



In Celebration of the life of

Anthony Kirke

7th June 1937 – 23rd January 2025

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Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church,
11 Park Lane, Milford on Sea, Lymington SO41 0PT

Wednesday February 19th, 2pm



Order of Service

Priest: Father David Adams

Concelebrant: Father Peter Bowe

Entrance Music

Louis Armstrong - "What A Wonderful World"

Welcome

Father Adams

Eulogy

(Jeremy do you want to say who this is by?)

Music following Eulogy

"May the Choirs of Angels"

Hymn

Praise my soul, the king of heaven!

To his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him! (x2)

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour

to our fathers in distress;

praise him still the same for ever,

slow to chide and swift to bless.

Praise him! Praise him! (x2)

Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him! (x2)
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! (x2)
Praise with us the God of grace!

Reception of Coffin Symbols of Faith, Hope & Love

Invitation to Peace and Reconciliation

Prayer: O God, our Father, our faith is that your Son died and rose again;
grant, that through this mystery, your servant, Anthony, who has fallen
asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF HOPE AND COMFORT

First Reading:

Book of Revelation 21 v1 -8

Read by friend of the family, Mary Eaton

Hymn

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7; 13

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited;
it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offense, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth;
it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love;
and the greatest of these is love. The word of the Lord.

Congregation Response

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right.

For they shall be satisfied.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-10

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Congregation Response: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew.

Congregation Response: And with your spirit.

Seeing the crowds, he 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 blessed are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Blessed those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Blessed those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Blessed the merciful: they shall have mercy shown to them.

Blessed the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Blessed the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.

Blessed those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

Father David

Prayers of Intercession

The response is: "Hear our prayer"

The prayers conclude with:

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession (optional)

Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence draw near:
in him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight - our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
no work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

Communion Antiphon

Eternal rest grant unto Anthony, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him,
with your saints for ever, for you are merciful.

Communion Invitation

Christians who are present are invited to come to receive Holy Communion.
Others are invited to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing: they should come
to the minister with their arms crossed before them, to make it clear that they
are coming to receive a blessing.

Hymn

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake, all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer after Holy Communion

Father David

COMMENDING ANTHONY TO GOD OUR FATHER

Invitation to Prayer

(water is sprinkled as a symbol of eternal life)

Saints of God come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him angels of the Lord!

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

May Christ who called you, take you to himself;

may angels lead you to those who love you.

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

Eternal joy grant to him, O Lord

and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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

Prayer of Commendation

Hymn

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 none ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishéd
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.

The Committal

This will take place at 4.30pm in the New Forest Crematorium,
Stem Lane, New Milton BH25 5FH.

All are welcome to attend this short service together with family and close friends.



And ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.
- The Prophet, Kahlil Gibran

Your pain is The Breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding.
- The Prophet, Kahlil Gibran

*We shall die of the absolute paternal care,
That will not leave us,
but precedes us everywhere.*
- T.S. Eliot

*For us, there is only the trying.
The rest is not our business.*
- T.S. Eliot

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*Please join the family for refreshments after the Committal
from 5.30pm at xxxxx TBC*

