Requiem Mass to Celebrate the Life of

Laurence Anthony Fagan

9th March 2018 Aged 90 Years



Funeral Mass
at Our Lady and St John, Heswall
on Thursday 22nd March 2018
at 10.00am
Followed by Interment at Landican Cemetery
at 11.30am

Celebrant: Fr Stephen Coonan

Introductory Rites

Processional Music

First Hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord (Hymn No 72)

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, With splendour He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, Our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

Opening Prayer

First Reading

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ

Psalm

The Lord's my shepherd (Crimmond)

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, Even 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 forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

Gospel

Luke 23: 44-46, 50, 52-53 & 24: 1-6 Father into your hands I commend my spirit

Homily

Prayer of the faithful

Offertory Hymn

Day is done but love unfailing (Hymn No 142)

Day is done, but love unfailing
Dwells ever here;
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,
Calms every fear.
Loving Father, none forsaking,
Take our hearts, of Love's own making,
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,
Be always near.

 Dark descends, but light unending Shines through our night; You are with us, ever lending New strength to sight:
 One in love, your truth confessing, One in hope of heaven's blessing, May we see, in love's possessing, Love's endless light!

3. Eyes will close, but you unsleeping
Watch by our side;
Death may come, in love's safekeeping
Still we abide
God of love, all evil quelling,
Sin forgiving, fear dispelling,
Stay with us, our hearts indwelling,
This eventide.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Communion Hymn Do not be afraid (Hymn No 147)

Do not be afráid, for I havé redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

A few memories of Laurence

Final Commendation

Recessional Hymn Oh the love of my Lord (Hymn No 570)

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence of all that I love here on earth. All the beauty I see he has given to me and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment have been blessed by the strength of his love. At the turn of each tide he is there at my side, and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence, and I've walked other paths, other ways. But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame, and his mercy was gentle as silence.

Recessional MusicDies Irae
from Verdi's requiem

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear

David and family wish to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy and would be pleased if you could join them at

Our Lady and St John Parish Hall, 1 Boundary Ln, Heswall CH60 5RP for refreshments following the requiem mass or following the Interment at Landican Cemetery for those wishing to attend.

Donations in memory of Laurence may be given to RNIB

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