

SERVICE OF PRAYERS AND CELEBRATION
FOR THE LIFE AND LOVE OF

Steven Gowan Bourke



19th February 1950—5th April 2021

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wagga Wagga
Thursday, 8th April 2021 at 2:00pm

CELEBRANT: Fr John Baptist

ENTRANCE SONG
"Going Home" by Isla Grant

GREETING

Fr John Baptist: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr John Baptist: 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 PASCHAL CANDLE



EULOGY

Read by Lisa Bourke

PHOTO TRIBUTE

“Single Yellow Rose” by Isla Grant

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Isaiah

Read by Elaine Bourke

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name, you are mine;
Should you pass through the sea, I will be with you;
or through rivers, they will not swallow you up.
Should you walk through fire, you will not be scorched
and the flames will not burn you.
For I am Yahweh, your God, the Holy One of Israel,
your saviour.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord's 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:**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Fr John Baptist: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Fr John Baptist: “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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Read by Leeanne Alcorn and Janelle Jeffries

Fr John Baptist: We gather in faith to give thanks for Steven's life, believing that nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus. Let us pray for all our needs and place our petitions before our God.

Reader: We pray for the Church, that it will be a sign of peace, compassion and hope in a world where there is so much war and suffering.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We pray for Steven, that after many years of suffering, he may be welcomed into the heart of the Mystery of God.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We pray for the Bourke families, and all who have loved Steven and shared his life, that the memory will encourage us as we continue our journey through life.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We pray for all who have cared for Steven, that they would know that their dedicated love and compassion make a difference in the lives of those for whom they care.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We pray for all who have died, those who have loved us and shared our lives, especially deceased members of Steven's family, that they would know peace and joy in the heart of the Mystery of our God.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Fr John Baptist: Creator God, hear our prayers and grant us your protection in all our dangers, your peace in all our sorrows, and joy to permeate our days as we journey together into the Mystery of God. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

OUR FATHER

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.
Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

SONG OF FAREWELL

Response:

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

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

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

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

RECESSIONAL SONG

"I Will Always Love You" By Whitney Houston

PALLBEARERS

Craig Bourke, Dylan Corcoran, Tristan Corcoran,
Mitchell Thorneycroft, Anthony Jerrick and Denny Bourke



The Family of Steven Bourke would like to thank you very much for the kind expressions of sympathy shown following his passing. Your support at this difficult time is very much appreciated and of great comfort to all the family.

Following the committal service at the Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery, Brunskill Road, please join us to celebrate Steven's life and the many treasured memories of his life at the Wagga Boat Club, Plumpton Road, Wagga Wagga



ALAN HARRIS MCDONALD

EST. 1928