

**THE CHURCH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FARM STREET**



A Requiem Mass

to pray for the repose

of the soul of

**FATHER FREDERICK COPLESTON, S.J.
C.B.E., F.B.A.**

Born 10th April 1907

Entered the Society of Jesus 7th September 1930

Ordained to the priesthood 9th September 1937

Called to his eternal reward 3rd February 1994

Saturday 12th February 1994 11.00 am

*Pie Jesu Domine
Dona ei requiem sempiternam*

Freddie Copleston was born in Taunton in 1907, the elder son of Frederick and Norah Copleston. He was educated at Marlborough College and St. John's College, Oxford. He began studies for the priesthood in 1929 at Oscott College, Birmingham. A year later, he joined the Society of Jesus and made his studies at Heythrop College, Oxfordshire, where he was ordained in 1937 and completed his studies in 1938. After a year in Germany (1938-39), he returned to Heythrop to lecture in the History of Philosophy (1939-70). From 1952-68 he spent half of each year lecturing at the Gregorian University in Rome.

When Heythrop College moved to London in 1970, Freddie became the first Principal. He held that office until his retirement in 1974. From 1972-74 he was Professor of History of Philosophy in the University of London, and Dean of the Faculty of Theology. After retirement from full-time academic work he lived either at Campion Hall, Oxford, or in the community of Farm Street Church, London. He continued his writing, and between 1975 and 1982 was a regular visiting lecturer at the University of Santa Clara, California. He was Gifford Lecturer in the University of Aberdeen in 1979-80. Honorary doctorates were received from the Universities of Uppsala (1983) and St Andrew's (1990). Freddie became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1970 and was awarded the CBE in 1993 for services to philosophy.

His principal writings are:

Friedrich Nietzsche (1942, rev. 1975)

Arthur Schopenhauer (1946)

A History of Philosophy (9 volumes, 1946-1975)

Aquinas (1955)

Contemporary Philosophy (1956, rev. 1972)

Religion and Philosophy (1974)

Philosophers and Philosophies (1976)

On the History of Philosophy (1979)

Philosophies and Cultures (1980)

Religion and the One (1982)

Philosophy in Russia (1986)

Russian Religious Philosophy (1988)

Memoirs (1993)

May he rest in peace

The principal celebrant of the Mass will be Fr **James Crampsey SJ**, superior of the British Province of the Society of Jesus; the homily will be given by Fr **Gerard J Hughes SJ**, Vice-Principal of Heythrop College and Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy.

In this order of service the congregational hymns and responses are shown in **bold type**. The Farm Street Choir is under the direction of Nicholas Danby; the organist is John McGreal.

After the service all will be welcome to light refreshments in the Church Hall, entered through the front door of 114 Mount Street (leave the Church by the Garden door, to the left of the High Altar.)

Michael Beattie SJ
Superior and Parish Priest

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most gracious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light;
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might
thy justice like mountains high-soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*W. Chalmers-Smith (1825-1908)
based on 1 Timothy 1.17*

INTRODUCTORY PRAYERS

- Celebrant In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen
- Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
- Celebrant My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the
sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins:
**I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in
my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord
our God.**
- Celebrant May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and
bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

CHOIR

Requiem aeternam and Kyrie eleison (Ignatius Mitterer)
(Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.)

Celebrant

Let us pray:
Almighty God and Father, we firmly believe that your Son died and rose to life. We pray for our priest and brother FREDERICK who has died in Christ. Raise him at the last day to share the glory of the risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please be seated

THE READINGS

Isaiah 25: The Lord will destroy death for ever
(Reader: Ruth Tatton-Kelly, President, Heythrop Students' Union)

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748), based on
Psalm 89 (90)*

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.
2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Acts 10: God has appointed him to judge everyone, living and dead
(Reader: Br John Parsons SJ, Farm Street Church)

CHOIR

Alleluia (Battishill)

Please stand

THE GOSPEL

John 11

I shall raise him up at the last day
(Fr Joseph Munitiz SJ, Master of Campion Hall, Oxford)

