEOPLE

All make the sign of the cross as the Priest says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

HYMN

**All: I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to me
unless the father draw him.**

*And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.*

**The Bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever,
you shall live for ever.**

Chorus

**Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.**

Chorus

**I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die
you shall live for ever.**

Chorus

**Yes, Lord I believe
that you are the Christ,
the son of God
who have come into the world.**

Chorus

Suzanne Toolan R.S.M.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause

You were sent to heal the contrite:
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Priest: You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

Priest: You plead for us at the right hand of the Father:
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life

All: Amen

Priest: Let us pray:

O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant Rolly, whom you have called out of this world; and because he put his hope and trust in you, command that he be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reader: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will

always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM

Response:

All: **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Marty Haugen

PLEASE STAND

All: **Glory and praise to you, O Christ
Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says
the Lord, take your heritage, the kingdom
prepared for you since the foundation of the
world
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit**

Priest: A reading from the holy **Gospel according to St.
John**

All: **Glory to you, Lord**

Priest: At that time Jesus said to his disciples: 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms.

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, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to 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. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PLEASE SIT

EULOGY

HOMILY:

PLEASE STAND

INTERCESSIONS

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader: For Rolly, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.
Lord, hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us

Reader: For our brother, who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day
Lord, hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us

Reader: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.
Lord, hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us

Reader: For the family and friends of our brother Rolly, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus
Lord, hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us

Reader: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.
Lord, hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us

OFFERTORY

PLEASE SIT

**All: In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour.
In wine we offer you our spirit's grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?
But stand united now, in one belief.
Oh, we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word
And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith
renew,
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.**

**The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirits' food.
Over the cup we bring, your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil plants in our heart's poor
soil,
Take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed, the graces we
resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.**

Kevin Nichols (1929-2006)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever

After the Priest washes his hands he then addresses the congregation:

PLEASE STAND

Priest: 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

Priest: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Rolly, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever

All: Amen

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your

faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven we sing the hymn of your glory as without end we acclaim:

**All: 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**

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

When the Priest invites the Congregation:

Priest: The mystery of faith

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free**

When the Priest says;

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever

All: Amen

COMMUNION RITE

PLEASE STAND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: 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.**

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

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

THE RITE OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you peace, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever

All: **Amen**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: **And with your spirit**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace

AGNUS DEI

Priest: Lamb of God

All: **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**

HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE KNEEL

The priest raises the host slightly

Priest: 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,**

COMMUNION HYMN

All: *Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.

You will never sink beneath the waves.

Do not be afraid...

**When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.**

Do not be afraid...

**When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.**

Do not be afraid...

**When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.**

Do not be afraid...

**You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.**

Do not be afraid...

Gerald Markland

POST COMMUNION

PLEASE STAND

Priest: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servant Rolly, for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament, may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.

Through Christ our Lord

All: **Amen**

FINAL COMMENDATION

SONG OF FAREWELL

**I know that my Redeemer lives,
and on that final day of days,
his voice shall bid me rise again:
unending joy, unceasing praise!**

**This hope I cherish in my heart:
to stand on earth, my flesh restored,
and, not a stranger but a friend,
behold my Saviour and my Lord**

HYMN:

**All: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."**

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.**

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.**

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.**

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.**

**For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand (x 2)**

Michael Joncas b. 1951

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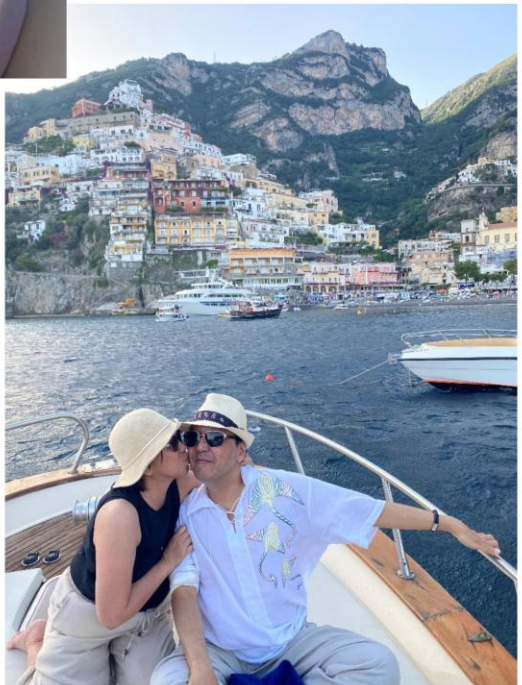
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