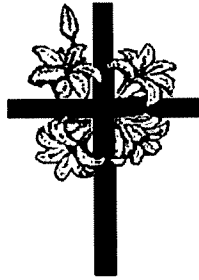


Chelmsford Crematorium



John Patrick O'Riordan  
'Paddy'

30<sup>th</sup> January 1931 – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Service conducted by Father Frank Jackson

# Order of Service

## Music on Entry

*Beethoven Piano Sonata No. 14 – Opus 27  
No. 2 'Moonlight' 1st movement*

## Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all  
Our words and works that drown,  
The tender whisper of thy call,  
As noiseless let thy blessing fall  
As fell thy manna down.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

First Reading  
*Apocalypse 14:13*

Gospel  
*Matthew 5 vv 1-12*

Homily  
*A Reflection on Paddy's Life*

Poem  
*He Is Gone*

You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes,  
love and go on.

## The Royal Air Force Hymn

O ruler of the earth and sky  
be with our airmen when they fly;  
and keep them in thy loving care  
amid the perils of the air.

O let our cry come unto thee,  
for those who fly o'er land and sea.

Strong Son of Man, save those who fly  
swift wing across uncharted sky;  
each anxious hour and lonely flight  
serenely challenged day and night.

O'er land and ocean safely bear  
All those in peril in the air.

O Holy Spirit, God's own power,  
give to us peace in danger's hour;  
bring calm of heart and be thou near,  
to those who watch and those that fear.

To thee will rise the grateful prayer  
Of those who serve thee in the air.

O Trinity of love and grace,  
true guide of all who fly through space;  
in peace and war, 'mid friend and foe,  
be with them whereso'er they go.

So shall our praise with Heaven's blend  
and joyful hearts to Thee ascend.

## Committal

### Music on Exit

*Liszt Liebestraum No. 3 in A Flat Major*

All are welcome after the service to join the family  
at the South Lodge Hotel for refreshments.

Donations if desired for the 'Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund'  
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