

Mary's Funeral Mass is concelebrated by Fr Geoffrey Steel, parish priest of St Mary & St Michael's, Fr John Winstanley, Canon John Watson, and Fr David Chinnery.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Before Mass begins, "Away in a manger," will be played.

ALL RISE

Fr Geoffrey greets all who have gathered. All respond:

And with your spirit.

Penitential Litany

All repeat the refrain after the priest:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Fr Geoffrey concludes the litany with a prayer of absolution, to which all respond: **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Fr Geoffrey invites all to pray, and in silence everyone gathers their thoughts. On behalf of the whole Church, the priest intercedes for Mary and for the mourners. All make the prayer their own by acclaiming: **Amen.**

ALL SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed to the whole human race.

At the end, all give assent to God's word in the acclamation:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97:1.7-9

All repeat the response after the reader, and then after each verse.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Gospel acclamation

ALL RISE

All recite the Gospel acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I bring you news of great joy:

today a Saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia.

Luke 2:1-14

The gospel begins:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Today a Saviour has been born to you.

At the end, the gospel of Christ is acclaimed:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL SIT

Homily

Canon Watson reflects on the scripture readings, and on Christian death as a sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

General Intercessions

ALL RISE

Intercession is made for the Church and the world, for Mary and those who mourn, and for all who are gathered here today.

After each intention is announced, all pray in silence and then make the response.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Fr Geoffrey concludes the intercessions with a prayer, to which all respond: **Amen.**

ALL SIT

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebration of Mass continues in the usual way: Bread and wine are brought to the altar; God is praised and thanked in the eucharistic prayer; the consecrated bread is broken; we are nourished by the body and blood of Christ in holy communion.

When the preparation is completed, Fr Geoffrey invites all to pray.

ALL RISE, and respond to the priest's invitation:

**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.**

Fr Geoffrey leads the prayer over the gifts, to which all respond: **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

This great prayer is the centre and high point of the entire liturgy.

Fr Geoffrey leads the praise of God and gives thanks for the wonders God has done, especially for the sacrifice of Christ's death and resurrection.

The prayer begins:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The prayer includes three acclamations.

Sanctus

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.

ALL KNEEL

Mystery of Faith

The mystery of faith.

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

Great Amen

The eucharistic prayer reaches its climax in praise of God as the consecrated bread and wine are lifted up.

All make the entire prayer their own in the final great Amen.

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.

Amen.

ALL RISE

COMMUNION RITE

Preparation for holy communion begins with the Lord's Prayer; all then exchange a greeting of peace with one another; and the priest breaks the bread of the eucharist in which all who receive the sacrament share as one body.

The Lord's Prayer

Fr Geoffrey introduces the Lord's Prayer, which all recite together.

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, ...
... for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Rite of Peace

Fr Geoffrey then implores peace and unity for the Church
and for the whole human family. All respond: **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Before sharing in holy communion, all exchange greeting of
peace with those around them. You are invited to bow, or to
say "Peace be with you".

Breaking of the Bread

While the consecrated bread is being broken and the
preparations made for the distribution of communion, the
'Lamb of God' litany is prayed:

**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.**

ALL KNEEL

Communion

In silence all prepare for Communion. The priest then extends an invitation to participate in the sacred meal, and all who will receive holy communion respond with a prayer of humility taken from the gospel:

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Fr Geoffrey says to all who will receive Communion:

The Body of Christ.

All the communicants reply together:

Amen.

Before receiving holy communion, each communicant makes a bow of reverence to the sacrament.

Communion is ministered and received in silence.

Anyone unable to participate in the sacrament may request a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion, “Be still, for the presence of the Lord,” will be played.

Prayer after Communion

After a time of silent praise, the priest invites everyone to pray.

ALL RISE

Fr Geoffrey leads the prayer, and all respond: **Amen.**

FINAL COMMENDATION

Before leaving the church, the assembly commends Mary to the mercy of God.

Fr Geoffrey invites all to pray. All spend some moments in silent prayer and remembrance. Fr John sprinkles his mother's coffin with water and offers incense, during which "Guardian Angel from heaven so bright" will be played.

The liturgy in church ends with a prayer commending Mary into God's hands.

All respond: **Amen.**

During the procession from church, "All things bright and beautiful," will be played.

Burial

The burial liturgy in our parish cemetery will be presided over by Fr David Chinnery.

Please follow the family in the procession.