

Sister M.Hildegarde Walls osm (Jessie)



14 March 1936 – 25 February 2025

Requiem Mass

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 12 noon

St Catherine of Alexandria Church, Littlehampton.

Celebrant: Rev Jim Walls

Concelebrant: Rev Chris O'Brien osm

*'Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will reveal to us later.'* Romans 8:18



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

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

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, Hildegarde  
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.**

#### **A reading from The First Letter of St John (1 John 3:1-2)**

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us,  
that we should be called children of God; and so we are.  
The reason why the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.  
Beloved, we are God's children now,  
and what we will be has not yet appeared;  
but we know that when he appears we shall be like him;  
because we shall see him as he is.

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

**R** For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
For you my flesh is pining,  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

I have come before you in the sanctuary,  
To behold your strength and your glory.  
Your loving mercy is better than life;  
my lips will speak your praise **R**

I will bless you all my life;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;  
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. *R*

For you have been my strength;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand upholds me. *R*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and Praise to you, O Christ!*  
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
You have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little  
children.  
*Glory and Praise to you, O Christ!*

### **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 Hildegarde 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, Hildegarde shared freely, especially in her long teaching career. 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***

Hildegarde 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 Hildegarde adapted to her decreasing energy. We pray a blessing on all those who have given her wonderful care over the years, especially the Carers at St Juliana's and latterly 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.

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

We ask Mary, whose Servant Hildegarde 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.

*Prayer over the Offerings:*

O Lord, we offer you these gifts for our sister, Hildegarde.  
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. Holy Holy.....

*Hymn at Holy Communion 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 blessed 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.

***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, Hildegarde,  
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 Hildegarde will be given.



*At the end of the prayers of commendation and as Sister  
Hildegarde is taken to her resting place:*

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.



*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.*