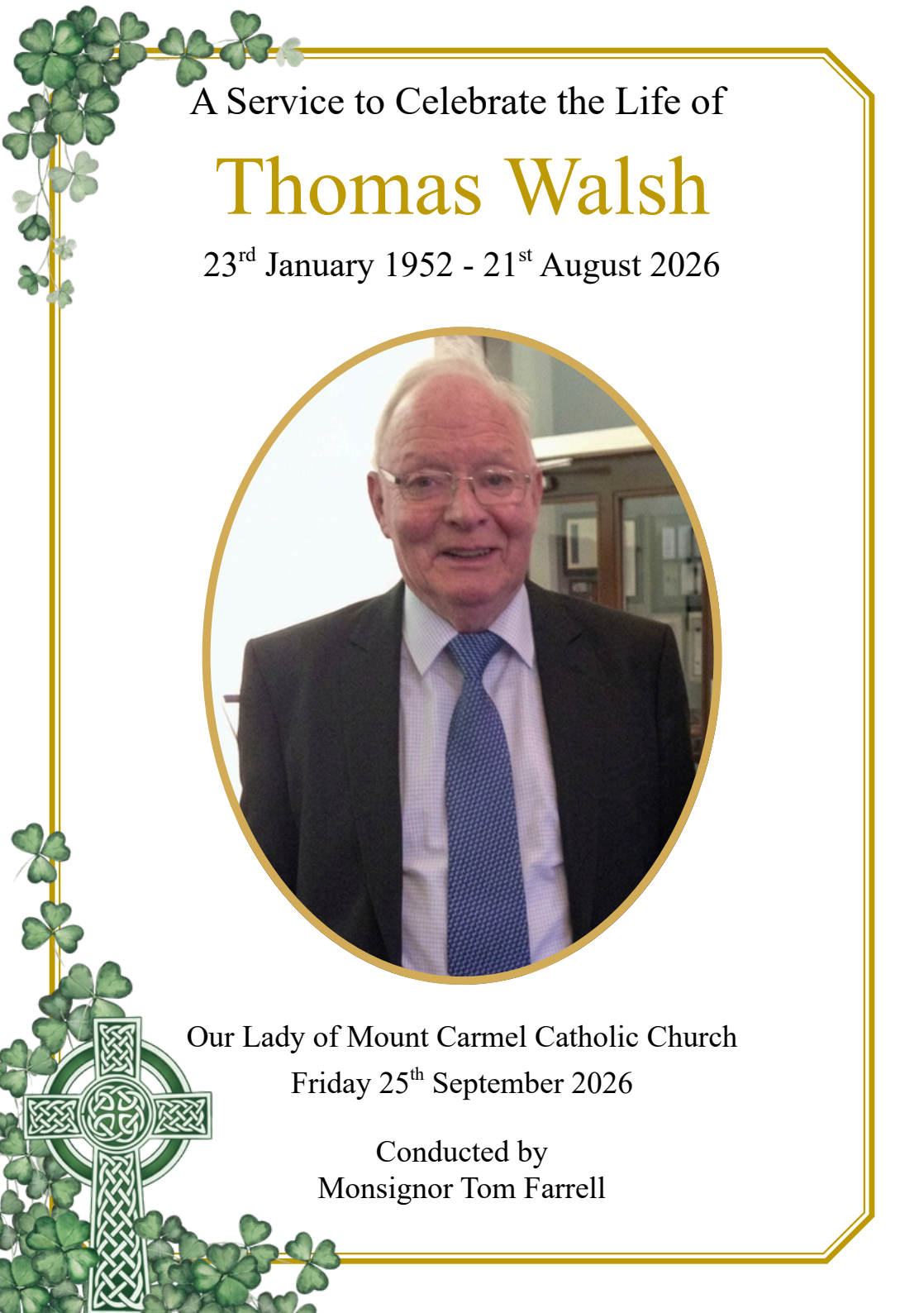




A Service to Celebrate the Life of

Thomas Walsh

23rd January 1952 - 21st August 2026



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

Friday 25th September 2026

Conducted by
Monsignor Tom Farrell

- Order Of Service -

Entrance Music - Amazing Grace

Opening Hymn - Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Symbols of Life

Liam Kennedy

In keeping with an Irish tradition, personal items that held meaning in Tom's life are offered to the altar as symbols of the person he was, the things he loved, and the memories he leaves with us.



