

Reception

Please join us today at **D'Parys Restaurant**

45 De Parys Ave, Bedford MK40 2UA

from 2:30 PM

Dear Mum

God looked around his garden and found an empty place
He then looked down upon the Earth and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest
With the help of his angels they flew you to your heavenly place
Gods garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best
He knew you were suffering, he knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never get well on Earth again
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills too hard to climb
He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be Thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.



In Loving MEMORY



WARDYA SLEWA

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Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace - Hymn 131

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 has promised good to me,

His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be,

As long as life endures.



Through many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

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'd first begun.

Opening Prayers

and placing of Christian symbols upon our
sister Wardya's Coffin.



Penitential Rite
LITURGY OF THE WORD.

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Read by Pam Kenworthy (3:1-9)

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and
their going from us to be their destruction; but they
are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.



Having been disciplined a little,
they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of
himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and
like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his select.

The Word of The Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

Read by Ann Cawley

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
Nor repay us according to our faults.

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

As a father has compassion on his sons,
The Lord has pity on those who fear him;
For he knows of what we are made,
He remembers that we are dust.



R. The Lord is compassion and love.

As for man, his days are like grass;
He flowers like the flower of the field.
The wind blows and he is gone
And his place never sees him again.

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting
Upon those who hold him in fear;
His justice reaches out to children's children
When they keep his covenant in truth.

R. The Lord is compassion and love.



**A reading from the letter of Paul to
the Thessalonians.**

Read by George Tasker (4:13-18)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about
those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,
will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,
with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's
trumpet, will decent from heaven, and the dead in Christ
will raise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds together with them meet
the Lord in the air;
and so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of The Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.





Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia,

My soul is waiting for the Lord,

I count on his word.

Alleluia , Alleluia.

Gospel Read by Deacon Tony Quinlan

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Thanks be to God.

When the son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him and he will separate people from one another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come you that are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you gave me clothing, I was sick, and you took care of me, I was in prison, and you visited me”.

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?



And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you , or naked and gave you clothing?

And when was it that we saw you sick , or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them,

“ Truly I tell you , just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me”.

Then he will say to those at his left hand ,

“ You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave me no food, I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger, and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me”.

Then they also will answer, “ Lord , when was it that we saw you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger or naked or sick, or in prison and did not take care of you?

“Truly I tell you , just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me”.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily by Deacon Tony.

General Intercessions

In which we offer our prayers for our sister **Wardya** , for all our sister’s family, for all of us gathered together in prayer and for all those that have passed before us.

Lord, in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.



Offertory Procession

Gifts brought to the sanctuary by Pam
Kenworthy and George Tasker.

Offertory Hymn

Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Maria, gratia plena,
Maria, gratia plena,
Ave, Ave, Dominus,
Dominus tecum.

Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris (tui),
Ventris tui, Jesus.
Ave Maria!



Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Ora, ora pro nobis;
Ora, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Nunc et in hora mortis,
In hora mortis nostrae.
In hora, hora mortis nostrae,
In hora mortis nostrae.
Ave Maria!



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar

The Lord's Prayer.

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

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.

Communion Hymn

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy one is here

Come bow before him now

In reverence and fear

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 splendor 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.

" Jesus, remember me when you
come into your kingdom "

to be chanted post Communion.

Eulogy

Read by Wasem Sebi (Son of Sister Wardya)

Prayer of Final Commendation

Prayer of the faithful departed.

Eternal rest grant unto Wardya , O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul

and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in

peace. Amen.



Final Hymn

As I kneel before you

As I kneel before You
As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day, make it Yours
And fill me with Your love

Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu

All I Have I Give You,
Every Dream And Wish Are Yours,
Mother Of Christ, Mother Of Mine,
Present Them To My Lord.

All I have, I give You
Every dream and wish are Yours
Mother of Christ
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord



Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu

As I kneel before You
And I see Your smiling face
Every thought, every word
Is lost in Your embrace.

THANK YOU

We offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who provided emotional and practical support for us. We are truly grateful that you joined us today during this difficult time to celebrate mum's life.

- Wardya's family -

Key Notes

Funeral Mass for: Wardya Slewa.

Location: St Philip and St James Catholic Church, Bedford.

Time and Date: Thursday 24th February 2022 at 12.30pm.

Celebrant: Fr Wayne Coughlin.

Assisted by: Deacon Tony Quinlan.

Organist: Elizabeth Ridley.

First Reading: Pam Kenworthy

Secound Reading: George Tasker

Responsorial Psalm: Ann Cawley

Service will be streamed live and it will be made available to watch from www.wardya.uk

