

PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL  
& CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF

*Peter Anthony  
Lawrence*



*16<sup>th</sup> July 1935 — 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

Saint Michael's Catholic Church, Coolamon  
Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 at 10:00am

*CELEBRANT*

Rev Mgr Doug George

*ENTRANCE SONG*

“Eagles Wings”

*GREETING*

**Rev Mgr George:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Rev Mgr George:** 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.**

*LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE*

*BLESSING OF HOLY WATER*

*EULOGY*

Read by Kerrie Lawrence

*PICTORIAL REFLECTION*

“Looking Forward, Looking Back” by Slim Dusty  
&

“Unchained Melody” by The Righteous Brothers

## *OPENING PRAYER*

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother Peter. In this life you embraced him with your tender love; Deliver him now from every evil and bid him enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome him then into paradise, Where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, But the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

## *FIRST READING*

**A Reading from the letter of Romans 14:7-12**

Read by Stephen Lawrence

The life and death of each of us  
has it's influence on others;

If we live, we live for the Lord;

So that alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

This explains why Christ both died and came to life,

It was so that he might be Lord

Both of the dead and of the living.

We shall all have to stand before the judgement  
seat of God; as Scripture says:

By my life- it is the Lord who speaks- every knee shall  
bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God.

It is to God, therefore, that each of us  
must give an account of himself.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*PSALM*

**“Alleluia!”**

Read by Matthew Lawrence

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
Our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

I trusted, even when I said:  
‘I am sorely afflicted,’  
And when I said in my alarm:  
‘No man can be trusted.’

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
Is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
You have loosened my bonds.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

**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!**

## *GOSPEL*

**Rev Mgr George:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Rev Mgr George:** 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*

# *PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL*

Read by Stephen Lawrence

**Rev Mgr George:** God our father raised Jesus from the dead and He will give life to our mortal bodies.

We pray to him in faith.

**Reader:** For Peter, who began eternal life in baptism: that he may find a place in the kingdom of heaven.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Reader:** For the family and friends of Peter, who mourn at his death: the lord will heal their pain and take away the sadness and doubt that come from grief.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Reader:** For those who are suffering and dying at the present moment: that the Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, may bring them unending consolation and joy in heaven.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Reader:** For Christians everywhere: that we may prepare worthily for the hour of our death.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Reader:** For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us: that may have the reward of their goodness and kindness. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Rev Mgr George:** 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.**

## *LORD'S PRAYER*

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.  
Amen

## *PRAYER OF COMMENDATION*

### *SONG OF FAREWELL*

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

**Rev Mgr George:** Saints of God, come to his aid!  
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

**Response:**

**Rev Mgr George :** May Christ, who called you, take you  
to himself, May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

**Response:**

**Rev Mgr George:** Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Response:**

## *RECESSIONAL SONG*



## *MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO*

*When I come to the end of the road,  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little—but not for long,  
And not with your head bowed low,  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me—but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take,  
And each must go alone,  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When we are lonely, and sick at heart  
go to the friends you know,  
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds,  
Miss me—but let me go.*

Following the Committal Service at the Coolamon Lawn Cemetery, Thompson Lane. Peter's family would like to invite you to join them at the Coolamon Sport & Recreation Club to share refreshments and the many memories you have of Peter.



Alan Harris  
McDonald