

Mass of Thanksgiving for

‘Pat’
Patricia Anne
Nelson

Born 25 December 1935

Died 26 May 2021

The Holy Name,

Athelstone

2 July 2021

Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Hosking S.J.

Opening Hymn

Come As You Are (Browne)

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

Welcome

Fr Peter Hosking

The Rite of Blessing

Blest be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
a gentle Father and the God of all consolation,
who comforts us in our sorrows.

In the waters of Baptism,
Patricia died with Christ and rose with him,
and was clothed in new life.

May Christ enfold her in his love and bring her to eternal life and joy.
God has made the cross of Christ a sign of victory for us
and has claimed us in his resurrection.

Help us to receive and understand the Gospel
that we may find light in our darkness and strength in our weakness.

May Patricia, whom you have called to yourself,
share the blessings of the Kingdom you have prepared for us all.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All Amen

The Placing of Symbols

Symbols are placed on the coffin that reflect Pat's life.

Eulogy

Tracey Nelson

Opening Prayer

Fr Peter Hosking

Father, God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy for us,
you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.
Show compassion to your people in their sorrow as they farewell Patricia,
knowing how much she deserves the reward of being with you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 44: 10-15

Alexandra Reid

A reading from the Book of Sirach
Here is a faithful woman whose good works have not been forgotten.
In her descendants there remains a rich inheritance born of her.
Her descendants stand by the covenants, and thanks to her,
so do her children's children.
Her offspring will last forever, her glory will not fade.
Her body will be buried in peace and her name will live
on for all generations.
The people will proclaim her wisdom,
the assembly will celebrate her praises.
The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Hymn

Do Not Be Afraid (Willcock)

*Refrain Do not be afraid I am with you
I have called you by your name, you are Mine;
I have called you by your name, you are Mine;*

The Lord is my light and my help,
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? *Refrain*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord
For this I long;
To live in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life. *Refrain*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm, and take heart;
Hope in the Lord. *Refrain*

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear friends, let us love one another,
since love is from God and everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.
Whoever fails to love does not know God, because God is love.

This is the revelation of God's love for us,
that God sent his only Son into the world that we might have life through him.

Love consists in this:

it is not we who loved God, but God loved us and sent his Son to expiate our sins.

My dear friends, if God loved us so much, we too should love one another.

No one has ever seen God,

but as long as we love one another God remains in us
and his love comes to its perfection in us.

The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

*All Alleluia Alleluia
I am the way the truth and Life
Alleluia*

Gospel

John 14: 1-6

Fr Peter Hosking

The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place I am going."

Thomas said,

"Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus said,

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Faithful

Jodie Stokes

Lord, we give thanks for the life of Pat Nelson - a woman of deep faith and conviction, whose daily life was lived with love and generosity for others.
Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Alexandra Reid

Lord, we pray that Nanny is now reunited in peace with those family members who went before her, especially her parents, brother and sister, Popeye and Phillip.
Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Christopher Nelson

Lord, as a family both near and far, we love and like each other always. We see in Mum, Nanny, Nanny Pat, a loving model of how life may be lived well for others - her great gift to us. We ask for your grace to continue to follow her example.
Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Esther Hopkins

Lord, Nanny followed her conviction for equality and love for all. We celebrate her passion and commitment to the LGBT community, especially through her work with Eldercare. Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Paul Raymond

Lord, we pray for all those who cared for Nanny during her final weeks. To the doctors and nurses who treated Nanny with dignity and respect, we give thanks. May their work and the work of all involved in healthcare continue to bring comfort to others and may they know Your grace in their vocations. Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Bill Rowlands

Lord, we ask for Your comfort on all those who grieve the loss of Pat. She will be sadly missed, but her life, well lived and much loved, was a great blessing to all of us and we are thankful. Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my sisters and brothers 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.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive our sister, Patrica into the glory of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

All Amen

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

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 Save us Saviour of the World, for by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free.*

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Peace

Breaking of Bread

The Lamb of God

Distribution of Communion

Communion Reflection

A piano piece performed by Esther Hopkins

Photo Tribute

A Celebration of Pat's life

Fields of Gold performed by Eva Cassidy

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we celebrate in this Eucharist bring our sister, Pat, the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

All Amen

COMMENDATION and FAREWELL

The coffin is blessed with Holy Water (signifying our death and resurrection through Baptism), and incensed (signifying our union with the Risen Lord).

Before we go our separate ways, let us take our leave of Patricia.
May our farewell express our affection for her, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her,
when the love of Christ, which overcomes all things, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to her aid. Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

All Receive her soul and present her to God, the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to Abraham's side

All Receive her soul and present her to God, the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto Patricia, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

All Receive her soul and present her to God, the Most High.

Prayer of Commendation

Father, into your hands we commend our sister, Patrica.
We are confident that with all those who have died in Christ she will be raised to life on the last day and live with Christ forever. We thank you for all the blessings you gave her in this life to show your fatherly care for all of us and the fellowship which is our prayer: Welcome Patricia to paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith until we meet in Christ to be with you and with Patricia forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

May the angels lead you into Paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the Holy City, the new and eternal Jerusalem. May the choir of angels welcome you. Where Lazarus is poor no longer, may you have eternal rest.

Recessional Song

The Rose performed by Westlife

*We thank all who have attended today,
in person and via the livestream,
to share in this celebration of Pat's life.
We are grateful for your prayers, love and generosity.
Your support has been of great comfort to us all.*

*Following the Requiem,
you are invited to accompany us
to the Paradise Hotel,
700 Lower North East Road, Paradise.*



The Road Home

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me – but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to friends we know
And bury your sorrows
In doing good deeds.*

Miss me – but let me go.