

'Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much'

St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga Thursday, 27th April 2023

CELEBRANT Fr Sean Byrnes

ENTRANCE HYMN "Lead Me Home"

I have seen my last tomorrow I am holding my last breath Goodbye, sweet world of sorrow My new life begins with death

I am standing on the mountain I can hear the angels' songs I am reaching over Jordan Take my hand, Lord, lead me home

All my burdens are behind me I have prayed my final pray Don't you cry, over my body 'Cause that ain't me, lying there

No, I am standing on the mountain I can hear the angels' songs And I am reaching over Jordan Take my hand (Take my hand) Lord, lead me home

I am standing on the mountain (Lord, I am standing, on the mountain) I can hear the angels' songs (I can hear the angels' songs) I am reaching over Jordan (Over Jordan) Take my hand, Lord, lead me home (Lead me home) Take my hand, Lord, lead me home

> EULOGY Read by Alan Henderson

GREETING

Fr Byrnes: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. All: Amen.

Fr Byrnes: 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

OPENING PRAYER Fr. Sean Byrnes

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-9 Read by Caitlin Tubb

The Souls of the just are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. They seemed in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God has tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he too them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through the stubble; They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their king forever.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **R The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **R**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and your staff that give me courage. **R**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. **R**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:5-11

Read by Erin Adams

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

> This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 3:16 God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

Fr Byrnes: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:1-6 All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me also. In my fathers house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be. Where I am going, you know the way.

> The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

> > HOMILY Fr Sean Byrnes

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Read by Jennifer Adams and Kathleen Painting

Fr Byrnes: God our Father raised Jesus from the dead and He will give life to our mortal bodies. We pray to him in faith.

For Jim, in Baptism he was called to be your follower, we thank you as we pray that you welcome him now into the happiness of everlasting life. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Jim, who submitted gently and faithfully to you, as you revealed your plan to him, as a loving son, husband, father, brother, and friend. Help us to follow his example and be open to what you ask of us throughout life. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

For Jim's wife Patricia, their children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, that they may be granted consolation from the Holy Spirit and discover hope in their grief. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord thank you for allowing Jim to share his love, friendship, caring nature and wonderful sense of humour with us. We ask that these beautiful memories not pass with the years. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who have travelled here today to celebrate Jim's life and support his family and we pray for all our deceased family and friends who have gone before us. Lord Hear us All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Byrnes: 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 HYMN "Galilee Song"

Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me. Words that I can't understand; meanings I must clearly hear! Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind! Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time!

> So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores! Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord!

In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain! And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my mind, To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry!

> So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores! Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord!

As I gaze into the night down the future of my years, I'm not sure I want to walk past horizons that I know! And I need to learn once more like a stirring deep within, Restless, 'til I live again beyond the fears that close me in!

> So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores! Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Fr Byrnes: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Fr Byrnes: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right and just.

Fr Byrnes: 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 Byrnes: The mystery of faith. **All: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.**

Fr Byrnes: 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 Byrnes: 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 Byrnes: 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 Byrnes: 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 Byrnes: The peace of the Lord be with you always. All: And with your spirit.

Fr Byrnes: 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 Byrnes: 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 "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!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION



SONG OF FAREWELL

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

Fr Byrnes: Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet his angels of the Lord! **Response:**

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

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Hail, Queen of Heaven"

PALLBEARERS

Erin Adams, Jennifer Adams, Kathleen Painting, Caitlin Tubb, Bonnita Tubb and Drew Corbett



A LIFE WELL LIVED

A life well-lived is a precious gift of hope and strength and grace from someone who has made our world a brighter, better place. It's filled with moments sweet and sad, with smiles and sometimes tears, with friendships formed and good times shared, and laughter through the years. A life well-lived is a legacy of joy and pride and pleasure, a loving, lasting memory our grateful hearts will treasure.



Jim's family thank you for your presence here today. We will always be grateful to you for your kindness, love and support.

You are invited to the Wagga RSL Club Pacific Lounge, Kincaid Street, Wagga Wagga for light refreshments and to share the many wonderful memories you all have of Jim.

