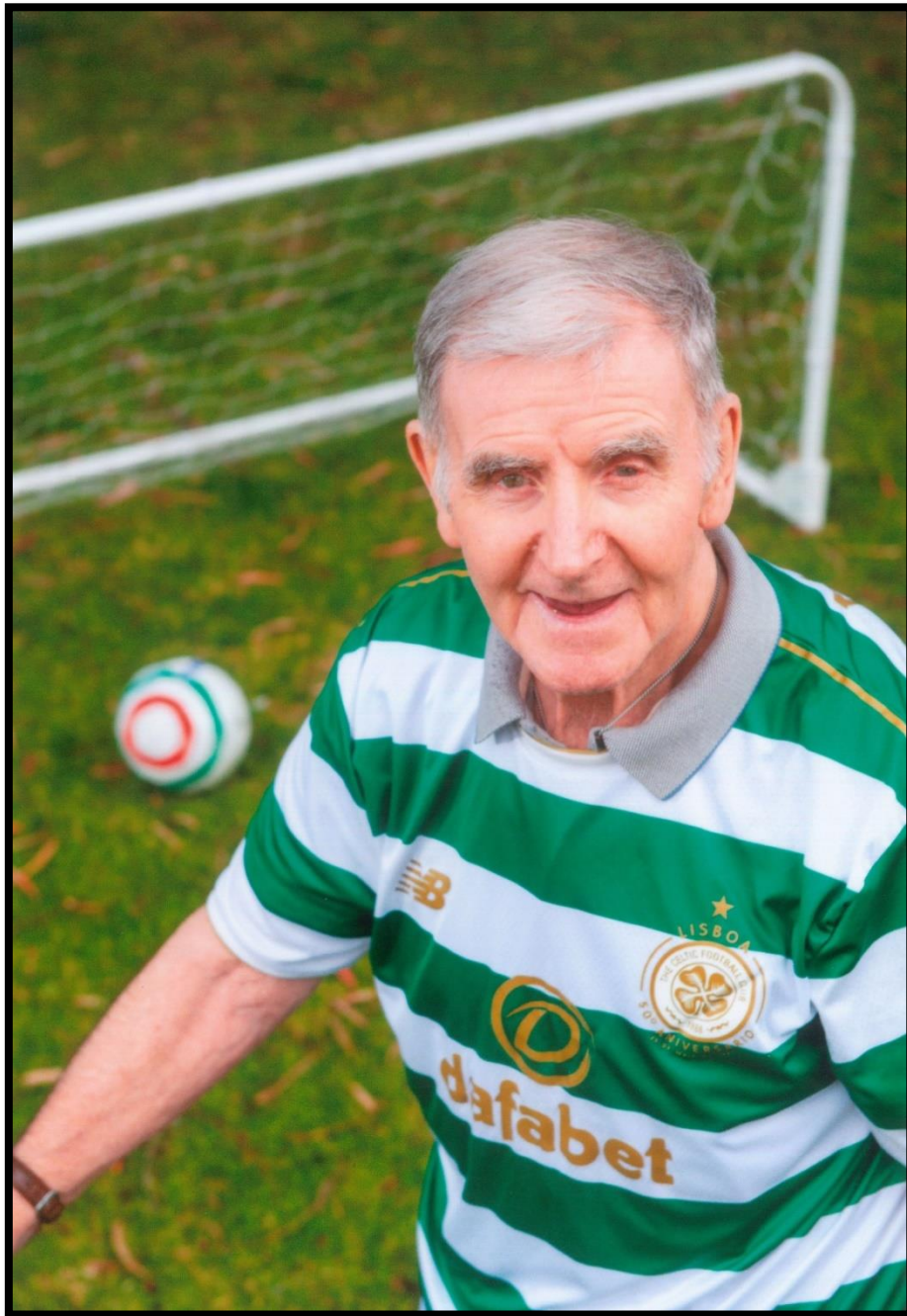


*Funeral Mass in  
Celebration of the Life of*



***Alex Byrne***

*6 June 1933 ~ 31 October 2020*

**ENTRANCE MUSIC**

**Highland Cathedral**

**(Roever and Korb)**

**WELCOME**

**BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER**

**PLACEMENT OF BAPTISMAL PALL**

Joshua

**OPENING PRAYER**

**FIRST READING**

**Wisdom 3: 1 - 9**

Amy

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,  
no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,  
their going looked like a disaster,  
their leaving us, like annihilation;  
but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it,  
their hope was rich with immortality;  
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

