

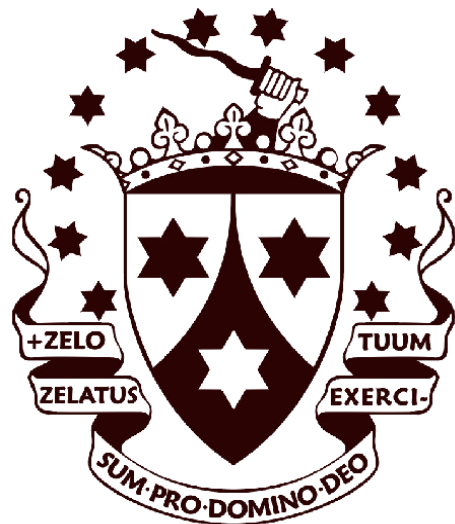
**SALVE, REGINA**, mater misericordiae:  
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae.  
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes  
in hac lacrimarum valle.  
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,  
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.

Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis, post hoc exsilium ostende.  
O clemens: O pia: O dulcis Virgo Maria.

**FLOS CARMELI**,  
vitis florigera,  
splendor caeli,  
virgo puerpera  
singularis.

Mater mitis  
sed viri nescia  
Carmelitis  
da privilegia  
stella maris.

Fr. Joseph Kelly  
O.Carm.



Born 10th February 1933  
Professed Vows 8th September 1955  
Ordained Priest 19th July 1959  
Died 6th January 2016

The Requiem Mass for Joe will be celebrated tomorrow at 11.30 am.  
All are welcome.

# Reception Service

## Fr. Joseph Kelly

Carmelite Friar

10th February 1933 — 6th January 2016



The Friars, Aylesford :: 11th January 2016



Fr. Joe Kelly, O.Carm. was born in Carfin, Scotland, in 1933. They were the hard days of the depression and work was scarce with no well-developed social services to help out. Joe never forgot his roots and the injustices of the time continued to inform both his politics and his ministry. The Church was the only source of assistance and Fr. Taylor, parish priest in Carfin, created a project to provide work and a meaningful use of time for the men who were out of work.

The result is the Carfin Grotto adjacent to the parish church where Joe was to serve as parish priest later in life. Fr. Taylor was the first to arrange for *The Story of a Soul* to be published in English and he knew the sisters of St. Therese of Lisieux. Joe's contact with Carmel was from his early days and in 1952 he came to Saint Mary's College, Aberystwyth, then run by the Order, to bring his level of education to a level suitable for study for ministry.

Joe entered the novitiate at Aylesford Priory in 1953 and made first profession of vows on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1954 prior to leaving for Rome to study philosophy and theology. He was ordained priest in Aylesford on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1959. Joe then spent a year working at Terenure College in Ireland and three years at St. Mary's Aberystwyth before becoming Prior and Parish Priest in Faversham. From this time onwards he occupied positions of responsibility in the Order being subsequently appointed Prior and Parish Priest in Sittingbourne, the International Formation Team in Rome, Warden and Director at Allington Castle, Prior and Parish Priest at English Martyrs Walworth, Novice Master, Prior of Aylesford, Prior and Parish Priest of Carfin and finally resident Chaplain to Nazareth House in Cheltenham. In the midst of all these appointments Joe served on the Provincial Council and on many province commissions.

Joe was a home-maker. One of the brothers who lived with Joe on two occasions recalls: *I remember him as having the ability, without apparently going out of his way specifically so to do, to make community effortlessly happen around him.* Community was a key value not just for the local Carmelite community but the wider communities of parish and Church world-wide. He would often say *we either go together or we don't go at all!* Joe had little time or indeed patience with individualistic notions of piety and salvation. He loved pilgrimage with its sense of journey and friendship. Long faces and miserable saints were not for Joe but he rejoiced in laughter, eating, drinking and sharing beauty with friends as much as the prayer and liturgy. It would be fair to say that for Joe they were of one piece.

