



A Requiem Mass for

MICHAEL O'HARA



"For him, life is changed, not ended"

St. Mary's RC Church, Chipping
Tuesday 27th May
12.00 noon

**Service conducted by
Fr Benjamin Garba & Fr Barry O'Sullivan**



Fr Benjamin greets Michael's coffin at the entrance to the church and
blesses his mortal remains with these words:

**"In the waters of baptism Michael died with Christ, may he now rise
with him to eternal life."**

Procession into church followed by words of introduction.

*The Christian symbols of the Book of the Gospels and the Crucifix are placed
upon Michael's coffin.*

**In life Michael cherished the Gospel of Christ. May Christ now greet
him with these words of eternal life:
Come, blessed of my Father!**

**In baptism Michael received the sign of the cross.
May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.**

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

'Time to Say Goodbye'

Andrea Bocelli & Sarah Brightman

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

EULOGY

By Michael's daughters, Cathy & Jody

OPENING HYMN

'Jerusalem'

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountain green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

BIBLE READING

1 Corinthians 15: 51 - 57

Read by Charlotte Smith

⁵¹ Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN

'The Lord's my Shepherd'

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 no 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 READING

The Gospel according to Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Read by Fr Barry O'Sullivan

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

HOMILY

Fr Barry O'Sullivan





BIDDING PRAYERS

Read by Michael's grandchildren

PRIEST: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ His Son from the dead;
with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

READER: For Michael who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal
life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer**

READER: For our brother, Michael, who ate the body of Christ, the
bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day.

Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer**

READER: For our deceased relatives and friends, and for all who have
helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer**

READER: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again,
that they may see God face to face.

Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer**

READER: For the family of Michael, the wife, children, grandchildren –
and friends gathered here today, that they may be consoled in their
grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer**

READER: For all who are assembled here to worship in faith, that we
may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: **R. Hear our prayer**

READER: Let us now ask Mary to pray with us and for us as we say,
Hail Mary...

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

'I Watch the Sunrise'

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its 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...

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...

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN

'Guide me, O thou great Redeemer'

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my Strength and Shield,
be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
bear me through the swelling current,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

FINAL HYMN

'Tell Out, My Soul'

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

'A Mon Like Thee'

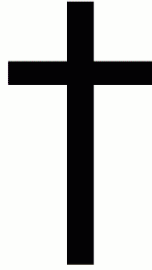
Performed by Gerry Kearns



**There will now be a private, family burial in the churchyard,
for those who accompanied Michael's coffin into church.**

**Everyone else is invited to make their way to
The Gibbon Bridge, where refreshments will be served and the
family will join them shortly, to continue to share
memories of Michael**





Michael's family warmly invite everyone to
The Gibbon Bridge, Green Lane, Chipping, PR3 2TQ

A shuttle bus service is available throughout the afternoon
to transport people to The Gibbon Bridge and then back into
Chipping when required until approx. 6.00 pm.

Michael has made arrangements for the drinks to be on him
for any thirsty locals at **The Sun Inn** and **The Tillotson's Arms**
between 6.00 pm and 9.00 pm.



Donations in memory of Michael may be made to help support local
Chipping clubs & societies:

A donation box will be available in church and also at The Gibbon Bridge

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