First Reading - Wisdom 3:1-9

Maureen Moroney

'the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them'

Responsorial Psalm

Response - The Lord Is My Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

Second Reading - Romans 6: 3-9

Elizabeth Boyd

'For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:1-12 - The Beatitudes

'Happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of Heaven'

Homily

Monsignor Tom Farrell

Prayers of the Faithful

Response - Lord Graciously Hear Us

Jimmy Walsh

Elaine Walsh

Michelle Walsh



Offertory Hymn - Take Our Bread

*Take our bread, we ask you, take our hearts,
We love you; Take our lives,
O Father, we are yours, We are yours.*

Yours as we stand at the table you set;
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget,
We are a sign of your life with us yet,
We are yours, we are yours.

Chorus

Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food,
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves —
the best we could;
We are yours, we are yours.

Chorus



Communion Hymn - As I Kneel Before You



As I kneel before you
As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day, make it yours
And fill me with your love

Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu

All I have I give you
Every dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
present them to my Lord

Chorus

As I kneel before you
And I see your smiling face
Every thought, every word
Is lost in your embrace

Chorus

Post Communion Hymn - I, The Lord of Sea & Sky

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?

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



Love, Loyalty & Friendship



Tribute to Tom

by Michael Walsh

Final Prayer & Commendation

Recessional Music

Lady of Knock
You'll Never Walk Alone



- The Final Blessing and Committal -

Following the funeral service in Church, all are welcome to join at the Abbey Chapel - Redditch Crematorium, for Tom's final committal ceremony at 1:15pm

Entrance Music

The County of Mayo - Mick Flavin

Reflection

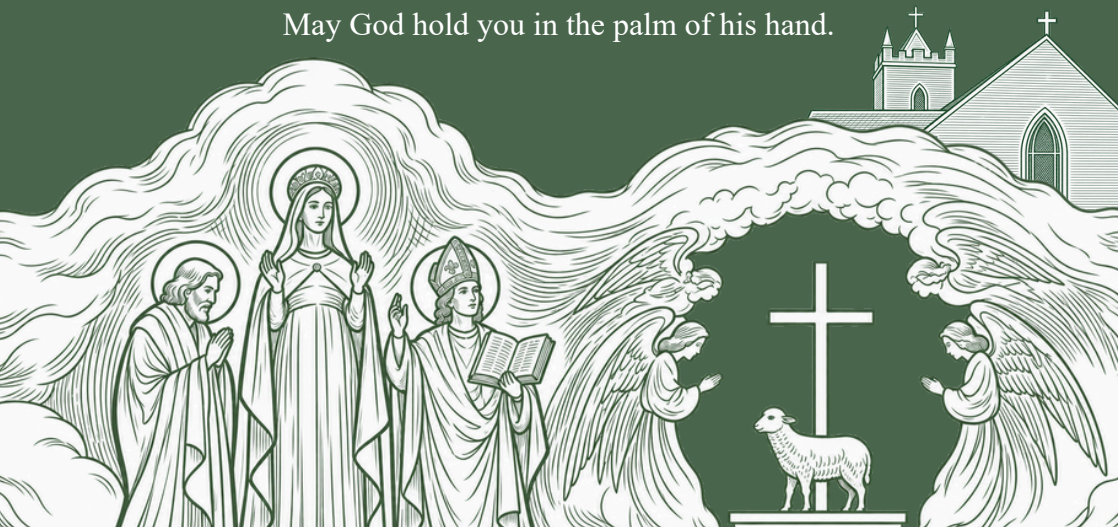
An Irish Blessing - Roma Downey

A Song of Farewell

The Parting Glass - The High Kings

- An Irish Blessing -

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.





Tom's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone here today, and to all those who have offered prayers, kind words and messages of sympathy.

Your presence, love and thoughtfulness have been a great comfort to them all.

They would also like to extend their sincere thanks to Tom's friends, neighbours and the wider parish community, who have been such an important part of his story.

In particular, they are deeply grateful to those who, through friendships formed over many years and passed down through generations, continued to embrace Tom as one of their own. The kindness, friendship and wonderful sense of family you shared with Tom meant so much to him and his siblings, and was a great source of strength, companionship and happiness throughout his life.



If desired, donations may be made, to
Redditch Catholic Fellowship
which Tom was a founding trustee of in 1987



You are all most welcome to join Tom's Family & Friends at the
Bridley Moor & Batchley Social Club, B97 6HS

