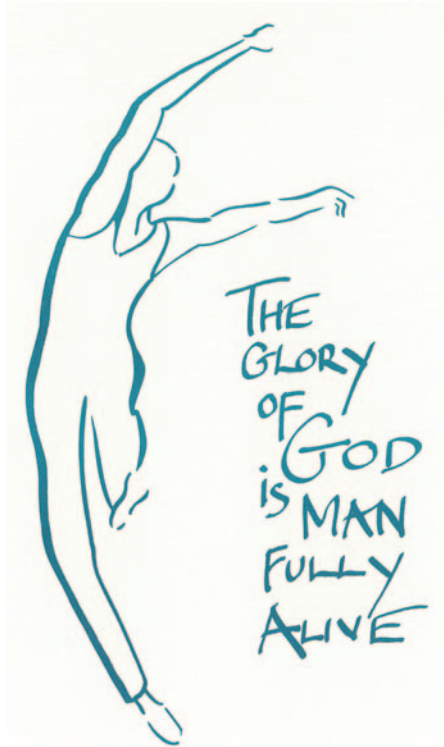


St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Requiem Mass

Reverend Father Thomas Jordan

15th January 1954 - 5th August 2020



Principal Celebrant

Rt Rev Alan Williams SM, Bishop of Brentwood

Wednesday 19th August 2020



ORDER OF SERVICE

Throughout the Order of Service, the hymns are printed for those watching and praying at home; within the church just the soloist will sing. At home, please feel welcome to join in!

Entrance Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and 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;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
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.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

Penitential Rite

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Read by Fr Tom's sister, Maria Hayzelden

Song of Songs 3: 1-4

The bride says this:
On my bed, at night, I sought him
whom my heart loves.
I sought but did not find him.

So I will rise and go through the City;
in the streets and squares
I will seek him whom my heart loves.
I sought but did not find him.

The watchmen came upon me
on their rounds in the City:
'Have you seen him whom my heart loves?
Scarcely had I passed them
than I found him whom my heart loves.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.
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As a dry and weary desert land, so my soul is thirsting for my God,
And my flesh is faint for the God I seek, For your love is more to me than life.

Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.

I think of you when at night I rest, I reflect upon your steadfast love.
I will cling to you, Oh Lord my God, in the shadow of your wings I sing.

Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.

I will bless your name all the days I live, I will raise my hands and call on you.
My joyful lips shall sing your praise, you alone have filled my hungry soul.

Oh God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.

Second Reading

Read by Fr Tom's cousin, John Gallagher

Ephesians 4: 1-7 & 11-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the piece that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. To some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20: 1-2 11-18

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb" she said "and we don't know where they have put him."

Mary stayed outside near the tomb, weeping. Then, still weeping, she stooped to look inside, and saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, the other at the feet. They said, "Woman, why are you weeping?" "They have taken my Lord away" she replied "and I don't know where they have put him." As she said this she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not recognise him. Jesus said, "Women why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and remove him." Jesus said, "Mary!" She knew him then and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbuni!" – which means Master.

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, because I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go and find the brothers, and tell them: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." So Mary of Magdala went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily Fr Dominic Howarth

Prayers of the Faithful

Read by Siobhan Marshall, Chair of Governors at St Peter's School

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

Siobhan: For Fr Tom, our brother, who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, and who served the Church as a priest, that he may be given a place in the liturgy of heaven

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer**

For Fr Tom's family, most especially his sisters Maria, Monica and Theresa, his nieces, great-nephews and great-niece, and his cousin John; for Julia; for parishioners in parishes where Fr Tom has served; and for Fr Tom's extended family in Ireland, Leeds, London and Kent, 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**

For the children and young people of the parish, and the whole community at St Peter's school, that they may be given strength by the encouragement and support offered by Fr Tom, and may know that the Lord walks with them at this difficult time.

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer**

For those who provided medical care for Fr Tom, most especially Dr Hossain, his GP for many years; his carers Vicky and Louise; and the teams at the Royal Marsden, St Francis Hospice and Queens Hospital. May the Lord bless them in their kindness, dedication and care.

