

**REQUIEM MASS**

for the eternal repose of the soul of

**REV FR JOHN NEILL, OP OAM**

1932-2021

St Benedict's Catholic Church  
Broadway

Friday, 27 August 2021  
10:30am

Celebrant

The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher, OP  
Archbishop of Sydney

Concelebrants

Dominican Friars of St James' Priory, Glebe

Deacon

The Reverend Mr John Ting

Servers

Mr Steven Miller

Mr Chris Wolter

Eulogist

Mrs Carole Wilson

Readers

Mr Richard Aldridge

Prof Gerard Ryan

Universal Prayer

Elizabeth Flynn, MCR

Cantors

Mr Greg Howard

Mr Vi King Lim

Organist

Mr David Drury

Mass Ordinary

*Missa pro Defunctis*

## RECEPTION OF THE COFFIN

*After the coffin has been sprinkled with holy water and incensed, the priest begins:*

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

### Collect

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, to whom alone it belongs  
to administer medicine after death:  
grant, we beseech you, that the soul of your servant, John,  
having put off the contagion of this world,  
may be numbered amongst those you have redeemed.  
Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

“Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.”

## Procession into the Church

Salve Regina (Dominican Chant)

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ,  
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ,  
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle.  
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos  
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;  
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.  
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

*Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,  
Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
to you we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us;  
and after this, our exile, show unto us the  
blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

Priest: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

People: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,  
into the human body you chose to breathe a soul,  
fashioned in your likeness;  
and when, at your command, dust returns to dust,  
you gently and graciously take to yourself,  
as if from its exile in Egypt,  
that which was formed in your image,  
to be numbered among your saints and elect  
in the eternal mansions of heaven.

Your holy angels you send to greet him on the way,  
guiding him on the way of justice,  
and opening to him the gates to your glory.

Drive far from this soul, we pray you, O Lord,  
all the powers of darkness  
and recognise in him that which belongs to you.

Receive, O Lord, your own creation:  
not the work of alien gods  
but your own handiwork, the only God, living and true,  
for there is no other god but you, O Lord,  
and no work to compare with yours.

Give joy, most merciful God, to the soul of your servant,  
and glorify him in the abundance of your mercy.

Do not remember, we beg you, the sins of his past,  
the evil deeds or desires, failures of anger or excess.  
For though he may indeed have sinned,

yet never did he deny you;  
but, marked with the sign of faith,  
he faithfully worshipped you,  
who made all things, and him amongst them.  
Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## THE REQUIEM MASS

### Entrance Antiphon

*Please stand.*

Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei.  
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion, et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.  
Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
A hymn befits you, O God in Sion, and to you shall the vow be repaid in Jerusalem.  
Hear my prayer; to you all flesh will come.*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Archbishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Archbishop: Peace be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

### Message from the Prior Provincial

Very Rev Fr Anthony Walsh, OP

### Sprinkling with Holy Water

Archbishop: In the waters of baptism  
John died with Christ and rose with him to new life.  
May he now share with him eternal glory.

### Placing of the Pall

Archbishop: On the day of John's baptism he put on Christ.  
On the day of Christ's coming,  
may he be clothed with his glory.

### Placing of Christian Symbols

Archbishop: In life John shared in the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ.  
A Chalice, Breviary, Priestly Stole and Rosary Beads are now placed on his coffin.  
May Christ greet him with these words of eternal life:  
'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

## **Kyrie**

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.  
*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## **Collect**

Archbishop: Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that the soul of John, your servant and Priest,  
whom you honoured with sacred office  
while he lived in this world,  
may exult for ever in the glorious home of heaven.  
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.

People: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.  
On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The Word of the Lord.

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 22 (23)

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive 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  
for ever and ever.

Joseph Gelineau (1920-2008)

### The Second Reading



A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (4:14-5:1)

We know that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Amen.  
Alleluia!

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6)

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." With these words he breathed his last.

Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. He had not consented to what the others had planned and carried out. He came from Arimathaea, a Jewish town, and he lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid.

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, "Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he is risen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Homily

The Archbishop

## The Universal Prayer

*Please stand.*

Archbishop: Let us in faith call upon God the almighty Father, who raised Christ his Son from the dead, as we pray for the salvation of the living and the dead.

