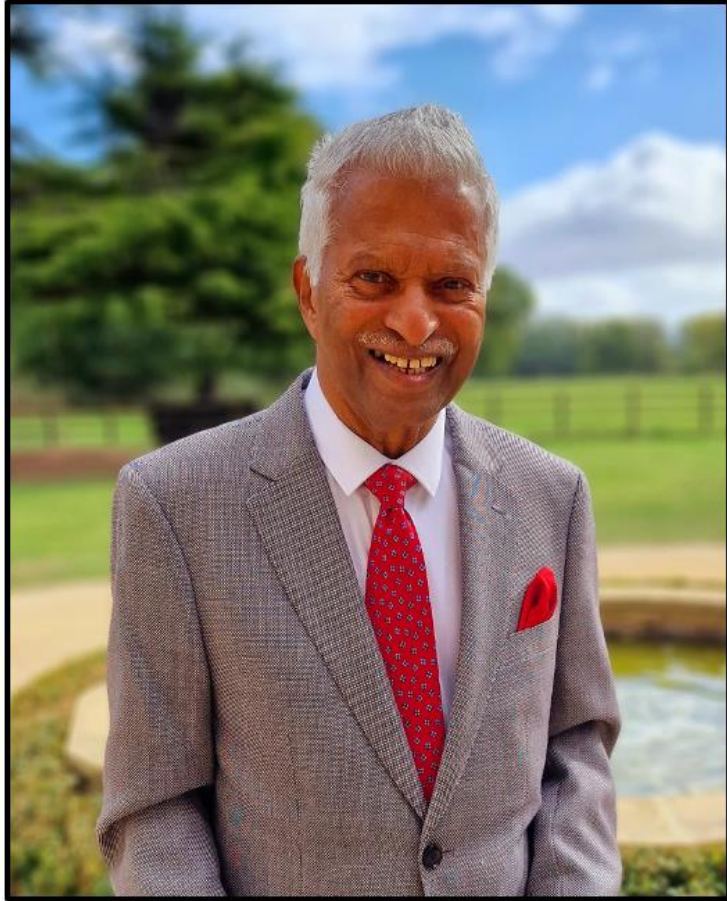


Order of Service



Dr. Nicholas Alexander

16 February 1937 – 14 February 2026

Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi Church
Saturday 7th March 2026 at 11.30am.

REQUIEM MASS

Pie Jesu Luisa Kent-Cox (Soloist)

Sprinkling of Holy Water and Placing of Christian Symbols

Welcome Father Stan Gibzinski

Penitential Act

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

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault, therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Kyrie Eleison Choir

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison.

All: Kyrie, eleison.

Cantor: Christe, eleison.

All: Christe, eleison.

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison.

All: Kyrie, eleison.

Opening Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain has the worker from his toil?
I have seen the business that God has given
to the children of man to be busy with.
He has made everything beautiful in its time.
Also, he has put eternity into man's heart,
yet so that he cannot find out what God has done
from the beginning to the end.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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.

Response

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.

Response

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

Response

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.

Response

Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters;
Behold! I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,
at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,
and the dead will be raised imperishable,
and we shall be changed.

For this perishable body must put on imperishable,
and the mortal body must put on immortality,
When the perishable puts on the imperishable,
and the mortal puts on immortality,
then shall come to pass the saying that is written:
'Death is swallowed up in victory.'

O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

At the time: Jesus said to his disciples,
'Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me.

In my father's house are many rooms.
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,
that where I am you may be also.
And you know the way to 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: Father Stan Gibzinski

Prayers of the Faithful

Read by Alex, Nikita, Georgina, Luke and Jasmine

For Nicholas, our Pappy, who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of saints. Lord in your Mercy.

All: Hear our Prayer.

For the many friends and members of our families who have gone before us. Grant them an everlasting home in heaven. Lord in your Mercy.

All: Hear our Prayer.

For those suffering bereavement throughout the world, who have lost loved ones through illness or accident or acts of violence or hardship. Lord in your Mercy.

All: Hear our Prayer.

We thank you Lord for generosity in sharing Pappy with us. We thank you for him as a husband, father, grand father, great grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and as a friend. We praise you for enriching our lives with Pappy. Lord in your Mercy.

All: Hear our Prayer.

