

The death of Margaret Thatcher

"Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word" is completely apposite in her case. The self-righteous hostility which came to the surface shows how we are slipping back into third-rate thinking which bedevilled the politicians on the left. How their radiant socialism digging a huge pit for its foundation ends up as an immense grave. But as they come out of the woodwork at least we have them on view for the country to realise the battle continues.

Reading her biography again it is the attention to detail and the unremitting work and command of her briefs which strike one. She brings the argument into focus and no other politician of that era (1979-91) is close to her in clarity. Oddly we are faced again by the same issues of 1979 after a hopeless management of the finances by Labour. Mr Brown in giving up his own golden rule of keeping the PSBR within the annual 3% has now left us with an unsustainable 12%, so a return to sound money is again the main task for the conservatives.

If the Falklands do have immense gas or oil reserves she will have saved us a second time.

"Go forth upon thy journey, Christian soul...."

Nunc dimittis

Cardinal H. Newman