

A Requiem Mass For The Repose Of The Soul Of

JOHN REGINALD BYRNES



1st January 1937 - 21st November 2022

Tuesday, 29th November 2022 at 10:30am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

CELEBRANT
Fr Paddy Sykes

ORGANIST
Marg Davies

CANTOR
John Egan

ENTRANCE HYMN
"Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **Refrain:**

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

Hayden Byrnes

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Brendan Byrnes

PLACING OF THE PALL

Zac and Justin Byrnes

PLACING OF THE SYMBOLS

Hayden, Callum, Molly and Indi Byrnes

EULOGY

Scott Byrnes

PICTORIAL REFLECTION

"Me & Bobby McGee" by Charley Pride

OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Paddy Sykes

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Apocalypse 14:13

Read by Barry Orr

I, John heard a voice from heaven say to me, 'Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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 the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-9

Read by Sue Anderson

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord:
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the
foundation of the world.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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

Fr Paddy: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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."

"You know the way to the place where I am going."
Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me."

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.

Molly Byrnes: That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for Pop's life.
We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Molly Byrnes: The family and friends of Pop 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.**

Indi Byrnes: 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. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Indi Byrnes: For the doctors, nurses and carers at Calvary and Wagga Base Hospital's 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.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
Callum Byrnes and Riley Cool

OFFERTORY HYMN
"Strong and Constant"

I will be your God who walks with you!
You will be always within 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 ev'ry 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!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Fr Paddy: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

"I Am The Bread Of Life"

I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

Refrain: And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live for ever,
he shall live for ever. **Refrain:**

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. **Refrain:**

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
He who believes in me
even if he die,
he shall live for ever. **Refrain:**

Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come
into the world. **Refrain:**

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:**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"On Eagles Wings"

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield. **Refrain:**

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. **Refrain:**

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain:**

PALLBEARERS

Scott Byrnes, Paul Byrnes, Graeme Byrnes, Brent Byrnes,
Angus Byrnes and Roger Strong



It is with love and gratitude that John'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 Rd, Lake Albert. You are invited to the Rules Club, Fernleigh Rd, Wagga Wagga for refreshments and to share the many wonderful memories you all have shared with John.



ALAN HARRIS MCDONALD
EST. 1928