

Gerald Rowe's funeral Mass was celebrated December 10th 2018 at Holy Cross, church, Carshalton. In remembering him and also his contribution to the life of this parish mention was made both of him and of his mother (who died 1991), and to the contribution both made particularly concerning the youth of the parish and their hospitality towards them, and outings.

When the present parish priest took up his appointment in 2008 Gerald was a regular member of the congregation at the 8am Sunday Mass, coming to it from his home in Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, in his invalid transport. As ill health took over his life, his appearances became less common, and a tribute was paid to Mary Ann Deller, Eucharistic Minister at this church for her regular weekly visits to his home with Holy Communion.

It was recently noted in the British press how the sons of Prince Charles have learned from their father the custom of picking up litter when they see it and binning it. Gerald maybe learned something similar from his mother because his contribution towards safeguarding the planet including collection and recycling newspapers.

He had been a governor of Westbourne Primary School, and this concern for the welfare of children was shown in his active caring for the children of Mrs Rita Gomez when they were small - something which she greatly appreciated,.

He had been a member of the Observer Corps and lay in his coffin in his uniform.

Concerning this, the music that was played at his committal for cremation was The Last Post.

I hope the above is of use as an outline of the life of Gerald Rowe and his contribution the communities of Morden, Carshalton, and Holy Cross Church, Carshalton.

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