

Requiem Mass and Celebration
of the Life of
Caroline Sally Pilkington



2nd February 1948 – 14th May 2026

Monday 22nd June 2026
Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon, 11.30am
followed by
East Chapel, Putney Vale Crematorium, 1.30pm

Order of Service

Celebrants: Father Edwin Raj, Monsignor Matthew Dickens,
Canon Anthony Charlton
Organist: David Gammie
Thames Philharmonic Choir and
St Thomas à Becket Church Choir (Sally's choirs)
Conductor: Harry Bradford



ENTRANCE MUSIC

Please stand

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sung by the choir

WELCOME

Priest: Let us pray
Almighty God and Father,
it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the Cross,
was raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.
Grant that through this mystery your servant Sally,
who has gone to her rest in Christ,
may share in the joy of his resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please sit

READING

Romans, Chapter 8:31b–35, 37–39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Read by Anthony Whately-Smith, Sally's brother

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all,
how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?
Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that,
who was raised – who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed is interceding for us.
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All sing

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 through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

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

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Please stand

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Priest: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Everyone who believes in me shall never die.

All: Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John, Chapter 14:1-6

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Priest: At that 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit

HOMILY

Father Edwin

Please stand

BIDDING PRAYERS

Read by Suze Mathews, Sally's friend

Each prayer ends with the words: Lord in your mercy...

To which we respond: **Hear our prayer.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Please sit

OFFERTORY HYMN

All sing

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
True and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Priest: Pray, my sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable 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.

Priest: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings,
O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Sally,
we beseech your mercy, that she,
who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour,
may find in him a merciful Judge.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please stand

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.

The Priest continues with the Preface and concludes with all saying the Sanctus:

**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**

Please kneel or sit

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the consecration of the bread and wine.

Priest: The mystery of faith:

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

Priest: Through him, with him, in him, to you O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Communion Rite

Please stand

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

**All: 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.**

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 forever.**

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: We offer one another a sign of peace.

All: Peace be with you.

All exchange an appropriate gesture of peace with those near them.

Remain standing

THE AGNUS DEI

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please kneel or sit

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are 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 MUSIC

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen - A German Requiem

Johannes Brahms

Sung by the choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

Priest: Let us pray:

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

All: Amen.

Please sit

EULOGY

Given by Diana Pilkington, Sally's daughter

POEM

Gone from My Sight

Henry Van Dyke

Read by Chris Whately-Smith, Sally's brother

SONG OF FAREWELL

Please stand

All sing

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, oh, 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 pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O, 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;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our sister Sally, in the sure and certain hope that,
together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him
on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you have bestowed
upon Sally 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 sister for ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: In peace let us take Sally to her place of rest.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Hallelujah Chorus - Messiah

George Frideric Handel

Sung by the choir



*All are welcome at the committal, which will take place at
the East Chapel, Putney Vale Crematorium, Stag Lane,
London SW15 3DZ at 1.30pm*

Rite of Committal

GATHERING MUSIC

Adagio from Clarinet Concerto in A Major

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

This was played during the 1977 Aldeburgh Festival, at which Sally worked

ENTRANCE HYMN

Please stand as the coffin is brought into the chapel

All sing

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee . . .

COMMITTAL

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest

SCRIPTURE VERSE

Priest: Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMITTAL

Priest: Almighty... Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

COMMITTAL PRAYER

Priest

INTERCESSIONS

Priest

Response: Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: Now Let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

**All: 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.
Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Listen, O God... We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

TRIBUTE TO SALLY

Given by Felicity Pilkington, Sally's daughter

VISUAL TRIBUTE

accompanied by

Così fan tutte: Soave sia il vento

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

FINAL BLESSING

Priest: Bow your heads and pray for God's Blessing.

Priest: May the Peace of God, which is beyond all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Priest: May Almighty God Bless You, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

EXIT MUSIC

The Salley Gardens

Words by William Butler Yeats

arr. Benjamin Britten





You are all warmly invited to join us after the cremation service
for refreshments at the Green Man, Wildcroft Road, Putney SW15 3NG.

Four-hours-free parking spaces are available on Wildcroft Road,
beyond the one-hour-free spaces.

The family would like to thank everyone for their kindness at this time,
and the Thames Philharmonic Choir and St Thomas à Becket Church Choir
for their support.

If desired, donations in memory of Sally may be made to either

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