Reader: That God may establish the Christian people in faith and unity,  
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That he may console, strengthen, and bestow peace on all those grieving the loss of loved ones at this time,  
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That he may be pleased to reward the staff of St Catherine's Aged Care and Ryde Hospital for their dedication and loving attention to John,  
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That he may be pleased to admit for ever to the company of the Saints his deceased servant John, who once through Baptism received the seed of eternal life,  
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That on the last day he may raise up John, who fed on the Body of Christ, the Bread of eternal life,  
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Archbishop: May the prayer of those who cry to you benefit the soul of your servant, O Lord: free him, we pray, from all his sins and make them a sharer in your redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preparation of the Gifts

Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,  
libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum  
de poenis inferni,  
et de profundo lacu.

*Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,  
deliver the souls of all the faithful departed  
from punishments of hell,  
and from the deep lake.*

Libera eas de ore leonis,  
ne absorbeat eas tartarus,  
ne cadant in obscurum.

*Deliver them from the mouth of the lion,  
may the abyss not swallow them up,  
may they not fall into darkness.*

Sed signifer sanctus Michaël  
representet eas in lucem sanctam,  
quam olim Abrahae promisisti  
et semini eius.

*But may the holy standard-bearer Michael  
lead them to that holy light  
which you promised of old to Abraham  
and to his Seed.*

Hostias et preces tibi,  
Domine, laudis offerimus.  
Tu suscipe pro animabus illis  
quarum hodie memoriam facimus.

*Sacrifices and prayers to you,  
O Lord, we offer with praise.  
O receive them for the souls of those  
whom today we commemorate.*

Fac eas, Domine,  
de morte transire ad vitam,  
quam olim Abrahae promisisti  
et semini eius.

*Make them, O Lord,  
to pass from death to life,  
which you promised of old to Abraham  
and to his Seed.*

Archbishop: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*Please stand.*

People: **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.**

### Prayer over the Gifts

Archbishop: Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that through these holy mysteries  
John, your servant and Priest,  
may behold with clarity for ever  
what he faithfully ministered here.  
Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## **Preface I for the Dead – The Hope of the Resurrection in Christ**

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Archbishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Archbishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,  
that those saddened by the certainty of dying  
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.  
Indeed for your faithful, Lord,  
life is changed not ended,  
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,  
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

### **Sanctus**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua: Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini: Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.*

*Please kneel.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer III**

#### **Mystery of Faith**

Archbishop: The Mystery of Faith

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**“Remember Your Servant” for Eucharistic Prayer III**

Remember your servant, John  
whom you have called from this world to yourself.  
Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his,  
may also be one with him in his Resurrection,  
when from the earth he will raise up in the flesh those who have died,  
and transform our lowly body after the pattern of his own glorious body.  
To our departed brothers and sisters, too,  
and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your kingdom.  
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory,  
when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes.  
For seeing you, our God, as you are,  
we shall be like you for all the ages and praise you without end,  
through Christ our Lord,  
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

Archbishop: At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

People: **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.**

Archbishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Archbishop: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Archbishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**

### Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona ei requiem.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona ei requiem.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona ei requiem sempiternam.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant him rest.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant him rest.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant him eternal rest.*

*Please kneel.*

Archbishop: 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.

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

### **Communion Antiphon**

Lux aeterna luceat ei, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in aeternum: quia pius es.  
Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei.

*May light eternal shine upon him, O Lord, with your saints for ever, for you are gracious.  
Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

### **Thanksgiving Hymn**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest.  
Lay down, O weary one,  
lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad.  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that Light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.



Horatius Bonar (1808-89)  
Traditional English/Irish melody  
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
KINGSFOLD 86.86D

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand.*

Archbishop: Let us pray.  
Having received the Sacrament of salvation,  
we implore your kindness, O God,  
for John, your servant and Priest,  
that, as you made him a steward of your mysteries on earth,  
so you may bring him to be nourished  
by their truth and reality as unveiled in heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Eulogy**

Mrs Carole Wilson, Fr John's sister

## FINAL COMMENDATION

### Invitation to Prayer

Archbishop: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

### Signs of Farewell

### Song of Farewell

Subvenite Sancti Dei,  
Occurrite Angeli Domini:

*Saints of God, come to his aid!  
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!*

Suscipientes animam ejus:  
Offerentes eam in conspectu Altissimi.

