

A SERVICE OF PRAYERS &
CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF

*James Anthony
Schroot*



19th September 1988 ~ 29th December 2020

St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga
Tuesday, 5th January 2021 at 2:00pm



Celebrant: Rev. Fr Kevin O'Reilly

ENTRANCE SONG
"Eagle's Wings"

GREETING

Fr O'Reilly: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr O'Reilly: 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

LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

EULOGY

Read by Kathleen Withers

PICTORIAL REFLECTION

“Sweet Baby James” by James Taylor

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death forever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek, he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said. See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation, the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

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 byways,
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 will walk on together
To know all the wonders he's given to me. **Refrain:**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground
and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
Anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant
will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr O'Reilly: God our father raised Jesus from the dead and He will give life to our mortal bodies. We pray to him in faith.

Reader: That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of James. We pray the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: The family and friends of James 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**

Reader: 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**

Reader: That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord hear our prayer

Fr O'Reilly: 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.

Fr O'Reilly: Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! **Response:**

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

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

RECESSIONAL SONG

"Amazing Grace"

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 too 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 that 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 you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me but let me go.

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

Following the Committal Service at the Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery, Brunskill Road, Lake Albert. James' family would like to welcome you to The Palm and Pawn, for light refreshments & to share the many wonderful memories we all have of James.



Alan Harris McDonald