

Trevor Boycott TSSF 1950 – 2012

The Requiem Mass for Trevor which was held at St Mary the Virgin, Monkseaton on Wednesday 9 the January 2013, gave thanks for a life which embodied Franciscan values through the service of others. A life in which were founded the three Notes of Humility, Love and Joy set out in The Principles of The Third Order Society of Saint Francis.

Trevor has been a great encourager of fellow Tertiaries throughout the European Province, many in other organisations and diverse aspects of church life. All have numerous reasons to give thanks for all Trevor's enthusiasm, organisational abilities and ministry. We have all appreciated the wise council delivered with characteristic Yorkshire directness which showed love as well as caring compassion. Especially we remember the humour which Trevor maintained in the face of complex health issues and disabilities. Yet Trevor could never be said to be less-abled, always Trevor supported others in so many ways. Instinctively Trevor understood other people's frailties and without fuss or favour stood with them. It has been said that those take up the mantle of standing with others are able to empathise because they are always willing to walk in the shoes of others and understand where these shoes pinch.

Trevor has been described as an astonishing man, many hold very fond memories of Trevor and he will be sadly missed. Trevor's passing will be great loss to many as well as numerous members of the Third Order because he gave so much to others.

It was characteristic of Trevor that he planned his Requiem Mass as worship filled with understanding and light, shot through with praise of God. Trevor's attributes can be summed up in an age old prayer - an affirmation of faith in the face of death.

Magnified and sanctified be the great name of God in the world which he created according to his will.

May he establish his kingdom in your life and in your days, and in the lifetime of all his people: quickly and speedily may it come; and let us say Amen. - Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed, praised and glorified, exalted, extolled and honoured, magnified and lauded be the name of the Holy One; blessed be God.

Though he be high above all blessings and hymns, praises and consolations, which are uttered in the world; and let us say Amen. - Blessed be God for ever.

May there be abundant peace from heaven and life for us and for all people; let us say Amen. - Blessed be God for ever.

In this prayer we uphold Trevor's family, as they gather together may they find comfort in the presence of God through the void left by Trevor's departure.

May Trevor rest in peace and rise in glory as Christ gives rest in the land of the living and has opened the gates of paradise, calling Trevor to him as his friend.

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