

Read by Nina Lightfoot
Granddaughter of Mabel (Agius) Arrigo

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom
(4:7-13)

The virtuous man, though he die before his time, will find rest.

Length of days is not what makes age honourable,
nor number of years the true measure of life;
understanding, this is man's grey hairs,
untarnished life, this is ripe old age.

He has sought to please God, so God has loved him;
as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up.

He has been carried off so that evil may not warp his understanding
or treachery seduce his soul;

for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade,
and the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart.

Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life.

Read by Lara Smith-Bosanquet
Granddaughter of Alfred Agius

A Reading from the 2nd Letter of St Paul to Timothy
(4:6-8,17-18)

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Read by Fr. (Major) Paul McCourt
RC Chaplain at Sandhurst

A Reading from the Gospel According to St John
(15:12-17)

This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;

I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you
is to love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord

1.

Read by Jess Phillips

Great-great-Granddaughter of Mabel (Agius) Arrigo

We pray for the Church. Lord, we ask that all church leaders be filled with your spirit of wisdom and healing as they work together to resolve conflict, care for those in need and guide their flocks to the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray especially for the Benedictine communities at Downside, Ealing and Worth Abbeys that they may be blessed with new members. We give thanks for those of our family that have been members of those communities for their past and ongoing service in monastery, school and parish - Dom Ambrose, Dom Denis and Dom Christopher.

Lord In Your Mercy...

Hear Our Prayer

2.

Read by Charlotte Hill

Great-great-Granddaughter of Mabel (Agius) Arrigo

We pray for peace in our world, that leaders of all nations will seek to resolve conflict by dialogue, not destruction. We honour and give thanks to all who have fought for our freedoms and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

On this day we remember especially Captain Richard Agius killed on the morning of 26th October 1917. Father in Heaven, his intention was to serve you in this monastery but he placed his trust in you, and you called him to a higher service. His legacy lives in this gathering of many nephews and nieces here today.

Lord In Your Mercy....

Hear Our Prayer

3.

Read by Tiana Langham

Great-Granddaughter of Alfred Agius

We pray for our family. For those gathered here, those unable to be with us, those who have gone before and those yet to come. We give thanks for our family story and those ancestors particularly represented here today - Edward Tancred, Maria Concetta, Saveria , Tancredi , Carlo Maria and Guiseppa.

"I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore."

Lord In Your Mercy...

Hear Our Prayer

4.

Read by Tatiana Richardson

Great-great-Granddaughter of Mabel (Agius) Arrigo

We pray for those in need. We ask , Lord , for your healing spirit to come to all those who ask. For those troubled in mind or body and especially those suffering from the effects of war and conflict.

We pray for all those who have fought, and still fight, for freedom and justice and , at this time , we pray for the soul of Daphne Caruana Galizia and and ask for your consoling spirit on her family.

We pray for all deceased members of our family. May they rest in peace in the eternal kingdom.

Lord In Your Mercy

Hear Our Prayer