



*A Service Of Prayers
And Celebration
For The Life And Love Of*

*William James
Thompson*



"Bill"

19.4.1958 - 3.8.2021



August, 7th 2021 | Saturday

*ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC
CHURCH, COOLAMON*

Commencing at 10:00am

Celebrant: Msgr. Doug George
Concelebrant: Fr. Paddy Sykes
Organist: Ros Guthrie
Singers: Jack Thompson, Michael Jones & Ros Guthrie

ENTRANCE HYMN
“Hallelujah”

GREETING

Msgr Doug George: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Msgr Doug 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.

SPRINKING WITH HOLY WATER

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, Bill is gone now from this earthly dwelling and has left behind those who mourn his absence. Grant that as we grieve for our brother we may hold his memory dear and live in hope of the eternal kingdom where you will bring us together again.

EULOGY

Read by Alex, Jack and Charlie Thompson

PICTORIAL REFLECTION

“Piano Man” by Billy Joel

FIRST READING

Read by Charlie Thompson

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see god.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord;
Whoever believes in me will never die.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Msgr Doug George:

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Msgr Doug George:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Msgr Doug George:

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Read by Alex Thompson

Msgr Doug George: Jesus spent much of his time among the suffering and the sick because he had great compassion for them. Turning to our compassionate lord, we pray.

Reader: For Bill, who for so long had been under the limitations and pain of illness that he may know the freedom and joy of the kingdom.

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

Reader: For the family and friends of Bill and those who cared for him in his illness: that they may be consoled in the knowledge that Bill is now released from pain to enjoy peace forever.

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

Reader: For healing of the sick, especially those in our own community: that they may be granted health.

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

Reader: For all who suffer in hospitals and at home: that they may feel close to Christ, who suffered so much during his life.

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

Reader: For all who have died in faith: that the Lord will lavish love and life upon them. Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Msgr Doug George: Almighty God, the mystery of your suffering and death is the way to glory and life. Confidently we ask you to hear our prayers in the name of Jesus who is life. Amen.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

SONG OF FAREWELL

Response:

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

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

Response:

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

Response:

**Msgr Doug George: Eternal rest, grant unto him, O
Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him. Response:**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

Farewell Bill

By Tom Goss

The time has come to bid farewell, Bill's final working day.

Forty years of legalese and the warlike courtroom fray
Jim and Arthur paved the path, the Thompson name inscribed
Both today are looking down with joyful family pride.

Bill was born with suave good looks and vibrant chestnut hair
But the toll has been exacting, and now his head is bare.

Those decades of achievement of laughter, fun and tears
How quickly have they come & gone those fun filled, happy years.

Then Parko hit his silver tongue, a crunching right hand jab
But Parko didn't factor in the blessed gift of Gab.

Both bear no airs or graces, just a love of simple joys
With Gab a rock beside him, they raised three champion boys.

Now Bill was once a football champ, the backline's where he starred
Until the day the hail crashed down and left his skull all scarred
He sometimes spoke in clichés, here's some we'd like to share
'It's all swings and roundabouts' and 'think outside the square'

And tact is not a word he knew, it's perhaps not strictly legal
To claim he worked with turkeys yet soared up like an eagle.
But Bill you've been a brilliant boss, roused turkeys into flight
Your humour, love and kindness made work a sheer delight

Some people never make a mark and leave without a trace
But you and Gab have made the world a kinder, gentler place
The Parko fog has lifted now, your soul resides at ease.
But Bill you've left a vacuum like flowers without bees

The pain is now reserved for those you've left behind
The world has lost a precious gem, a model for mankind
The final word is ours at last, and said with all good will
'Thank you linesman, thank you ball boys' Thank you Bill



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

Following the prayers of committal at the Coolamon Lawn Cemetery, you are invited to the Coolamon Sport & Recreation Club for light refreshments and to share the many wonderful memories you all have shared with Bill.



ALAN HARRIS MCDONALD
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