

**Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church  
Market Harborough**



**CANON OWEN O'NEILL**

6th January 1941 - 10th April 2021

*Priest of The Diocese of Nottingham*

Reception into Church & Vigil Mass  
Sunday 25th April 2021

Requiem Mass  
Monday 26th April 2021



Fr. Owen's Ordination - 1965

# *Order of Service for Vigil Mass*

*Celebrated by Fr. John Joe Maloney*

## *Reception of the Body into Church*

### **OPENING HYMN**

*We stand and listen to:*

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign  
lands and they will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Be not afraid,  
I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I shall give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you, through it all.

Blessed are your poor,  
for the Kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!

**WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:1.6-10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Psalm Response: **Show us, Lord, the path of Life**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**It is my father's will, says the Lord,**

**That whoever believes in the Son**

**Shall have eternal life**

**And that I shall raise him up on the last day**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1–6

## HOMILY

*Fr. Michael O'Donoghue*

## BIDDING PRAYERS

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*We sit and listen to:*

O the love of my lord is the essence

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.

Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry 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.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*We sit and listen to:*

Sweet heart of Jesus

Sweet heart of Jesus, fount of love and mercy,  
today we come, thy blessing to implore;  
O touch our hearts, so cold and so ungrateful,  
and make them, Lord, thine own for evermore.

*Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore,  
O make us love thee more and more.*

Sweet heart of Jesus, make us know and love thee,  
unfold to us the treasures of thy grace;  
that so our hearts, from things of earth uplifted,  
may long alone to gaze upon thy face.

Sweet heart of Jesus, make us pure and gentle,  
and teach us how to do thy blessed will;  
to follow close the print of thy dear footsteps,  
and when we fall – sweet heart, O love us still.

Sweet heart of Jesus, bless all hearts that love thee,  
and may thine own heart ever blessed be,  
bless us, dear Lord, and bless the friends we cherish,  
and keep us true to Mary and to thee.

## MARIAN ANTIPHON

Salve Regina sung by clergy

## RECESSIONAL MUSIC

*We stand and listen to:*  
Walk with me O My Lord

*Walk with me, O my Lord,  
through the darkest night and brightest day.  
Be at my side, O Lord,  
hold my hand and guide me on my way.*

Sometimes the road seems long,  
my energy is spent.  
Then, Lord, I think of you  
and I am given strength

Stones often bar my path  
and there are times I fall,  
but you are always there  
to help me when I call.

Just as you calmed the wind  
and walked upon the sea,  
conquer, my living Lord,  
the storms that threaten me.

Help me to pierce the mists  
that cloud my heart and mind,  
so that I shall not fear  
the steepest mountain-side.

As once you healed the lame  
and gave sight to the blind  
help me when I'm downcast  
to hold my head up high.

As once you have healed the lame  
and gave sight to the blind,  
help me when I'm downcast  
to hold my head up high.



# *Order of Service for Requiem Mass*

*Celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney*

## **OPENING HYMN**

*We stand and listen to:*

Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son,  
endless is the vict'ry  
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, conqu'ring Son,  
endless is the vict'ry  
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 now liveth;  
death hast lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee:  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conqu'rors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above.

## **WELCOME**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 25:6–9

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 62:2-6.8-9

Psalm Response : *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God*

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord,  
Take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you  
Since the foundation of the world.**

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1–12

### **HOMILY**

*Fr. John Joe Maloney*

## **BIDDING PRAYERS**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*We sit and listen to:*

Christ be beside me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Panis Angelicus

O Sacrament most Holy

## FINAL COMMENDATION

## PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We stand and listen to:*

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder

*Sung and played by Fr. Greg Tobin*

On behalf of Fr. Owen's family, we wish to express our grateful appreciation for all your kind words and expressions of sympathy that we have received over the last few weeks. It was lovely to hear the positive impact he had on the lives of so many.

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GO RAIBH MILE MAITH AGAIBH!

A Thousand thanks to you.

*The O'Neill Family*





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