Lord in your mercy

R/ Hear our prayer

For our deceased relatives and friends, most especially Fr Tom's parents Thomas and Eileen, for Sheila and Liam, for former parishioners of St Edward the Confessor Romford, and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord in your mercy

R/ Hear our prayer

In a moment of silence, we bring our personal prayers and intentions to the Lord. *(Pause)*

We unite all our prayers with the intercession of Our Lady as we pray, **Hail Mary ...**

Bishop Alan

God our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people; hear the prayers we offer for our departed brother Tom. Cleanse him and all the faithful departed of their sins, and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*“Be what you are,
be it well,
all to the Glory of God”*

St Francis de Sales

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar

O praise our great and gracious Lord,
and call upon His name;
to strains of joy tune every chord,
his mighty acts proclaim;
tell how he led his chosen race
to Canaan's promised land;
tell how his covenant of grace
unchanged shall ever stand.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,
the moving fire by night;
to guide his Israel on their way,
he made their darkness light;
and have not we a sure retreat,
a Saviour ever nigh,
the same clear light to guide our feet,
the dayspring from on high?

We, too, have manna from above,
the bread that came from heaven;
to us the same kind hand of love
hath living waters given.
A rock we have, from whence the spring
in rich abundance flows;
the rock is Christ, our Priest, our King,
who life and health bestows.

O let us prize this blessed food,
and trust our heavenly guide;
so shall we find death's fearful flood
serene as Jordan's tide,
and safely reach that happy shore,
the land of peace and rest,
where angels worship and adore
in God's own presence blest.

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Sanctus

From the *Mass of Creation*. Led by soloist.

Memorial Acclamation

From the *Mass of Creation*. Led by soloist.

Rite of Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei

From the *Mass of Creation*. Led by soloist.

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded:
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth we stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture –
in the Body and the Blood.
He will give to all the faithful
his own Self for heavenly Food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way;
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged Seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high.

Prayer after Communion

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer

Fr Phillip Denton

Sprinkling and Incensation of the Coffin

May the choir of angels come to greet you.
May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.
May you find eternal life

The Lord is my light and my help;
it is he who protects me from harm
The Lord is the strength of my days;
before whom should I tremble with fear?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord;
that he grant me my heartfelt desire.
To dwell in the courts of our God
ev'ry day of my life in his presence

O Lord, hear my voice when I cry;
have mercy on me and give answer.
Do not cast me away in Your anger;
for You are the God of my help

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness:
I shall dwell in the land of the living.
Hope in God, stand firm and take heart,
Place all your trust in the Lord.

Prayer of Commendation

Procession from the church, accompanied by Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy'

Please gather along Park End Road; the cortege will depart at 12.30pm. Those attending the burial should follow in their cars, to Romford Cemetery.



*“If you see someone
without a smile,
give them one of yours.”*

*Anonymous -
a favourite quote of Fr Tom*

Fr Tom's family would like to thank the parishioners of St Edward the Confessor, Romford, as well as those in other parishes where Fr Tom has served; together with the community of St Peter's School; priests of Brentwood Diocese; friends of Fr Tom from across the decades; altar servers, scouts, guides, cubs, brownies, beavers, rainbows; all who have helped prepare the church, and all who have taken part in today's funeral Mass, whether in person, via Livestream, or by lining Park End Road. Your presence and your prayers are deeply appreciated.

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*On behalf of the whole parish,
we thank Bishop Alan for his constant kindness
during Fr Tom's illness, for his presence today,
and for his celebration of Fr Tom's funeral Mass.*

We also thank Andrew Wright, Director of Music for the Diocese of Brentwood, for playing the organ today, and Julia Wilson-James, soloist, for leading the music so beautifully.

We thank Beth Warren and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service for the technical help in providing the Livestream, and for all of their gracious support to the parish in recent weeks.

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*Fr Tom asked for donations to be given to Cancer Research UK, marked for Prostate Cancer. These can be given via the CRUK website, or handed in at the presbytery in the week ahead.
Thank you for anything that you give.*

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The image on the front of the Order of Service is from the Carmelite Sisters in Quidenham. It is a quote from St Irenaeus that was very dear to Fr Tom, and it is the image used at both his ordination and 25th Anniversary of priesthood. The image is reprinted with the kind permission of the Carmelite Sisters.