

**Service of Thanksgiving  
to celebrate the life of**



**Mary Rachel Kelly**

**6 June 1950 – 11 January 2026**

**Requiem Mass**

**Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, Nuneaton**

***Celebrant - Fr Jimmy Lutwama***

***Organist – John Humphries***

**Friday 20 February 2026 at 11 am**

**Order of Requiem Mass for  
Mary Rachel Kelly RIP**

Entrance **Air from Water Music by G F Handel** (organ solo)

Hymn **Spirit of God unseen as the wind**

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.*

You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice is heard.

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.*

Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day.

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gentle as is the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
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First reading A reading from the book of Revelation 14:13  
**Reader: Maridavid Boa**

I, John, heard a voice from heaven saying, write this:  
“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”  
“Blessed indeed”, says the Spirit,  
“that they may rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them!”

The Word of the Lord  
**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial psalm

The Response: **The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me;  
he revives my soul. **R**

He guides me along the right path,  
for the sake of his name.  
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,  
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.  
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a table before me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell  
for length of days unending. **R**

### Acclamation

Gospel reading A reading from the book of Matthew 5: 1-12a  
**Reader: Fr Jimmy Lutwama**

At that time, seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain,  
and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.  
And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and  
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily **Fr Jimmy Lutwama**

Bidding prayers

Offertory hymn **831 In Christ there is no east or west**

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

Come, brothers, sisters of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be:  
whoever does my Father's will  
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north,  
all Christ-like souls are one in him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.

## Holy Communion

*If you are not able to receive Holy Communion but  
would like to receive a blessing, please come forward.*

### Communion hymn **663 Sweet sacrament divine**

Sweet sacrament divine, hid in thy earthly home,  
lo! round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise,  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,  
sweet sacrament divine, sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace, dear home of every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease, and sorrows all depart,  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery,  
sweet sacrament of peace, sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest, Ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest soon may we reach the shore,  
save us, for still the tempest raves;  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves  
sweet sacrament of rest, sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away,

Musical tribute **'Canto Popolare'** by Edward Elgar  
**Neil Kelly** (viola) and **John Humphries** (piano)

Eulogy **'Our Mary'**  
**Tom Kelly**

Prayer of commendation

Musical tribute **'Ag Criost an Siot'** (Christ is the Seed)  
Ancient Irish Hymn in Irish Gaelic  
**Maria O'Connell** (soprano) and  
**John Humphries** (piano)

### Recessional hymn **451 Sing with all the saints in glory**

Sing with all the saints in glory,  
Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
soon the storms of time shall cease;  
in God's likeness we awaken,  
knowing everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding  
all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading,  
never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
there on high our welcome waits;  
every humble spirit shares it,  
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! O what wonders  
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,  
saints shall stand before the throne!  
O to enter that bright portal,  
see that growing firmament,  
know, with you, O God immortal,  
'Jesus Christ whom you have sent!'"



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## *I will tell*

*I will tell them that you, our Mary, were fiercely independent,  
reliable, formidable, resilient, loyal to many,  
defender of the underdog - never afraid to speak the truth.*

*I'll tell them beneath the strength was vulnerability,  
and a deep and generous kindness.  
You felt things fully, cared deeply, loved with your whole heart.*

*I will tell them you were honest, sometimes painfully so.*

*I'll tell them you were our YES friend -  
always up for a new experience, sudden adventure -  
a story we didn't know we were about to make.*

*I'll tell them of your creativity, enthusiasm, and curiosity.  
So uniquely you.*

*We were the winners, the lucky ones. We were your tribe.*

*Family isn't just where we begin,  
but who we gather along the way.  
You gathered so many of us.*

*All of us who loved you -  
by blood, by choice, by life -  
we carry you forward together.*

*You were loved Mary,  
Deeply, Fiercely, Always.*

*Laura Bell*