The scriptures ask that we *make real friends with the poor.* Joe's model of ministry was rooted in friendship and he loved the social company of others. It didn't matter to him who a person was and he was as easy with someone living on the streets as someone born with a silver spoon in their mouth. There was, however, no mistaking that he was most at ease and at home amongst those who had little.

In later years Joe's own health began to suffer and he found himself in need of care and so moved to Nazareth House in Hammersmith where he was lovingly cared for and where he could be visited not just by brethren but by friends and former parishioners from Walworth. His most faithful visitors were Mark Paterson who sadly can't be with us today and Pat O'Keeffe who kept him in touch with the happenings in the life of the Province. His niece and nephew from USA maintained daily contact and were able to speak with him on the morning before he died.

The Lord came for him very peacefully as dawn was breaking on 6<sup>th</sup> January, the Feast of the Epiphany. The star he followed throughout his life as a man, a friar and a priest had brought him faithfully to Christ. May he rest in peace.

You gave the blind man the gift of seeing light and abundant sight of you:  
reveal your face to the dead who have not yet seen your glory.

– *Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.*

Lord, be merciful to us when we leave this earthly dwelling; make for us a home  
in heaven that will last for ever.

– *Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.*

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## Our Father

Lord, you are the glory of those who serve you.

Look lovingly on our departed brother, Joe.

The waters of Baptism and bonds of Carmel

unite us with him in following Christ and his Mother.

In your mercy grant him everlasting sight of you,

his Creator and Redeemer.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

Minister: Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from  
their labours for their good deeds go with them.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Minister: May he rest in peace.

All: Amen

Minister: May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen



The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Ant.** *All that the Father has given into my care will come to me. Whoever comes to me will find rest for his soul.*

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### Prayers and Intercessions

Christ the Lord gives us the hope that our lowly bodies will become like his in glory. And so let us acclaim him:  
– *Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.*

Christ, Son of the living God, you raised your friend Lazarus from the dead: raise the dead to life and glory, for you have redeemed them by your precious blood.  
– *Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.*

Christ, consoler of those who mourn, you wiped away the tears of Lazarus' family, of Jairus and the widow of Naim: bring consolation and comfort to all who mourn their dead.  
– *Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.*

Christ, our saviour, destroy the reign of sin in our mortal bodies; let us not receive the wages of death but the reward of eternal life.  
– *Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.*

Christ, our redeemer, look upon those who have no hope and do not know you: help them believe in the resurrection and the life of the world to come.  
– *Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.*

*At the entrance to the Chapel*

**Greeting** May the God of hope give you the fullness of peace, and may the Lord of life be always with you.

**All respond:** And with your spirit.

### Sprinkling with Holy Water

In the waters of baptism Joe died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

### Hymn

Merciful Saviour, hear our humble prayer,  
for this your servant passed beyond life's care;  
though sin has touched him, yet his weakness spare.

*O grant him pardon, Jesus Saviour blest,  
and give his spirit light and endless rest.*

O gentle Saviour, Lamb for sinners slain,  
look on your brother, cleanse his heart of stain:  
your cross has won him everlasting gain.

Lord at your passion love did conquer fear;  
now share that triumph with this soul so dear:  
banish his sorrows, let your light appear.

### Welcome and Placing of Symbols

*Fr Damian Cassidy, O.Carm.*

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**Ant.** *The Lord will guard you from every evil. He will guard your soul.*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Ant.** *The Lord will guard you from every evil. He will guard your soul.*

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**Ant.** *If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Ant.** *If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?*

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**Ant.** *As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to anyone he chooses.*

Though he was in the form of God,  
Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Ant.** *As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to anyone he chooses.*

**Short reading** 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Reflection** *Fr Joseph Chalmers, O.Carm.*

**Short Responory**

In your loving kindness, Lord, give him rest.

– *In your loving kindness, Lord, give him rest.*

You will come to judge both the living and the dead.

– *In your loving kindness, Lord, give him rest.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

– *In your loving kindness, Lord, give him rest.*

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**Magnificat**

**Ant.** *All that the Father has given into my care will come to me. Whoever comes to me will find rest for his soul.*

My soul glorifies the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her lowliness;

henceforth all ages will call me blessed.