

*Requiem Mass in Celebration  
of the Life of*

*Una McLaughlin*

*3rd June 1938 - 24th October 2024*

Tuesday 19th November 2024

11.30am

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rottingdean

Celebrant: Father Stephen Hardaker





## Greeting and Sprinkling with Holy Water

*The coffin is greeted at the door of the church, and sprinkled with holy water to remind us that by baptism Una became a child of God.*

### Entrance Hymn: Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord...*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord...*

### Placing of Christian Symbols

### Opening Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading: 1 Corinthians 13** (*sit*)

*Read by Maureen Francis*

If speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror: then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader:                   The word of the Lord.

All:                        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: The Lord is my Light and my Help**

*Read by Ann Knox*

The Lord is my light and my help;

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Before whom shall I shrink?

*℟: The Lord is my light and my help*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,

to live in the house of the Lord,

all the days of my life,

to savour the sweetness of the Lord,

to behold his temple. *℟:*

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;

hide not your face. *℟:*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
In the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! *R:*

**Gospel Acclamation** (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord.  
Take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you  
since the foundation of the world.  
Alleluia!

**The Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.

His disciples came to him and he began to teach them.

He said:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Priest: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily** (*sit*)

**Prayer of the Faithful** (*stand*)

*Read by Eileen Fisher*

We pray for Una and entrust her into God's care. We thank God for her long life full of faith and service to others. May God now welcome her into his heavenly kingdom.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for all of Una's family and friends, particularly those who showed her such kindness and support in her final years. May she now be reunited with her parents, brothers and sisters.  
Lord hear us.

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes, where Una spent so many happy years. May it continue to grow and thrive.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for everyone here today and those joining us online. As we reflect on Una's life, we remember her steadfast dedication to her faith. May our faith be renewed as we celebrate her life together today.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us ask our Blessed Lady to pray with us, and for us, as we say:

*Hail Mary...*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn: As I Kneel Before You

As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
And fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours.  
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,  
Present them to my Lord.

*Ave Maria...*

As I kneel before you.  
And I see your smiling face,  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace.

*Ave Maria...*

Priest: Pray 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.**



## EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

The priest says the Preface (*all join in the acclamation*):

**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. (then kneel)**

Priest: The mystery of faith:  
**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer (*all stand*)

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed  
by divine teaching, we dare to say.  
**All: Our Father, .....**  
**..... but deliver us from evil.**  
Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil.....  
**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and for ever.**  
Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles.....  
**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.

## Breaking of the Bread

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

## Invitation to Communion

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 of Priest and People

*Receiving Holy Communion is a sign of unity with the Pope and agreement with ALL that the Catholic Church teaches concerning doctrine, faith and morals. That is why it is only possible for practising Roman Catholics to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you are not a practising Roman Catholic you are most welcome to come and receive a blessing, please carry this Mass booklet with you.*

## Communion Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light:  
And where there's sadness, ever joy:  
*O Master, grant...*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## Music after Communion

*I Will Heal You - Poor Clares of Arundel*

## Prayer after Communion (stand)

**A Personal Reflection on the life of Una (sit)**  
*Delivered by Aileen Gilligan*

## FINAL COMMENDATION



## **Signs of Farewell** (*stand*)

*The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed as we sing together the following.*

## **Song of Farewell**

*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.*

The Lord is my light and my help;  
It is he who protects me from harm.  
The Lord is the strength of my days;  
Before whom should I tremble with fear?  
*May the choirs of angels...*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord;  
That He grant me my heartfelt desire.  
To dwell in the courts of our God  
Every day of my life in His presence.  
*May the choirs of angels...*

## **Prayer of Commendation**

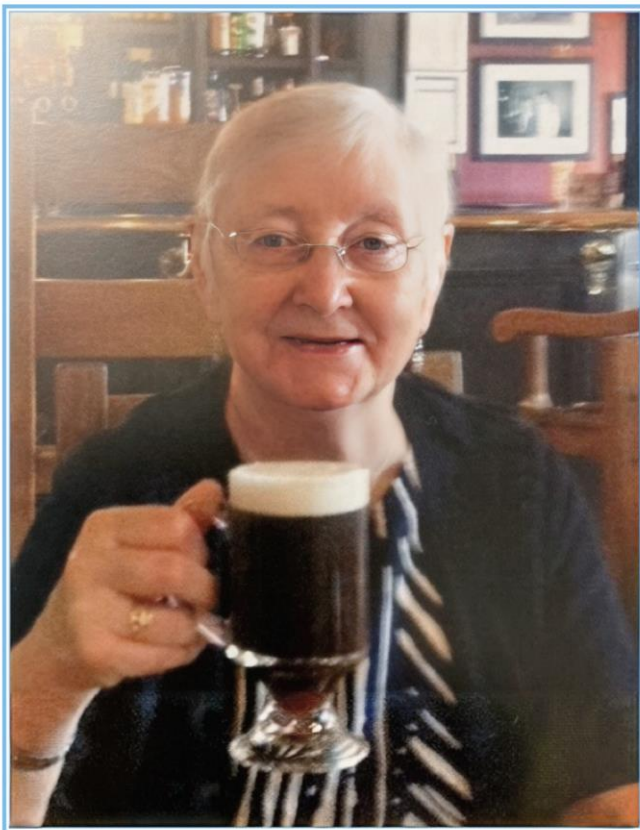
### **Procession to the Place of Committal**

### **Final Hymn: How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

And when I think that God his son not sparing,  
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:  
*Then sings my soul...*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!  
*Then sings my soul...*





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*Thank you for all the support received following the loss of Una.*

*As Una wished, there will be a short service of committal at the Downs Crematorium at 1.00pm and her ashes will be buried in the memorial garden at Our Lady of Lourdes at a later date.*

*You are all invited to join us in the parish hall this afternoon.  
All who wish to are welcome to attend the Crematorium.  
If you prefer to go straight to the parish hall, tea and coffee will be served after this Mass, followed by refreshments.*

If wished, donations in memory of Una  
for 'CAFOD' may be sent to  
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