For all of us gathered here today, that in our grief we may be comforted, in our sorrow we may find hope, and that the example of Pappy's faith and love may inspire us to live our lives with greater kindness and trust in you, Lord. Lord in your Mercy.

All: Hear our Prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn: Colours of Day

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
and let's give the message to the people we meet.

*Chorus: So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness are needing our friend.

Chorus

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come the Son came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near.

Chorus

Priest: Pray Brothers and Sisters.

Sanctus: Choir

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer (In Malayalam)

Priest: സ്വർഗസ്ഥനായ ഞങ്ങളുടെ പിതാവേ,
(Svargast'anaaya njangalut'e Pithaavē)

(ജനങ്ങൾ ചേർന്നു): അങ്ങയുടെ നാമം പൂജിതമാകണമേ.

അങ്ങയുടെ രാജ്യം വരണമേ.

അങ്ങു പരിശുദ്ധൻ, പരിശുദ്ധൻ, പരിശുദ്ധൻ.

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മാലാകമാരും മനുഷ്യരും

അങ്ങു പരിശുദ്ധൻ, പരിശുദ്ധൻ, പരിശുദ്ധൻ എന്നു ഉദ്ഘോഷിക്കുന്നു.

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അങ്ങയുടെ തിരുമനസ്സു സ്വർഗത്തിൽ പോലെ ഭൂമിയിലും ആകണമേ.

ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് ആവശ്യമായ ആഹാരം ഇന്ന് ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് തരണമേ.

ഞങ്ങളുടെ കടക്കാരോട് ഞങ്ങൾ ക്ഷമിച്ചതുപോലെ

ഞങ്ങളുടെ കടങ്ങളും പാപങ്ങളും ഞങ്ങളോടും ക്ഷമിക്കണമേ.

ഞങ്ങൾ പ്രലോഭനത്തിൽ വീഴാൻ ഇടയാകരുതേ.

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

All: And with your spirit.

All: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Translation:

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.

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.

Hymn: Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

*Chorus: Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble. Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?*

Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?

Chorus

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Chorus

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Chorus

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Chorus

Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

Chorus

Hymn: Soul of my Saviour

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with waters flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
when I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Amazing Grace Harriet Alexander (Soloist)

EULOGY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Final Commendation

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take our leave of Nicholas, may our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully meet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Silence

Signs of Farewell: sprinkling and incensing of the coffin.

Priest: Saints of God, come to his aid
Hasten to meet his angels of the Lord.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Priest: May Christ who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Hymn: Here I am Lord

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?

*Chorus: 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 word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

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

Chorus

Prayer of Commendation

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Nicholas, 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 the blessing which you have bestowed on Nicholas in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

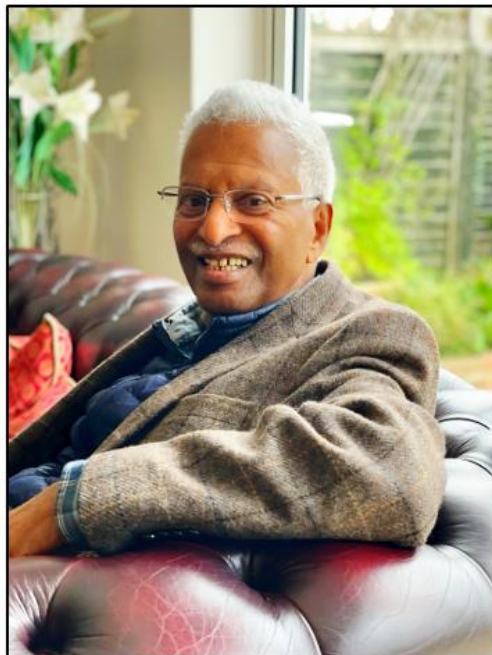
Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother for ever.

All: Amen.

Procession to the place of committal

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

Ave Maria Luisa Kent-Cox (Soloist)





Mercy and her family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for your presence today and for the many kind words, messages, and acts of support they have received.

Donations in memory of Nicholas, can be made to Dementia UK. Please scan the following QR Code to make your donation.





Following the service, you are invited to join the family for the final committal at Reading Cemetery, All Hallows Road, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire RG4 5LP.

Alternatively, you may wish to proceed directly to the Crowne Plaza, Wharfedale Road, Winnersh Triangle, Reading, RG41 5TS, where a live stream of the committal will be shown.

A buffet reception will follow upon the arrival of the family.