

CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE, REFUGE OF SINNERS
24th September 2017

Theme: Today we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Rathmines Folk Group
(2,340 consecutive masses)
“Come As You Are”

Entrance: Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, oh brother come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens, lay down your pain
All who are broken, lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

So lay down your burdens, lay down your pain
All who are broken, lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are, come as you are
Fall in his arms, come as you are

There's joy for the morning, oh sister be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens lay down your pain
All who are broken, lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are

Psalm: I Was Here

You will notice me
I'll believe in my mark, like initials carved in an old oak tree
You wait and see
Maybe I'll write like Twain wrote
Maybe I'll paint like Van Gough
Cure the common cold
I don't know but I'm ready to start, 'cause I know in my heart

Chorus:

I wanna do somethin' that matters
Say somethin' different
Somethin' that sets the whole world on its ear
I wanna do somethin' better
With the time I've been given
I wanna try to touch a few hearts in this life
And leave nothing less than something that says
I was here

I will prove you wrong
If you think I'm all talk, you're in for a shock
'Cause this stream's too strong
And before too long maybe I'll compose symphonies
Maybe I'll fight for world peace
'Cause I know it's my destiny
To leave more than a trace of myself in this place

Chorus:

And I know that I, I will do more than just pass through this life
I'll leave nothin' less than somethin' that says I was here
I was here

Offertory: Nothing More

To be humble, to be kind
It is the giving of the peace in your mind
To a stranger, to a friend
To give in such a way that has no end.

Ch: We are love. We are one.
We are how we treat each other when the day is done.
We are peace. We are war.
We are how we treat each other and nothing more.

To be bold, to be brave.
It is the thinking that the heart can still be saved
And the darkness can come quick
The danger's in the anger and the hanging on to it.

Chorus

Tell me what it is that you see
A world that's filled with endless possibilities?
Heroes don't look like they used to, they look like you do.
Love. One. Love. One.

Chorus

We are how we treat each other and nothing more
We are how we treat each other

Consecration Acclamation: We Must Reach Out

We must reach out to one another
In every land and every race
So that in Christ our Lord
We form a single chord
And then, our Father, we can praise

Communion: Forever Young

May God bless and keep you always
May your wishes all come true
May you always do for others
And let others do for you
May you build a ladder to the stars
And climb on every rung
May you stay forever young
Forever young, forever young
May you stay forever young.

May you grow up to be righteous
May you grow up to be true
May you always know the truth
And see the lights surrounding you
May you always be courageous
Stand upright and be strong
May you stay forever young
Forever young, forever young
May you stay forever young.

May your hands always be busy
May your feet always be swift
May you have a strong foundation
When the winds of changes shift
May your heart always be joyful
And may your song always be sung
May you stay forever young
Forever young, forever young
May you stay forever young.



Communion Reflection: As we look back on the 45 years of the Folk Mass, we remember the priests and the members of the Folk Group who have died. We remember the aim of the Folk Mass – ‘To let people know, by way of song, homily, and reflection, that the teachings of Jesus are as relevant today as they were 2000 years ago’. That aim is still the same now as it was 45 years ago. The songs we have sung today say it all.

- ‘*Come As You Are*’ – no matter what you think of yourself, you are always welcome.
- ‘*I Was Here*’ – all of us have a chance to make an impact, no matter how small, on those around us.
- ‘*Nothing More*’ – our lives revolve around how we treat each other.
- ‘*Forever Young*’ – be open to change and don’t stagnate.
- ‘*Love Shine a Light*’ – together we can show the world that Christianity can be a way to live your life to the full.

We hope that in another 45 years this Mass will be as relevant and challenging as it has been over the previous 45 years.



Recessional: Love Shine a Light

Love shine a light in every corner of my heart
Let the love light carry, let the love light carry
Light up the magic, in every little part
Let our love shine a light in every corner of our hearts

Love shine a light in every corner of my dream
Let the love light carry, let the love light carry
Like the mighty river flowing from the stream
Let our love shine a light in every corner of my dream

Ch: And we’re all gonna shine a light together, all shine a light
to light the way
Brothers and sisters in every little part
Let our love shine a light in every corner of our hearts

Love shine a light in every corner of the world
Let the love light carry, let the love light carry
Light up the magic for every boy and girl
Let our love shine a light in every corner of the world

Chorus x2