A Requiem Mass For The Repose Of The Soul Of

DARREL NELSON STEPHENS



21ST JANUARY 1941 - 5TH APRIL 2022

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH
TUESDAY, 12TH APRIL 2022 AT 11:00AM



CELEBRANT
Fr Paddy Sykes

ORGANIST
Marg Davies

CANTOR
John Egan

ENTRANCE HYMN
"Come As You Are"

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

GREETING

Fr Paddy: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Fr Paddy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING OF HOLY WATER
Scott Stephens

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE
Lorna & Craig Stephens

EULOGY
Mark Stephens



OPENING PRAYER

Fr Paddy Sykes

FIRST READING

A reading taken from Ecclesiastes 14:10-15
Read by Rhonda Sutherland

Here is a generous man whose good works
have not been forgotten.
In his descendants there remains a rich inheritance born of him.
His descendants stand by the covenants and thanks to them,
so do their children's children. Their offspring will last forever,
their glory will not fade. His body will be buried in place,
and his name will live on for all generations.
The people proclaim his wisdom;
the assembly will celebrate his praises.
The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

Refrain: I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me,
wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me. **Refrain:**

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians
Read by Rhonda Sutherland

I thank my God whenever I think of you.
And every time I pray for you I pray with joy,
Remembering how you helped us all grow to maturity
from the day you first took us into your arms
right up to the present.
I am quite sure that the one who began this work in you
will finish it when the day of Jesus comes.
It is only natural that we should feel sadness at losing you,
since you have shared your life with us-
your hard times and your happiness.
You will have a permanent place in our hearts,
and God knows how we will miss you.
We love you as Jesus Christ loves you.
My prayer is that peace and happiness
may be your reward now with the Lord
where you will reach that perfect understanding
that Jesus Christ will produce in you.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.
Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord:
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the
foundation of the world.
Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL

Fr Paddy: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Fr Paddy: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:1-6
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

Fr Paddy Sykes

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr Paddy: God our Father raised Jesus from the dead and He will give life to our mortal bodies. We pray to him in faith.

Rhonda Sutherland: That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of Darrel**.**
We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Rhonda Sutherland: The family and friends of Darrel seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief.
We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Rhonda Sutherland: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith including those present via livestream, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.
We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Rhonda Sutherland: For the doctors, nurses and carers at Calvary and Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, that their works of service may be richly blessed.
We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Fr Paddy: Loving Father, you govern all things wisely and with great love. Listen to our prayers and lead us through Your Spirit to complete joy and communion with you.
We make this prayer through Christ, your son.
All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fr Paddy: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Fr Paddy: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Paddy: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right and just.

Fr Paddy: And so with the angels and all the Saints we declare your glory, as with one voice we acclaim:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Fr Paddy: The mystery of faith.
All: We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Fr Paddy: Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Fr Paddy: At the saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.**

Fr Paddy: Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Fr Paddy: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church, and graciously grant him peace and unity in accordance with your will? Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Fr Paddy: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Paddy: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Fr Paddy: Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world, Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



COMMUNION HYMN

"Strong and Constant"

I will be Your God who walks with you!
You will be always in my hand!
Take your heart and give it all to me!
Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in every land!
Should you call then you will truly know
Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

When you know sorrow within your life
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain you will discover Me!
Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

SONG OF FAREWELL

Response:
Receive his soul and present him to God the most High.

Fr Paddy: Saints of God, come to his aid!
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! **Response:**

Fr Paddy: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself,
May angels lead you to Abraham's side. **Response:**

Fr Paddy: Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him. **Response:**

RECSSIONAL HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

I thought of you with love today
but that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday
and days before that too,
I think of you in silence
...I often speak your name
All I have are memories
and your picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake
with which I'll never part
God has you in His keeping
I have you in my heart.

It is with love and gratitude that Darrel's family thank you for your kindness and expressions of sympathy at a time when it is needed and deeply appreciated.

Following the Graveside Service at the Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery, brunskill Road, Lake Albert, you are invited to join the family aat the Chandelier Room of Romano's Hotel, Fitzmaurice Street for light refreshments and to share the many wonderful memories you have of Darrel

ALAN HARRIS MCDONALD
EST.1928