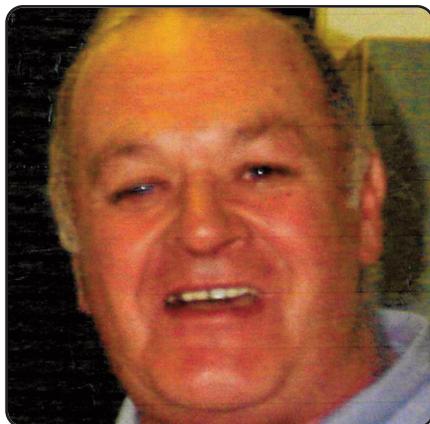




Funeral Service to celebrate the life of



## **John Joseph Murphy**

**8 September 1945 - 27 March 2021**



Service held at:

Holy Name Church, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PG

on Tuesday 27 April 2021

at 1.30pm

Celebrant: Fr. Brendan Callaghan SJ





## **Irish Blessing**

*May the road  
rise with you.*

*May the wind be  
always at your back.*

*May the sunshine  
warm upon your face.*

*May the rain fall softly on your fields  
and that until we meet again,*

*May love hold you  
in the hollow of her hand.*





**Entrance Music:**      **Irish Blessing**  
*Sister Chanh Niem*  
*(featuring Sister Ocean and Sarah Martin)*

## **Opening Prayers**

**First Reading:**      *A reading from the first letter of St John (3:1-2)*  
**We shall see him as he really is.**  
*Read by Georgia, Amos & Morris (John's Grandchildren)*

**Psalm Response:**      **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,*  
*Even 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 my comfort still.*  
*My table Thou hast furnishèd*  
*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.*

**Alleluia**





**Gospel:**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to John (17:24-26)*

**I want them to be with me where I am**

**Homily:**

*Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ*

**Bidding Prayers:**

*Read by Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ*

With faith in our risen Lord, and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers to the Father of love.

*For John 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 **Hear our prayer**

*For our brother who was fed with the body of Christ, the bread  
of life, that he may be raised up on the last day:*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

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

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

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

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

*For the family and friends of our brother John, that they may  
be consoled in their grief by the Lord:*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

*For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may  
be gathered together in God's kingdom:*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**





**The Lord's Prayer:** We pray for the coming of the Kingdom, in the words that Jesus gave us:

**All:**                   **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:**                   *Read by Elizabeth (John's Daughter)*

**Final Commendation  
and Farewell:**

*Our brother John has fallen asleep in Christ. Confident in our hope of eternal life, let us commend him to the loving mercy of our Father, and let our prayers go with him.*

*He was adopted as God's son in baptism and was nourished at the table of the Lord; may he now inherit the promise of eternal life and take his place at the table of God's children in heaven.*

*Let us pray also on our own behalf, that we who now mourn and are saddened may one day go forth with our brother to meet the Lord of life when he appears in glory.*

**Reflection Music:**   **I'll Walk With God**  
*Mario Lanza*





**Prayer of Farewell:** *As we pray our prayer of farewell, the coffin is sprinkled with the water of baptism, and incensed as a sign both of our prayers and of the holiness of John's body.*

**Saints of God, come to his aid!**

**Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!  
Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.**

**Make Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.**

**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.**

**Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.**

**Priest:** *Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother 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 each other with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ, and are with you and with our brother for ever.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** *In peace let us carry John to his place of rest.*

**Music on leaving:** **Working Man**  
*Sean Wilson*





## *A Poem for John*

Feel no guilt in laughter, he'd know how much you care.  
Feel no sorrow in a smile that he is not here to share.

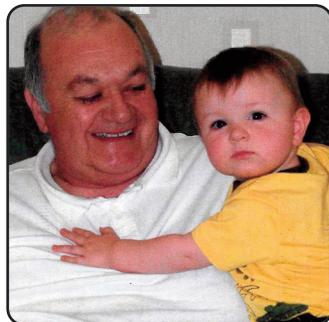
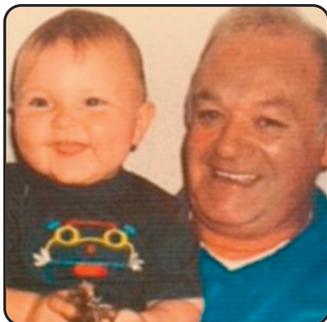
You cannot grieve forever; he would not want you to.  
He'd hope that you could carry on the way you always do.

So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared,  
The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared.

Let memories surround you, a word someone may say  
Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour a day,

That brings him back as clearly as though he were still here,  
And fills you with the feeling that he is always near.

For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart  
And he will live forever, locked safely in your heart.





**Lyn, Elizabeth, Andrew and their families**  
wish to thank you for your attendance here today and for  
the kind messages of sympathy & support.  
They also thank you for the cards of condolence and flowers  
that they have received during this difficult time.

**Internment:**  
Southern Cemetery  
212 Barlow Moor Road, Mancheser M21 7GL

