

POST COMMUNION HYMN

GENTLE AS SILENCE

O the love of my Lord is the essence,
Of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see, he has given to me,
And his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment;
Have been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide, he is there at my side
And his touch is gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned
from his presence,
And I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name,
in the dark of my shame,
And his mercy was gentle as silence.

FINAL PRAYER

Cardinal John Dew

RECESSIONAL HYMN

IMMACULATE MOTHER

Immaculate Mother,
We call upon thee,
From this land of the south,
From our isles of the sea.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!
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We pray for God's glory,
May his Kingdom come,
We pray for his vicar,
Our father in Rome.

We pray for our mother,
The Church upon earth,
And bless sweetest lady,
the land of our birth.

We pray for relief from
Our burdens of pain,
None kneels to thee mother,
Of mercy in vain.

In death's solemn moment,
Dear mother be nigh,
As children of Mary,
O teach us to die.

And crown thy sweet mercy
with this special grace,
To see, in his glory,
Our Lord face to face.

INVITATION

Eileen's family thank you for sharing this day with
them and for your kind words of comfort
and support.

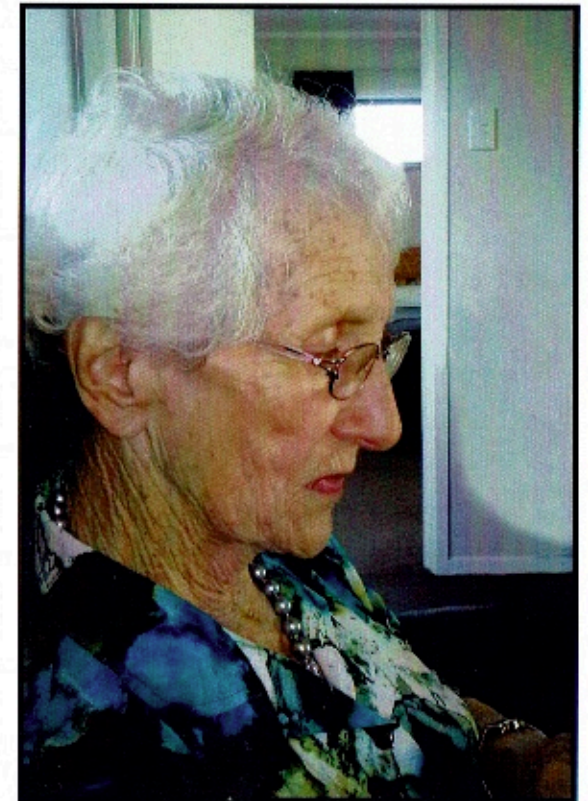
Following this Requiem Mass you are warmly
invited to join the family in the Church Foyer for
refreshments and thereafter
for the interment at Akatarawa Cemetery.
The cortege will depart for the cemetery
at approximately 1.10 pm.

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Of*



Eileen Gittings

29 April 1926

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6 February 2016

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
UPPER HUTT
THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2016
AT 11.00 AM**

**OFFICIATING : Cardinal John Dew
CONCELEBRATING :
Father Michael Sweere
Father Maleko Api-Tufuga
ORGANIST : Mrs Theresa Jordan**

ENTRANCE HYMN

BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst,
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way,
You shall speak your words in foreign lands,
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live.

**Be not afraid,
I go before you always,
Come follow me,
and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters
In the sea, you shall not drown,
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed,
If you stand before the power of hell,
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor,
For the Kingdom shall be theirs,
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
For one day you shall laugh,
And if wicked ones insult and
Hate you, all because of Me,
Blessed blessed are you.

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER
Cardinal John Dew**

**EULOGIES
Martin Gittings
David Gittings**

**READING
First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 4 : 13 – 18
David Gittings**

**PSALM
*THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD***
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

**GOSPEL
John 14 : 1 – 7**

HOMILY

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
Introduction by Cardinal John Dew
Charles Ollivier and Alexander Giurioli**

1. Let us pray for Eileen, we give thanks for her life and commend her into God's presence. In baptism she died with Christ, now that He has called her home to the Father's house, may she share in the fullness of his risen life.
Lord hear us.
2. For all of us gathered here today, may we find strength and consolation in each others company through our belief that life is changed not ended.
Lord hear us.
3. We pray especially today for Helen who cannot be here because of illness, may she be comforted today and in the future. May she find light in time of darkness, and faith in time of doubt.
Lord, hear us.
4. We pray for those here today, that our memory of Eileen whom we loved will inspire us to live as she lived with generosity and fun, and with a renewed love for all our sisters and brothers.
Lord, hear us.
5. We pray today for Eileen's brother Gerry, who passed away on Wednesday morning, and for those who cared for Gerry during his illness.
Lord, hear us.
6. In this Year of Mercy we ask that we all be "merciful like Our Father," and that Eileen knows the kind and merciful presence of God.
Lord hear us.