God has put them to the test  
and proved them worthy to be with Him;  
He has tested them like gold in a furnace,  
and accepted them as a holocaust.

When the time comes for His visitation they will shine out;  
as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.  
They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will be their king for ever.

They who trust in Him will understand the truth,  
those who are faithful will live with Him in love;  
for grace and mercy await those He has chosen.

The Word of the Lord.

*All Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL HYMN      **The Lord is My Shepherd**

(Boniwell)

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow  
wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,  
valleys and highways, He's waiting for me.

**Refrain**      *I want to go, to meet Him there,  
to lay myself down in His love.  
The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow  
wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.*

And while on the journey, to where we are going,  
He promised to be there, to help us along;  
and over the mountains, we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders, He's given to me.

**Refrain**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      **Revelation 14: 13**

**All**      *Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Happy are those who have died in the Lord.  
Let then rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL READING      **Matthew 5: 1 - 12a**

The Lord be with you.

**All**      *And with your spirit.*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All**      *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by His disciples. Then He began to speak. This is what He taught them:  
"How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you  
and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **HOMILY**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Charlotte*

Let us pray for Alex as he goes to heaven to be with his wife Eileen.  
Lord, hear us.

*All Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Taylor*

We pray for Alex’s family, relatives, and friends; that they may find strength  
knowing Alex is safe in heaven. Lord, hear us.

*All Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all of us gathered here today saying farewell to Alex. Lord, hear us.

*All Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Olivia*

We pray for Pa’s grandchildren, and we want to start off by saying thank you.  
Thank you for teaching us how to show courage and strength,  
how to love and care for people, how to always spread a smile and share a laugh  
with someone, and lastly you always taught us how important our faith is.  
We shall treasure every memory we have with you and as we grow ourselves  
may these values we have learnt from you shine through us.  
We love you Pa and will miss you always and forever. Lord, hear us.

*All Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray in a special way today for Pa’s great grandchildren, may they continue  
to grow and follow in the example of his life, as a kind, faithful, loving person.  
Lord, hear us.

*All Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Portia*

We pray for and remember the families, especially his daughters Ina and Hilda  
who couldn’t be here to see Alex go to heaven. Lord, hear us.

*All Lord, hear our prayer.*

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All        May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory  
             of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

*All        And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.

*All        We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All        It is right and just.*

## PREFACE AND SANCTUS

*All        Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
             Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
             Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

The mystery of faith.

*All        When we eat this Bread and drink this cup,  
             we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.*

## FINAL DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN

Through him, with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

*All        Amen.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*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.*

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety  
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*All For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.*

## **SIGN OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*All And with your spirit.*

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## **AGNUS DEI**

*All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*All Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

### **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

(Temple)

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love;

where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;

and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;

where there is darkness, only light;

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek

so much to be consoled as to console,

to be understood, as to understand,

to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

in giving of ourselves that we receive;

and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **EULOGY**

Angela

## **INVITATION TO PRAYER AND SONG OF FAREWELL**

Saints of God, come to his aid!

Come to meet him, angels of the Lord!

*All        Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself;

May the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

*All        Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

Give him eternal rest, O Lord,

and make your light shine upon him forever.

*All        Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**Amazing Grace**

(Newton)

*Alex's Committal Service will take place  
in the Cheltenham Cemetery (Section F)  
Port Road, Cheltenham.  
You are welcome to join his Family for the Committal Service.*

*For those not able to attend the Committal Service,  
you are invited to pay your last respects to Alex  
with rose petal tributes before the hearse departs.*



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