

In Loving Memory  
of



# Colin Swarbrick

24th February 1930 - 29th April 2021

Friday 21st May 2021 at 11.00 am  
St Mary and St Michael's Church, Garstang



## Introductory Rites

After the sign of the cross, Fr Geoffrey greets all who have gathered.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

Fr Geoffrey sprinkles the coffin with water. After words of  
introduction, he invites all to pray in silence and then leads the  
opening prayer.

Eternal God,  
you made the love of man and woman  
a sign of the bond between Christ and the Church.  
Grant mercy and peace to Colin,  
who was united in love with his wife, Marie.  
May the care and devotion of his life on earth  
find a lasting reward in heaven.  
Look kindly on his family  
as now they turn to your compassion and love.  
Strengthen their faith, and lighten their loss.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

**1 John, Chapter 3: verses 1-2**

A reading from the first letter of Saint John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called  
God's children; and that is what we are.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to  
be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is  
revealed we shall be like God because we shall see God as God really is.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Homily

Fr Geoffrey may speak briefly on the scripture, and on Christian death as a sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## Prayer over the Place of Committal

Lord Jesus Christ,  
by your own three days in the tomb,  
you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you  
and so made the grave a sign of hope  
that promises resurrection  
even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that your servant Colin may sleep here in peace  
until you awaken him to glory,  
for you are the resurrection and the life.  
Then he will see you face to face  
and in your light will see light  
and know the splendour of God,  
for you live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Committal

During the committal the coffin is lowered.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we commend Colin to Almighty God,  
and we commit his body to the ground:  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon him,  
and be gracious to him,  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon him  
and grant him peace.

## Intercessions

*Fr Geoffrey leads the prayers of intercession.*

In reverence let us pray to God, the source of all mercies.  
Gracious Lord, forgive the sins of those who have died in Christ.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Remember all the good they have done.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Welcome them into eternal life.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who mourn:  
Lord, comfort them in their grief.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lighten their sense of loss with your presence.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Increase their faith, and strengthen their hope.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray also for ourselves, on our own pilgrimage through life.  
Lord, keep us faithful in your service.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## 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.**

## Concluding Prayer

Fr Geoffrey leads the concluding prayer of the liturgy.

Lord God,  
whose days are without end  
and whose mercies beyond counting,  
keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.  
Let your spirit guide our days on earth  
in the ways of holiness and justice,  
that we may serve you in union with the whole Church,  
secure in faith, strong in hope, perfected in love.  
And when our earthly journey is ended,  
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,  
where you live for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Prayer over the People

Fr Geoffrey, with hand outstretched over the people, says:

Merciful Lord,  
you know the anguish of the sorrowful,  
you are attentive to the prayers of the humble.  
Hear your people who cry out to you in their need,  
and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Eternal rest grant unto Colin, O Lord.  
**And let perpetual light shine upon him.**

May he rest in peace.

**Amen.**

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Amen.**





Marie, David and Michael and their families would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy and kindness and for being with them today.

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