

Requiem Mass Celebrating the Life of



DESMOND JOHN O'BRIEN

23rd April 1930 – 4th February 2011

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kitenuí Avenue, Mt Albert

Tuesday, 8 February 2011, at 10.30am

CELEBRANT: Father Peter Prendergast
ORGANIST: Gabrielle Smith
SOLOIST: Marian O'Brien
VIOLINIST: Dave Harrop



OPENING HYMN **Here I Am, Lord**

I the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

I the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

WELCOME: John O'Brien

OPENING BLESSING

MEMORIES: Joan O'Brien
Becky Sayers
Joanne Darey
Polly O'Brien
Rachel O'Brien
Terry O'Brien

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: "Remember Me" – Christina Rossetti
Emma Smith

SECOND READING: From the Second Letter of St Paul
to Timothy:
Sam Bunge

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: *Thanks to be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *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
E'en 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 me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
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 for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

ALLELUIA VERSE:

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Give praise to His name.*

GOSPEL:

John 14: 1-6

Priest:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Priest:

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John.

People:

Glory to you, Lord.

At end

Priest:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY:

Fr Peter Prendergast

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Kahlia Pai
Ethan Sayers
Ella O'Brien
Nico O'Brien
Leon O'Brien
Sylvie Blake-O'Brien

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE:

Annette O'Sullivan
Des's grandchildren
and great-grandchildren

OFFERTORY HYMN: **The Servant Song**

Brother, Sister, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey
We're together on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

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

People: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the
praise and glory of His name for our good and the good
of all His holy church.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE PREFACE

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Priest: Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The Preface continues. At the conclusion ...

People: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
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.*

After the words of the Last Supper:

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
People: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have
set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

At the conclusion of the Prayer:

Priest: Through him and 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.
People: *Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen. (repeat)*

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER:

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name
Your kingdom come, Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil

People:

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

Priest:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People:

And also with you.

*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.*

Priest:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of
the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

People:

*Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only
say the word and I shall be healed.*

HYMN:

Soul of My Saviour

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign
In death's drear moments make me only thine
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

HYMN:

I am the Bread of Life

I am the Bread of life;
They who come to me shall not hunger;
They who believe in me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to me unless the Father draws them.

Chorus:
And I will raise them up
And I will raise them up
And I will raise them up
On the last day.

The Bread that I give
Is my flesh for the life of the world;
And they who eat of this bread
Eat it forever, they shall live forever.

Chorus

I am the Resurrection
I am the Life
They who believe in me
Even if they die, they shall live forever.

Chorus

Yes, Lord, I believe
That you are the Christ
The son of God
Who has come into the world.

Chorus

HYMN: "Panis Angelicus" Marian O'Brien, soloist
Dave Harrop, violinist

FINAL BLESSING AND COMMENDATION

FAREWELL PRAYER:

Come to His Aid, O Saints of God

Come to his aid, O saints of God,
Come meet him angels of the Lord.
Receive his soul, O Holy Ones,
Present him now to God, Most High.

May Christ who called you, take you home,
And angels lead you to Abraham.
Receive his soul, O Holy Ones,
Present him now to God, Most High.

Give him eternal rest, O Lord,
May light unending shine on him.
Receive his soul, O Holy Ones,
Present him now to God, Most High.

I know that my Redeemer lives,
The last day I shall rise again.
Receive his soul, O Holy Ones,
Present him now to God, Most High.

FALLBEARERS:

John O'Brien
Kevin Bruce
Sam Bunge
Daniel Smith
Gus Bunge
Henry Bunge



FINAL HYMN:

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Chorus

*Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he
And I'll lead you all
Wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee
But they would not dance and wouldn't follow me
I danced for the fishermen
For James and John
They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
But the holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung me on high
And left me there on a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body
And they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leaped up high
I am the life that'll never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Joan and family thank you for being here today and
extend a warm invitation to join them for refreshments
at the family home, 6/44 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, either
after the Mass or after the burial at Waikumete Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Stroke Foundation,
PO Box 65371 Mairangi Bay, would be appreciated.


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