

CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE, REFUGE OF SINNERS, RATHMINES
Sunday 28th May 2017

Theme : While the Church is changing with numbers of priests falling, it is our opportunity to become active in our community, to stretch our possibilities and fully explore our potential in the challenging times ahead.

Today we remember Sean Skehill who's 21st Anniversary occurs at this time RIP



Entrance: WE SHALL BE FREE

When the last child cries for a crust of bread
When the last man dies for just words that he said
When there's shelter over the poorest head
We shall be free

When the last thing we notice is the colour of skin
And the first thing we look for is the beauty within
When the skies and the oceans are clean again
Then we shall be free

We shall be free, We shall be free, Stand straight, Walk proud,
Cos we shall be free

When we're free to love anyone we choose
When this world's big enough for all different views
When we all can worship from our own kind of pews
Then we shall be free

We shall be free, We shall be free, Have a little faith, Hold out,
Cos we shall be free

And when money talks for the very last time, and nobody walks a
step behind
When there's only one race, and that's mankind
Then we shall be free

We shall be free, We shall be free,
Stand straight (Walk proud)
Have a little faith (Hold out)
We shall be free

We shall be free, We shall be free
(Stand straight) Stand straight
(Have a little faith) Walk proud
We shall be free

Stand straight, walk proud, we shall be free

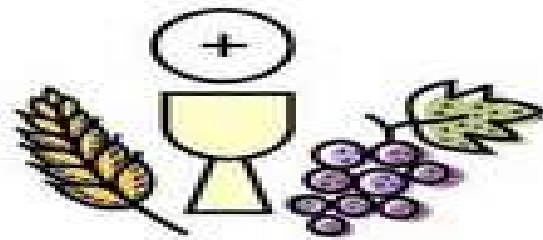
PSALM; HOPE

Long ago, and far away, they say a young man died
And looking back two thousand years, you wonder why He tried
But yet though time distorts the view and images grow vague
Still shines His light though shooting stars go spinning to the grave

Ch: Hope is the light that fills your eyes,
hope is the word which Christ devised
Reflecting His world, green grass, blue skies
Hope is the strength you need

And if you should go by His door when nothing else is right
You'll find the light inside your heart will still be burning bright
But if your courage fails you then, you still must venture forth
And leave your footprints in the sand as tribute to your birth

Chorus... For life, for love your hope



OFFERTORY: MAY I INTRODUCE YOU TO A FRIEND

May I introduce you to a friend,
He's been waiting patiently to meet you
A friend on whom you can depend,
His love will comfort and complete you
How long have you been searching,
groping aimlessly for something
To fill the emptiness inside,
someone in whom you can confide
Well He's here, He's waiting for you, He's waiting

And when you're troubled, filled with fear,
Just reach out and He'll guide you
And when all others disappear,
He will still be there beside you
How long have you been searching,
groping aimlessly for something
To fill the emptiness inside,
someone in whom you can confide
Well He's here, He's waiting for you, He's waiting – meet Jesus

ACCLAMATION:

BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION

By your cross and resurrection, You have set us free
You are the Saviour of the world (You are the Saviour of the world)



Communion: TROUBLED TIMES

It takes all the things within you,
it takes your heart and it takes mine
It takes love to be forgiven, living in these troubled times

When it rains on the rain, and it snows in the Spring
You're reminded again, it's just a "March of the Dimes"
Living in these troubled times

It brings you down to buy a paper,
if you read between the lines
No one seems to have the answer,
living in these troubled times

Still you try and you try, and you do what you must do
It's a "March of the Dimes", living in these troubled times
And loving in these troubled times

Still you try and you try, and you do what you must do
It's a "March of the Dimes", living in these troubled times
And loving in these troubled times

It takes a man, it takes a woman,
it takes your heart and it takes mine
It takes love to be forgiven, living in these troubled times
It takes love to be forgiven, living in these troubled times.

*Today, let us remember and pray for
all those killed and injured in
Manchester this week.*

Communion Reflection:

When Peter was called to do a very special job by Jesus, his master, he readily accepted the challenge and we all familiar with his words "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church". That same Church is in a very dark place right now, particularly in Ireland, where reports of child abuse allegations and scandals have brought it to its knees. It is really difficult at the minute to come into the church for mass, or to pray without feeling somewhat betrayed. This is incredibly sad and presents the today's Church with a challenge unimaginable in the days when Peter was assigned the role of leader of the Church.

In the face of all this negativity, however, let us pray that the present day leaders of the Church will open their eyes, their hearts and their minds to the task in hand so that we can look forward to a brighter future for our children and our Church.

Recessional: 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.

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.
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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

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