

Obituary for Fr Darryl Peter Burrows.

Fr Peter was born in Los Angeles, California on 29th June 1940. He was the first of 3 children. The only child of his parents, his half sister and brother were the children of his Dad and his stepmother.

Peter was always an overachiever, especially in academics. As a senior high school student he was picked out as one of the brightest in Southern California and was presented to Walt Disney at Disney World.

He got his first degree at USC, bachelor of foreign service, magna cum laude, then a Masters of Theology at the Episcopal School of Theology at Harvard University.

He got his PhD at Hebrew Union College in Ohio achieving summa cum laude.

He later got his Certificate in Marriage, Family and Child Psychotherapy from USC

He also did further studies at Claremont School of Theology, in the Midrash Rabba on Genesis.

A priest of Plymouth Diocese once described Peter as having more degrees than a compass.

His religious life and development was also varied.

He was born into a practising Seventh Day Adventist family.

When his father remarried his step mum was a southern Baptist, so the family followed that path.

As an adult Peter became an Episcopalian (AMERICAN VERSION OF Anglican) he studied for and was ordained as an Episcopalian Priest. He ministered in Los Angeles, Cincinnati Ohio, and in Buffalo in the Diocese of Western New York. He reached the position of Archdeacon of Western New York and was considered a shoe in as next Bishop.

However Peter's studies and spiritual growth had lead him in a new direction. His awareness and understanding of sacrifice, Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross, in the Eucharist and relived in the life and ministry of each priest led him to the Catholic Church.

He gave up his ministry to become a member of the Church, this contributed to the breakup of his marriage and his separation from his beloved children, his two girls Tia and Carrie. Peters wife Judy was also a priest in the Episcopal Church.

Despite his love of Priesthood Peter had to live for many years as a layman. He worked in 3rd level teaching, in healing and therapy. He eventually came to England to work with the Servants of the Paraclete in Stroud. He was accepted as a candidate for priesthood by Bishop Christopher of Plymouth and was ordained 8th Dec 1993. He served in St Mary's Poole as a Curate, Parish Priest in Most Holy Trinity Newquay then Our Lady of Fatima Parkstone.

He worked as chaplain to various schools and hospitals.

Has lectured in Scripture and Human development in both the USA and the UK, very often using both subjects in the same lecture.

He finished his working life as a lecturer at the Missionary Institute in London. It was during this time he was living with the Society of African Missions in London and became an honorary member on 8th December 2012. He published numerous articles but wrote two wonderful books

Jonah the Reluctant Missionary and On Reading Scripture – Elijah the Prophet.

His failing health meant he moved into Nazareth House Plymouth for the final stage of his life where he received great and loving care.

He loved music, playing the piano and the organ, reading, stamp and coin collecting, gardening esp his roses and his fruit trees, painting, travelling collecting Eskimo Soapstone and photography.

His greatest joys however were

Teaching, healing and sharing the depth of his understanding of Sacrifice.

He is survived by;

His daughter Tia and her husband Rick,

His grand daughters Jessica and husband Matt, Tory and partner Mary, Erica and partner Kyle.

His daughter Carrie and his grandsons Chuck, Billy and Johnny

His sister Vicki and her husband R

ex and his niece Jessica and her husband Jayson.

Peter rest in peace in Gods love.