

**President:**

Most Reverend Dominic Luong, Bishop of Orange

**Master of Ceremonies, Assistant to the Bishop:**

Michael Shaffer

**Concelebrants:**

Reverend Joseph Nettekoven, Pastor  
Reverend Michael O'Shea (Msgr.'s cousin)  
and many fellow priests from the Diocese of Orange  
and Archdiocese of Los Angeles

**Deacons:** Reverend Mr. Raymond Duthoy

Reverend Mr. Ramón León

**First Reading:** Pat Hassett

**Second Reading:** Ian Skidmore

**Gift Bearers:** O'Connor family

**Music:**

Jane Rice

Jim Rice

Antoinette Miraflor,

Choir Director

St. Justin Adult Choir

**Altar Servers:**

Chiminda Abeyratne

Jose Ferreras

Aldo Halim

Alre Halim

Lori Herbold

**Pall Bearers:**

Reverend Joseph Justice

Reverend Peter Mueller

Reverend John Neneman

Reverend Monsignor James Pierce

Reverend Timothy Ramaekers

Reverend Michael St. Paul



Reception immediately  
following in O'Connor Hall

Burial at Holy Sepulcher  
Cemetery, Orange,  
at 2:45 p.m., December 27



"The future we entrust to God's Fatherly Providence."  
Msgr. Hugh O'Connor, May, 1983

Excerpts from an article Fr. Hugh O'Connor wrote for  
the Dec. 11, 1976 Anaheim Bulletin newspaper:

"As for me, my life is already being poured out like  
a libation. The time is come for me to be gone." (2 Tim.  
4:6). In these words St. Paul expresses his readiness  
to accept his approaching martyrdom, for him the con-  
summation of his worthwhile labors. He could review  
his life with a smile of satisfaction and be content in the  
knowledge that he had fought the good fight and was  
awaiting the victor's crown.

... To face the end of one's life with serenity is to hold  
fast to faith in the love of God. The Father who created  
us awaits our return. The fears of old age and death  
are burdens which are natural to us. However, faith in  
Christ allows us to go beyond these fears and in free-  
dom, long for the perfection of our life in the love of  
God.

**M**onsignor Hugh O'Connor, affection-  
ately known to family as "Father Hugh", died  
peacefully at St. John's Health Center, Santa Monica,  
on December 20, 2007. He was born in Sneem, County  
Kerry, Ireland, on November 19, 1914. He was ordained  
a Priest in All Hallows Seminary, Dublin, in June, 1939.  
His priestly Ministry was spent in the Archdiocese of  
Los Angeles and the Diocese of Orange. His first as-  
signment was at Holy Angels, Arcadia, then at St. Bri-  
gid's, Los Angeles, for 13 years, and at Immaculate  
Heart of Mary, Hollywood until his appointment as  
Founding Pastor of St. Justin Martyr Parish.

Arriving in Anaheim on May 15, 1958, Msgr. O'Connor  
acquired the existing Sacred Heart Mission Church.  
He immediately began preparations for opening the new  
St. Justin Martyr Parish and rented a warehouse which  
would be the temporary location of the church for fifteen  
months. During that time he oversaw the building of the  
new church and school, but more importantly, became  
the driving force for building the community of parishion-  
ers. Under his leadership and guidance many spiritual,  
educational, and social organizations were established,  
many of which continue today. During his forty-two  
years as pastor, he directed all changes and improve-  
ments on the property, including the building of a parish  
hall, convent, rectory, and office buildings. He also  
oversaw the Church's changes, including Vatican II  
revisions and increased lay participation in the liturgy.  
He was the spiritual leader for the many priests that  
served with him and for countless individuals and fami-  
lies that have received Sacraments from him and were  
forever touched by his presence. Even after his retire-  
ment in 1990, he continued to say Mass, administer the  
Sacraments, and visit the sick. He provided great con-  
solation to those in need, and spent his last three years  
as a resident of Nazareth House in Los Angeles.

Msgr., who preferred to be called "Father O'Con-  
nor", enjoyed his travels to Ireland, playing cards, golf,  
Irish soccer, and Notre Dame football. On his last visit  
to St. Justin's on the occasion of his 93rd birthday, he  
sang a heartfelt rendition of his Irish favorite "Danny  
Boy" to all present. However, favorite thing in life was  
the Priesthood, which enabled him to help people be  
closer to God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints.  
His was a joy-filled Priesthood.

He is survived by his sister, Sr. Mary of Mercy; his  
nephew James; his nieces, Peggy, Mary and Joan; and  
many cousins, relatives, parishioners, and friends.



The LORD has sworn and will not waver:  
"Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever." Psalm 110



# Funeral Mass



Monsignor  
Hugh  
O'Connor

November 19, 1914  
December 20, 2007



December 27, 2007  
St. Justin Martyr Church  
Anaheim, California

Entrance Song: "I am the Bread of Life"

Music Issue # 338



## Introductory Rites

Penitential Rite  
Gloria  
Opening Prayer

## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 26:6a, 7-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life; In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading: Revelations 14:13

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, 'let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.' The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Homily

General Intercessions

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

For Msgr. O'Connor, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our brother who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

For our brother, Msgr. O'Connor, who served the Church as a priest, that he may be given a place in the liturgy of heaven. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

For our deceased relatives and friends, especially Monsignor's brother, Jeremiah; sister, Joan; and his parents and grandparents, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

For the family, friends, and fellow parishioners of Monsignor O'Connor, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts  
Offertory song: "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"  
Prayer over the Gifts  
Preface  
Holy  
Eucharistic Prayer  
Memorial Acclamation  
The Great Amen

## Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer  
Sign of Peace  
Lamb of God  
Communion  
Communion Song: "Holy is His Name"  
Communion Meditation:  
"Irish Blessing"  
"Panis Angelicus"  
Prayer after Communion

## Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer  
Song of Farewell  
Prayer of  
Commendation  
Dismissal  
Recessional:  
"Oh Loving God"  
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