

# Requiem Mass in Loving Memory of



John Brennan

3rd August 1929 - 17th October 2008

The Church of The English Martyrs

Sparkhill, Birmingham

Tuesday 28th October 2008

10.00 a.m.

followed by interment

at Widney Manor Cemetery

at 11.30 a.m.

# Order of Service

## Entrance Hymn

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,  
casting it's shadows near.  
And on this morning bright though it be,  
I feel those shadows near me.

But you are always close to me  
following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,  
warming the earth below.  
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:  
'I feel your brightness near me.'

For you are always close to me  
following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunset fading away,  
lighting the clouds with sleep.  
And as the evening closes it's eyes,  
I feel your presence near me.

For you are always close to me  
following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,  
waiting till morning comes.  
The air is silent, earth is at rest –  
only your peace is near me.

Yes you are always close to me  
following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
following all your ways, Lord.

## First Reading

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; In other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with Him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory , we too might give a new life. But we believe having died with Christ we shall return to life With him; Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will Never die again. Death has no power over him anymore.

This is the word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

℟️ 'The Lord is my shepherd  
There is nothing I shall want'

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastured where he gives me repose.  
Near restful water he leads me to revise my drooping spirit. ℟️

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If  
I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these  
you give me comfort. ℟️

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. ℟️

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of  
my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and  
ever. ℟️

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

It is my Father's will, says the Lord,  
That whoever believes in the Son  
Shall have eternal life,  
And that I shall raise him up on the last day.  
Alleluia!

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

*There are many rooms in my Father's house*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled  
Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house:  
If there were not, I should have told you.  
I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
And after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
So that where I am you may be too.  
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going,  
so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.'

## Homily

## Bidding Prayers

John received in his baptism the seed of eternal life. May he enjoy the company of saints forever.

Lord Hear Us

*Lord Graciously Hear Us*

We thank God for our wonderful Grandad for all of his love and support,  
We thank him for the many happy times that we have shared that will stay in our hearts forever.

Lord Hear Us

*Lord Graciously Hear Us*

Let us pray for the Brennan Family and friends and grant them strength in faith and pray that the Lord may console them in their hour of need.

Lord Hear Us

*Lord Graciously Hear Us*

Let us pray for all here today and find comfort in prayer as we say goodbye to John.

Lord Hear Us

*Lord Graciously Hear Us*

## Offertory Hymn

Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the vale  
A veil of joy and peace.

When we've been there a thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we first begun.

Communion Hymn

- The Old Rugged Cross (Solo)

Eulogy

Recessional

- Cottage by The Lee





Thanks for 52 wonderful years together

Your loving wife Sheila

Sheila and family wish to thank family and friends  
for their kindness and sympathy shown at this sad time.

All are welcome to join the family at

'The Emerald Club'

Green Lane, Small Heath.



Funeral arrangements by  
C. Bastock (Funeral Directors) Ltd  
Warwick Road, Solihull.