

Requiem Mass  
for the repose of the Soul of  
**Caroline Chin**  
10<sup>th</sup> February 1960 – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024



**The Chapel of the Immaculate Conception,  
Ratcliffe College**

**11.30 am Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Celebrant: Fr P W Mullen IC  
Concelebrants: Fr Philip Sainter IC  
Fr Anthony Milner

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The body of Caroline is received into the Chapel. The Christian symbols, the Bible and the Crucifix, are placed on the coffin.*

## **HYMN – I the Lord of sea and sky**

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?

*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 words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. ....*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send 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?

*Here I am, Lord. ....*

*Daniel L Schutte, New Dawn Music*



## **Opening Prayer**

O God, whose nature is always to forgive and to show mercy, we humbly implore you for your servant Caroline, whom you have called to journey to you, and, since she hoped and believed in you, grant that she may be led to our true homeland to delight in its everlasting joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **A reading from the Book of Wisdom (4:7-15)**

*Read by Gabriel Chin-Cave and Rebecca Chin-Cave*

The righteous, though they die early, will be at rest.

For old age is not honoured for length of time, or measured by number of years; but understanding is grey hair for anyone, and a blameless life is ripe old age.

There were some who pleased God and were loved by him, and while living among sinners were taken up.

They were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding or guile deceive their souls.

For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind.

Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years; for their souls were pleasing to the Lord, therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness.

Yet the peoples saw and did not understand, or take such a thing to heart, that God's grace and mercy are with his elect, and that he watches over his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.



## Hymn - The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimond)

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.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forever more  
My dwelling place shall be.

Text: Scottish Psalter (1650) based on Psalm 23



## **A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians (3:20-21)**

*Read by Derek Chin and Daniel Chin*

Our citizenship is in heaven,  
and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will transform the body of our humiliation  
that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,  
by the power that also enables him to make all  
things subject to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please stand and recite:*

Alleluia, 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.  
Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)**

Jesus said to his disciples,  
"Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.  
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to  
prepare a place for you?  
And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and will take you to myself,  
so that where I am, there you may be also.  
And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going.  
How can we know the way?"  
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **HOMILY**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN – Make me a channel of your peace.**

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.  
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Sebastian Temple (1928-97)*



## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION**

*In the waters of baptism Caroline died with Christ and rose with him to new life.*

*May she now share with him eternal glory.*

*We recite the Song of Farewell as the coffin is sprinkled with holy water:*



I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and on that final day of days  
His voice shall bid me rise again:  
unending joy, unceasing praise.

This hope I cherish in my heart,  
to stand on earth my flesh restored,  
and not a stranger but a friend,  
behold my Saviour and my Lord.



## **RECESSIONAL HYMN – Abide with me**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows  
flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everybody for the Masses and prayers offered for the repose of the soul of Caroline and for your many words of sympathy and comfort.

Following on from this Mass, Caroline's family will proceed to her committal at All Souls Chapel Loughborough Crematorium, along with guests who are more than welcome to join them. Everyone is also welcome to make their way to the Old Library at Ratcliffe College for beverages or to enjoy the Lockhart Gardens. Following the family's return from Loughborough Crematorium, Sandwiches, Cake, Tarts, and other delicacies that Caroline enjoyed will be served.

Donations in memory of Caroline would be gratefully received by LOROS Hospice: <https://loros.co.uk/ways-to-donate-to-loros>



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