

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of



Sunrise
5th December 1941

Sunset
7th June 2009

Maureen Ivory

Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church
Acocks Green

Thursday 18th June 2009
11.00 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. David Tams

Order of Service

Entrance Hymn

I will be with you wherever you go.
Go now throughout the world!
I will be with you in all that you say.
Go now and spread my word!

Come, walk with me on stormy waters.
Why fear? Reach out, and I'll be there.

I will be with you.....

And you, my friend, will you now leave me,
or do you know me as your Lord?

I will be with you.....

A reading from The Book of Wisdom

read by Anthony Ivory

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
No torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation;
but they are in peace.

If they experience punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;

Slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him;
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.

When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out;
as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.

They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,
and the Lord will be their King for ever.

They who trust in him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Psalm

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green. He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
read by Bernie Ivory

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, your words O Lord are spirit and love.
Alleluia, open our hearts to your word.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The Homily

Bidding Prayers

Offertory - Laura and Thomas

Offertory Hymn

*Take our bread, we ask you,
take our hearts, we love you,
take our lives, Oh Father,
we are yours, we are yours.*

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
yours as we eat the bread our hearts
can't forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread.....

Your holy people stand washed in your
blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your
food.
Poor though we are, we have brought ourselves
to you: we are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread.....

Communion

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

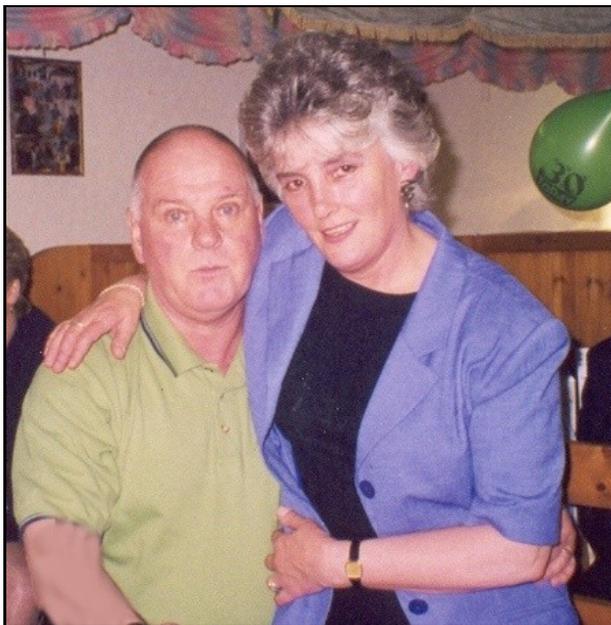
Filled with my spirit, how will you grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Bread of Life (*instrumental*)

Tributes by

- Laura Ivory (Granddaughter)
- Michael Ivory (Grandson)
- Sean Ivory (Son)



Recessional Hymn

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
casting its shadow 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.....

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

For you are always.....

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.....

The committal to take place
following this Requiem Mass at
Yardley Crematorium
at 12-30 p.m.



*We stand watching until she fades and someone says,
"she is gone!"
Gone where?
The loss of sight is in us, not in her.
Just at that moment when someone says
"she is gone"
There are others who are watching her coming.
Other voices take up the glad shout.
"Here she comes!"*



All the family would like to extend their heart felt thanks to everyone for their kind words, thoughts and prayers.



The family would like to invite you for refreshments at
‘Holy Souls Social Club’
Acocks Green to celebrate Maureen’s life.



In memory of Maureen there will be
a retiring collection in aid of
‘The Stroke Association’
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