

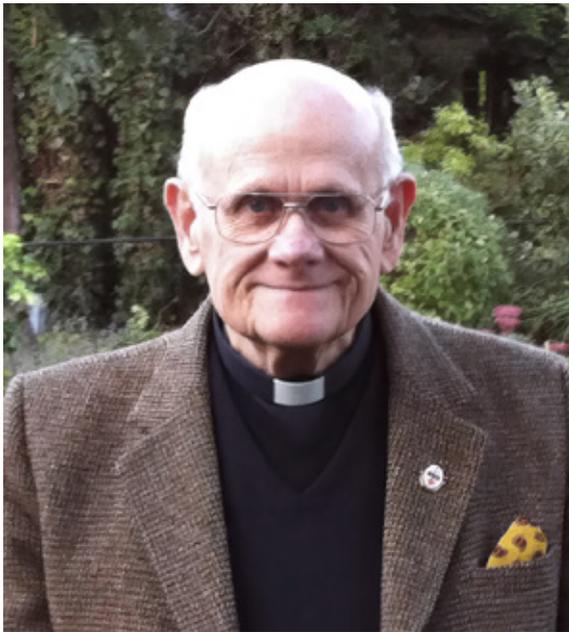


Requiem Mass for

The Reverend

Brian Alvan Gill

Priest of the Personal Ordinariate of
Our Lady of Walsingham



15th Nov 1935 – 2nd December 2023

The Church of St. Ethelbert Leominster

Tuesday 19th December 2pm

According to Divine Worship: The Missal

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn

1 Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley 1707-88

Introit Rest Eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The People respond **Amen.**

Then the Priest says the Collect for Purity, followed by the Kyrie eleison

Mgr Newton
People

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.
Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT

Mgr Newton
People

Peace be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord, who did cause thy servant Brian for whom we pray to enjoy the office of priest after the order of thine apostles; Grant unto him, we beseech thee; finally to rejoice in the company of those thy saints in heaven whose ministry he did sometime share on earth, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God World without end.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

Epistle— St Paul's letter to the Colossians chapter 1, verses 15-20

At the conclusion, the reader says

People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 23 follows please remain seated

R. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want:

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters:

He restores my soul

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his names sake. **R.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
For you are with me;
Your rod and your staff,
They comfort me **R.**

You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil,
My cup overflows. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

THE GOSPEL

All standing, the Deacon or Priest proclaims the Gospel:

People The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John, chapter 14, verses 1-6
& 27

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel, the Deacon or Priest sings or says:

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

All sit

The Homily
The Revd Monsignor Robert Mercer C.R.
Priest of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

The Prayers of the People

For the Prayers of the Faithful, these or other prayers may be used:

Almighty God, who has knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church throughout the world, thy light and thy peace. Amen.

Grant that all who have been baptised into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Brian to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him, according to the favour which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and with the blessed Virgin Mary and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Penitential Rite

The Priest says

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and
intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of
God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession
to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

The People kneel or sit.

Mgr Newton Almighty God,

People

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our
manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed,
against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath
and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our
misdoings; the remembrance of them
is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Mgr Newton May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

An Offertory Sentence
may be said

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As the altar and offerings are prepared, an Offertory Hymn will be sung.

Offertory Hymn

1 Stay still mankind and pause awhile
And see a glorious sight.
With eyes of faith see angel hosts
In floods of silver light.
With ears of faith above the dim
Of earthly sad lament,
Hear songs of praise the angels sing
In utter wonderment.
All glory to God on high.

2 A mother, pale from child-birth pain,
Bends o'er her little boy,
The angle's promise now fulfilled
Gives Mary's heart true joy.
The faithless man thinks this is but
An ordinary sight,
And deems it as another birth
Belonging to the night.
Have mercy on them, O Lord.

3 But here is light and here is Love,
And here is man's true Life,
For He is God-made-man come down
To save mankind from strife;
To save us from the power of sin,
From death to set us free,
To save us from all bondages,
To live eternally.
All Glory to God on high.

4 With hearts of faith know here your God
And bow before your King;
Prostrate yourself with joy and awe,
And with the angels sing:
"All Glory, Glory be to God,"
From all on earth and heav'n,
Help us to live in love and peace,
Forgive, and be forgiven.
All Glory to God on high.

by Rev'd B.A. Gill, 1988, Music by Adrian Williams

Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God,
the Father almighty.

The People stand and respond:

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands,
for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church.**

The Prayer over the Offerings

Then the Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings

Receive O Lord, we beseech thee, this our sacrifice for the soul of thy servant Brian,
that, forasmuch as in this life thou didst give him the dignity of the priesthood; so thou
wouldest bid him to be joined in the company of the saints in thy priesthood heavenly
kingdom, though Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

Mgr Newton The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

People Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

People Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

The Priest sings or says the Preface, concluding

.....Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying,

People **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**✠ Blessed is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People kneel. The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer
with the Institution Narrative and then acclaim:*

People The mystery of faith:
**When we eat this Bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim thy Death, O Lord,
until thou come again.**

The Mgr Newton concludes the Eucharistic Prayer

.....by whom and with whom and in whom, to thee,
O Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory throughout all ages, world
without end.