*Receive his soul:  
Present him to God the Most High.*

Suscipiat te Christus, qui vocavit te:  
et in sinum Abrahae  
Angeli deducant te.

*May Christ, who called you, receive you;  
and angels lead you  
to the bosom of Abraham.*

Suscipientes animam ejus:  
Offerentes eam in conspectu Altissimi.

*Receive his soul:  
Present him to God the Most High.*

Requiem aeternam dona ei Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat ei.

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

Suscipientes animam ejus:  
Offerentes eam in conspectu Altissimi.

*Receive his soul:  
Present him to God the Most High.*

### Prayer of Commendation

Archbishop: Into your hands, Father of mercies,  
we commend our brother priest, John,  
in the sure and certain hope  
that, together with all who have died in Christ,  
he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings  
which you bestowed upon John in this life:  
they are signs to us of your goodness  
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord,  
turn toward us and listen to our prayers:

open the gates of paradise to your servant  
and help us who remain  
to comfort one another with assurances of faith,  
until we all meet in Christ  
and are with you and with our brother for ever.

Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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

Deacon: In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

People: **May the angels lead you into paradise;  
may the martyrs come to welcome you  
and take you to the holy city,  
the new and eternal Jerusalem.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!*  
*Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.  
Lovingly, He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord is living, death hath lost its sting.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!*  
*Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!*  
*Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)  
Adapted from George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)  
MACCABAEUS 10 11.11 11 and refrain

## AT THE GRAVE

### Introduction

Priest: My dear brothers and sisters,  
let us faithfully and lovingly remember our dear brother, John,  
whom the Lord has called from this world to himself;  
Together let us implore the mercy of our God,  
that he may grant him welcome and rest  
in the mansions of eternity.

### Scripture Reading

Reader: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him (2 Tim 2:11-12a).

### Blessing the Grave

Priest: 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 our brother 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

People: **Amen.**

*When the prayer has been said, the celebrant sprinkles the coffin and incenses it.*

### The Profession of Faith

Priest: May faith in God, our Father, in Jesus the Saviour and in the life-giving Spirit  
make us confident and strong:

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Placing the Coffin in the Grave**

Psalm 90 (91)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

It is he who will free you from the snare  
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;  
he will conceal you under his pinions  
and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness  
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right,  
you, it will never approach;  
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look  
to see how the wicked are repaid,  
you will have said: "Lord, my refuge!"  
and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall,  
no plague approach where you dwell.  
For you has he commanded his angels,  
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
On the lion and the viper you will tread  
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;  
protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you."  
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him;  
I shall let him see my saving power.

Priest: O God, the giver of life and the restorer of our human bodies,  
you invite sinners to call upon you in their need.  
Listen, then, to the prayers we pour forth for your servant, John,  
with the loving devotion of brothers and sisters.  
Deliver him from the torments of hell  
and place him among the shining ranks of your saints;  
clothe him with a robe of heavenly glory  
and with the garment of life immortal,  
to cherish for ever the pleasures of paradise.  
Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### **Entrustment to the Saints**

Priest: Together let us say the Angelic Greeting:

People: **Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.**

Priest: May the prayer of the holy Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, of our blessed father Dominic and of all the saints of our Order, united with the humble and persistent supplication of your family gathered here, plead before you, O Lord our God, on behalf of your servant, our brother, John, that he may obtain the pardon of all his sins, for he has been redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Priest: In hope of resurrection  
may our brother, John, rest in peace.  
In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### **Antiphon to St Dominic**

O Lumen Ecclesiae, Doctor Veritatis,  
Rosa Patientiae, Ebur Castitatis,  
Aquam Sapientiae propinasti gratis,  
Praedicator Gratiae, nos junge beatis.

*O Light of the Church, Doctor of Truth,  
Rose of Patience, Ivory of Chastity,  
You freely poured forth the water of wisdom,  
Preacher of Grace, unite us with the blessed.*