Please be seated

THE HOMILY

Please stand

THE BIDDING PRAYERS

(Reader: Joseph Mulrooney, Biblical Studies Department, Heythrop College)

Response: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Please be seated

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

*J. Neander (1650-80), paraphrased
by Robert Bridges*

1. All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2. Pride of man and earthly glory
sword and crown betray God's trust;
what with lavish care man buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness ay endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore, from his store,
new-born worlds rise and adore.
4. Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

CHOIR

Justorum Animae (Stanford)

Please stand

Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God, the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise
and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his
church.**

Lord, receive the gifts we offer. may Christ be merciful in
judging our priest and brother FREDERICK for he believed in
Christ as his Lord and Saviour. We ask this through Christ our
Lord.

Amen

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. In him, who rose from the dead, our hope of resurrection dawned. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven. And so with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Please either kneel or be seated

CHOIR

Sanctus (Ignatius Mitterer)

(Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this all of you, and eat it; this is my Body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant, it will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you Father, this life-giving Bread, this saving Cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the Body and Blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord remember your Church throughout the world: make us grow in love, together with John Paul our Pope, George Basil our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember FREDERICK whom you have called from this life, In baptism he died with Christ: may he also share his resurrection.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with the apostles and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please stand

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

Amen

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us (2)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world grant us peace.

Please either kneel or be seated

This is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION

CHOIR

Jesu dulcis memoria (R. Shepherd)

COMMUNION HYMN

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?
3. Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friends of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

Please stand

Let us pray.

Lord God your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his Body and Blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. may our brother FREDERICK, who shared in the eucharistic come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

The Lord be with you

And also with you

May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Please stand

THE RITE OF FINAL COMMENDATION

Celebrant

Let us pray with confidence to God who gives life to all things that he will raise up the body of FREDERICK our priest and our brother, to the perfection and company of all the saints. May God give him a merciful judgement and forgive all his sins. May Christ the Good Shepherd lead him safely home to be at peace with God our Father. May he attain unending happiness with all the Saints in the presence of the Eternal King.

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

The coffin is incensed and sprinkled with holy water

Celebrant

Come to his aid, saints of God. Welcome him angels of the Lord receive him and present him to God most high.

All

Come to his aid, saints of God. Welcome him angels of the Lord, receive him and present him to God most high.

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave FREDERICK new life in baptism, you received him into your Society of Jesus under the standard of Christ the King. You gave the grace of Holy Orders in that same Society. May our holy Father, Saint Ignatius with all the saints and blessed of the Society and the whole company of heaven receive him and present him to God most high.

N pa-ra-dí-sum * dedú-cant te Ange-li :. in tu-o
 advéntu suscí-pi- ant te Márty-res, et perdú-cant te in
 ci-vi-tá-tem sanctam Je-rú-sa-lem. Cho-rus Ange-ló-rum te
 sus- cí-pi- at, et cum Lá-za-ro quondam páupe-re aetér-
 nam hábe- as réqui- em.

All

Father, we commend our brother and priest FREDERICK to your loving care. We thank you for all the blessings with which you endowed him during his life on earth. They are for us too a token of your love and of the blessed union of the Saints in Christ. We are confident that with all who have died in Christ, he will be raised to life on the last day to live with Christ for ever. Lord, hear our prayer. Take FREDERICK to paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our Faith.

Saint Ignatius, pray for him.

St Francis Xavier, pray for him.

St Edmund Campion, pray for him.

St Thomas Aquinas, pray for him.

St Robert Bellarmine, pray for him.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Timothy Dudley-Smith, based on
Luke 1: 46-55*

1. Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name the Lord, the mighty one.
3. Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul,
the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord;
to children's children and for evermore!



“Take, O Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory,
my understanding, and all my will, whatsoever I have
and possess. Thou hast given all these things to me; to
Thee, O Lord, I restore them: all are Thine, dispose of
them all according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and
Thy grace, for this is enough for me.”

SAINT IGNATIUS

