

Ron Cremen 1954 - 2021



Wamboral 23rd September 2021

Opening Prayer

O God,
in whom sinners find mercy and the saints find joy,
we pray to you for our husband, uncle, relative and
friend, Ron, whose body we honour with Christian
burial.

Grant that he may be delivered from the bonds of
death, admit him to the joyful company of your
saints and raise him on the last day to rejoice in your
presence for ever.

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

All: *Amen.*



First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is 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 God 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. *All: Thanks be to God*



Responsorial Psalm (Ps23)

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want

All: 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 pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit.

All: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want

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.

All: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want

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

All: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want

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.

All: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want

Gospel:

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 answered,

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily

Prayers of Intercession:

My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for Ron, but also for the church, for the world, and for ourselves.

1. Loving God, we come to you today with hearts full of gratitude for Ron’s life. Thank you, dear Lord, for the precious time we spent with him, and for all the special moments he shared with each and everyone of us. Lord hear us.

All: *Lord hear our prayer*

2. We pray for Ron’s family. May they be comforted in their loss and strengthened by their love for one another. Lord hear us.

All: *Lord hear our prayer*

3. We pray for all those who grieve the loss of loved ones. May they find peace and comfort through the compassion of others. Lord hear us.

All: *Lord hear our prayer*



Prayers of Intercession (cont):

4. We pray with thanks for all those who cared for Ron in his illness, and especially for Allison and palliative care doctors and nurses.; May they be strengthened in all that they do. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

5. We pray for people all over the world who are suffering due to the current pandemic. Be with those who are sick or have died; comfort their families; and support with your grace the health care workers and so many others who protect us and care for us during this time of crisis. May they continue to show kindness and compassion to the sick people they serve. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Fr Vince: We ask you loving God, to hear and grant these and all the prayers in our hearts. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father (Lord's prayer)

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.

Amen.

Eulogy - *Bill Robinson*

Irish Blessing - *Katie Attard*



Photo Tribute (*Ed Sheeran – Photograph*)

*Loving can hurt, loving can hurt sometimes
But it's the only thing that I know
When it gets hard, you know it can get hard sometimes
It is the only thing makes us feel alive
We keep this love in a photograph
We made these memories for ourselves
Where our eyes are never closing
Hearts are never broken
And time's forever frozen, still
So you can keep me
Inside the pocket of your ripped jeans
Holding me closer 'til our eyes meet
You won't ever be alone, wait for me to come home
Loving can heal, loving can mend your soul
And it's the only thing that I know, know
I swear it will get easier
Remember that with every piece of ya
Hmm, and it's the only thing we take with us when we die
Hmm, we keep this love in a photograph
We made these memories for ourselves
Where our eyes are never closing
Hearts were never broken
And time's forever frozen, still
So you can keep me
Inside the pocket of your ripped jeans
Holding me closer 'til our eyes meet
You won't ever be alone*

Prayers of Farewell

Before we go our separate ways, let us take our leave of our husband, uncle, relative and friend, Ron. May our farewell express our love 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.

~ Silence ~

Song of Farewell

Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.
All: *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*
Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him angels of the Lord!
All: *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*
May Christ who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.
All: *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
All: *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

Prayer over the Grave

Lord Jesus Christ,
by your own three days in the tomb,
you made holy 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 Ron may sleep here in peace
until you awaken him to glory,
for you are the resurrection and the life.
On that day 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.
All: *Amen.*



Committal

Because God has chosen to call our Ron from this life to himself, we commit his body to the earth, for we are dust and unto dust we shall return. But the Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead. So let us commend Ron to the Lord, that the Lord may embrace him in peace and raise up his body on the last day.

Casket lowered

Concluding Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. All: *Amen.*

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



With so many of Ron's friends and family unable to attend today, we will lay a flower for you during the service

(Parting Glass – High Kings)

*Of all the money that e'er I had, I've spent it in good company
And all the harm that e'er I've done, alas, it was to none but me
And all I've done for want of wit, to memory now I can't recall
So fill to me the parting glass, good night and joy be with you all
Of all the comrades that e'er I had, they are sorry for my going away
And all the sweethearts that e'er I had,
They would wish me one more day to stay
But since it falls unto my lord that I should rise and you should not
I'll gently rise and I'll softly call
Good night and joy be with you all
A man may drink and not be drunk, a man may fight and not be slain
A man may court a pretty girl and perhaps be welcomed back again
But since it has so ordered been by a time to rise and a time to fall
Come fill to me the parting glass, good night and joy be with you all
Come fill to me the parting glass, good night and joy be with you all*

On behalf of:	
Allison	Coco (our cat)
Beryl	Paul
Christine	Bill
Jo	Denis, Ian & Jeff
Katie	Friends from Middle East
Joel	Friends from Ireland
Julie	Eileen
Gail	David
Bill	Friends from TR2
Jill	John, Jessica and Lauren
Ken	Friends from golf
Kim	Friends from Matcham Valley

Blessing

May the love of God
bless and console us
and gently wipe every tear from our eyes:
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: *Amen.*

*Somewhere Over the Rainbow –
Israel Kamakawi'ole*

Amazing Grace

