



*Ordination Photo*



*With his parents on Ordination Day*



*Ray with his grand nieces*



*IN LOVING MEMORY*  
*of*  
***Father Raymond O'Shea***

*(1937 - 2021)*

*WHO DIED ON 8th February 2021*



*REQUIEM MASS*

*Chief Celebrant Canon Edward O'Connell*

*Archbishop George Stack Presiding*

*St. Brigid's, Crystal Glen*

*CARDIFF*

*4th March 2021 at 11.30am*

**Father Raymond O'Shea****Born 21<sup>st</sup> May 1937 Ely Cardiff**

Baptised in St. Clare's where he also made his 1<sup>st</sup> Confession,  
1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Went to St. Mary's Primary School, St Joseph's Convent and  
De La Salle School.

**Left for Ireland in October 1948;**

Attended the Jesuit College, Galway for one year, moved to Blackrock College  
Dublin – back to Patrician Brothers College in Galway.

Entered St. Patrick's, College, Carlow 1956; Ordained Priest 9<sup>th</sup> June 1962

**Assistant Priest**

1962 Appointed to St. Joseph's; Port Talbot July was sent to  
supply in St. Francis; Hereford for 3 months from November to February.

1963 Appointed assistant priest at St. Joseph's; Penarth; and

1966 St. Brigid's; Cardiff.

**Appointed Parish Priest Abertillery 1967**

1971 St. Cuthbert's; Cardiff, Chaplain to the Prison for 6 years;

1978 Dinas Powis; Chaplain to Llandough Hospital;

1985 St. Mary's; Bridgend;

1987 St. Joseph's; Aberdare;

1994 Christ the King; Cardiff

**Retired as PP with heart problems.**

2002 Served as assistant in St. David's Cathedral  
also served as cruise's chaplain for 10 years.

Fully retired 2012 to live in Whitchurch

**Other honours**

Member of the Knights of Equestrian order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Promoted to a knight Commander 2000.

On his fourth trip to the Holy Land was already a cKnight of the  
Military Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem appointed to serve as Chaplain General  
for England and Wales.

Order of the Knight of St. John (English) and Chaplain to St: John' Ambulance  
Cadets and was made an Officer in Her Majesty's

Order! The only Catholic Priest from Wales to receive such honour.

Served as A Territorial Chaplain for fourteen years and received the Territorial  
Decoration.

He was one of the two honorary Chaplains to the Queen

Alexandra Royal Army Corps of Nurses and Chaplain to the Welsh Core of  
Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing corps.

Father Ray is survived by Clare one of his four sisters  
and 19 nephews and nieces

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Raymond in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for all the blessings which you bestowed upon Raymond in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

May the angels lead you into paradise;  
May the martyrs come to welcome you  
And take you to the holy city  
The new and eternal Jerusalem

Priest: In peace let us take Raymond to his place of rest.

Hymn Immaculate Mary

Outside Salve Regina



Entrance **Hymn Lord of all hopefulness**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Greeting

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**All: I confess to almighty God .....**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. All Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Opening Prayer** Priest: Let us pray

O God, whose nature is always to forgive and to show mercy, we humbly implore you for your servant Raymond, whom you have called to journey to you and, since he hoped and believed in you, grant that he 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**

A reading from the book of Isaiah Ch25: 2-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm (Ps26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. R/ V.l. Alt. R/ v.13)

The response is :- **The Lord is my light and my help.**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? R/
- 2 There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his  
temple. R/
- 3 O Lord: hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face. R/
- 4 I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! R/

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18  
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another. The word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God**

The Gospel Acclamation

**All Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**  
**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,**  
**Whoever believes in me will never die.**  
**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Hymn** Guide me o great Redeemer

**Prayer after Communion**

Priest: Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our brother Raymond may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

**Prayers of farewell & commendation**

Our servant Raymond has fallen asleep in Christ. Confident in our hope of eternal life, let us commend him to the loving mercy of our eternal Father and let our prayers go with him. Raymond was adopted as God's son in baptism and was nourished at the table of the Lord; may he now inherit the promise of eternal life and take his place at the table of God's children in heaven. Let us pray also on our own behalf, that we who now mourn and are saddened may one day go forth with our brother to meet the Lord of life when he appears in glory.

At the Incensing of the body **all say:-**

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.

To our departed brothers and sisters, too, and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory, when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes. For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages and praise you without end, through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.  
All: Amen.

Please Stand

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father** .....

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## **The Gospel**

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said. 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way? Jesus said: I am the way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Mgr. John Maguire

Please stand for the bidding prayers

Please sit Hymn In bread we bring you

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be accept able to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Priest: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Raymond we beseech your mercy, that he who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful judge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

Priest: The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right and just.**

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name. Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The Mystery of faith.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

( C 1) May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (with Saint N.: the Saint of the day or Patron Saint) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

( C 2) May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and George our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

( C 3) Remember your servant Raymond, whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection, when from the earth he will raise up in the flesh those who have died, and transform our lowly body after the pattern of his own glorious body.