People **Amen.**

The People stand.

The Communion Rite

Mgr Newton As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

People 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.**

Mgr Newton Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favourably grant peace in our days, that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

People **For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Mgr Newton O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

The People may offer one another a sign of peace

As the Priest takes the Host and breaks it, and says:

People Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The People sit or kneel and the Agnus Dei is sung or said

O Lamb of God, that takest away
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us
O Lamb of God, that takest away
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away
the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Then the Priest says with all who shall receive Communion:

**We do not presume to come
to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord
whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies
may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

The Priest takes the Host and says aloud:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him that taketh away
the sins of the world. Blessed are those
who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The People respond:

**Lord, I am not worthy
that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only,
and my soul shall be healed.**

Those who are not in full communion with the Catholic Church or do not wish to receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms across your chest will indicate to the priests you would like to receive a blessing.

Communion Antiphon

Let light eternal shine O Lord, upon them, for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou are gracious.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. For endless ages with thy blessed ones: for thou are gracious

The Priest receives Communion. Then he delivers the Sacrament to the Ministers and to the People with these words:

The Body [Blood] of Christ.

The communicant responds: **Amen.**

During Communion music will be played

Post-Communion HYMN

1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

2 O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen

Then the Priest standing and all say the following:

**Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us,
in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favour
and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom,
by the merits of the most precious death
and passion of thy dear Son.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared
for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.**

Mgr Newton

Let us pray.

Grant we beseech thee, O Lord that the prayers, which we have offered for the soul of thy servant and priest Brian, may effectually obtain for him the pardon of thy mercy; that as he hath ever put his hope and confidence in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, so he may attain to his perpetual fellowship in heaven, through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

EULOGY *please sit*

Absolution at the Bier

The Celebrant stands at the head of the coffin.

Celebrant: The sorrow of death compassed me
People: **and the pains of hell came about me.**

People: Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified, except thou grant unto us remission of all our sins. Therefore, we beseech thee, let not the sentence of thy judgement fall upon him, whom the faithful prayer of Christian people commendeth unto thee: but by the succour of thy grace let him, who, while he lived, was sealed with the sign of the Holy Trinity, be found worthy to escape avenging judgement. Through Christ our Lord.

During Sprinkling with Holy Water and the Censing the following is sung:

The Russian Contakion

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
Where sorrow and pain are no more;
Neither sighing but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, and the creator and maker of man:
And we are mortal formed from the dust of earth,
And unto earth shall we return: for so thou didst ordain,
When thou created me saying:
“Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return.”
All we go down to the dust;
And weeping o’er the grave we make our song:
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
Where sorrow and pain are no more;
Neither sighing but life everlasting.

Final Commendation and Committal

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Celebrant asks those present to pray for the soul of the deceased, saying:

For the soul of Brian and for the souls of all the faithful departed let us pray to God our heavenly Father:

People: **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. Amen.**

People: Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord;
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

People: Grant unto him eternal rest;
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

People: We believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord;
in the land of the living.

People: O Lord, hear our prayer;
and let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

Incline thine ear, O Lord, to our prayers, as we entreat thy mercy, that the soul of thy servant, which thou hast commanded to depart from this world, may be brought unto the country of peace and light, and made a partaker in the company of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In Paradisum

**Into paradise may the angels lead thee.
At thy coming may the martyrs receive thee,
and lead thee into the holy city, Jerusalem.
May the chorus of angels receive thee,
and with Lazarus once a beggar,
mayest thou have eternal rest. Amen**

Recessional Hymn

1 Fierce was the billow wild,
Dark was the night;
Ours laboured heavily,
Foam glimmering white.
Trembled the mariners;
Peril was nigh:
Then said the God of God,
'Peace, it is I.'

2 Ridge of the mountain wave,
Lower thy crest;
Wail of the tempest wind,
Be thou at rest.
Sorrow can never be,
Darkness must fly,
Where saith the Light of light,
'Peace, it is I.'

3 Jesu, Deliverer,
Come thou to me;
Soothe thou my voyaging
Over life's sea;
Thou, when the storm of death
Roars sweeping by,
Whisper, O Truth of truth,
'Peace, it is I.'

Our Lady of Evesham' by Rev'd B.A.Gill, 2001

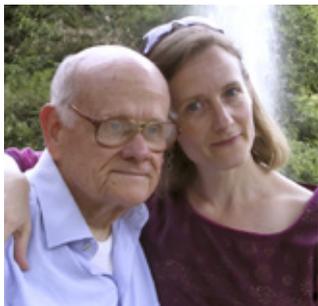
Outside the church the priests will sing the Salve Regina in front of the coffin

*Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.*

*Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.*

*Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.*

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.



The family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy, support and love. Also, many thanks to Mgr Newton for taking the service, Mgr Mercer for preaching, and Jonathon Nicholls from Belmont for the lovely music.

Donations in memory of Father Brian, if desired, will be given to Leominster Meeting Centre and the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Following the service everyone is warmly invited to:
The Lion Ballroom, Lion Yard, HR6 8DB for refreshments and music.

Finally, many thanks to the Oak Tree Funeral Services team for accompanying the family through this process with sensitivity and respect.

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