



Maurice John Fitzpatrick

17th August, 1943 – 9th April, 2023

Chapel of William Sheahan Funerals
cnr High Street and Murradoc Road Drysdale
19th April, 2023

Officiating - Father Raymond Bugeja

ORDER OF SERVICE

Music to begin Service:

Irish/Celtic

Greeting:

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Lighting the Candle:

Priest: With the lighting of the candle, we pray that Maurice will be received into the full light of God's glory. Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

All: Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

Sprinkling with Water:

Priest: On the day of his Baptism, Maurice was born again of water and the Holy Spirit.
May this life open into the eternal glory of heaven with God and the Saints.
Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.

All: Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.

Placing of the Baptismal Pall: Meghan Fitzpatrick & Paul Fitzpatrick

Priest: On the day of his Baptism, Maurice was clothed in Christ.
May He enfold him in His love and clothe him in glory.
Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.

All: Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.

Placing of Flowers and Life Symbols: Bonnie & Ruby McKenzie

Eulogy: Kate McKenzie and Paul Fitzpatrick

Photo Presentation:

The Flower Duet – Dame Kiri Te Kawana, Katherine Jenkins & Anthony Inglis
Danny Boy – Ian Melrose

Opening Prayer:

Priest: Into our hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother Maurice. 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading:

(Sit)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

Ruby McKenzie

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up, the time for killing and the time for healing, the time for tearing down, and the time for building. He sets the time for sorrow and the time for joy, the time for mourning and the time for dancing.

He has set the right time for everything. He has given us a desire to know the future, but never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what He does. So I realised that all we can do is be happy and do the best we can while we are still alive.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: 'The Lord Is My Shepherd' (visual)

Please stand to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:



All: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Blessed are those who have died in the Lord
Blessed indeed, let them rest from their labours
For their good deeds go with them.
Alleluia

Gospel: John 14: 1 – 6

Priest: The Lord be with you
All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples:
Don't 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,
I shall return to take you,
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: Fr Ray Bugeja (Sit)

Prayers of the Faithful : (Stand)
Bonnie McKenzie & Meghan Fitzpatrick

Priest: Let us place before God, our loving Father, these prayers that are close to our Hearts.
In Baptism Maurice received the light of Christ.
Let us pray that God will watch over Maurice
And lead him over the waters of death.
Lord, hear us.

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

We pray that God may call Maurice to happiness in the company of all the saints. We pray to the Lord:
All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who care for the sick and dying. Especially those who cared for Maurie – Helen, the Epworth Oncology Team and Bellarine Community Health. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the communities of Rosanna, Heidelberg and Portarlington who have provided support and friendship to Maurie throughout his life. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: We make these prayers through Jesus Christ your Son.

All: Amen.

The 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.

Final Commendation:

Priest: Trusting in God, we have prayed for Maurice and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see him again, and enjoy his friendship and beautiful smile.

Although we will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of His kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

All pray in silence as the coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water.

Prayer of Farewell:

Priest: I am the Resurrection and the Life

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life

Priest: Whoever believes in Me, even though that person dies, he shall live.

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life

Priest: Whoever lives and believes in Me, shall never die.

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life

Priest: Let us take Maurice to his place of rest.

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life

Recessional Song: Brideshead Revisited Theme by Geoffrey Burgon

Maurice will be laid to rest at a Private Burial at Portarlington Cemetery.

The Fitzpatrick family would like to thank you for your attendance here today to celebrate Maurie's life.

Following the service, they would like to welcome everyone to the Portarlington Grand Hotel for refreshments.

“The Meeting of the Waters”

There is not in this wide world a valley so sweet
As the vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet;
Oh! the last rays of feeling and life must depart,
Ere the bloom of that valley shall fade from my heart.

Yet it was not that Nature had shed o'er the scene,
Her purest of crystal and brightest of green;
'Twas not her soft magic of streamlet or hill,
Oh! no, - it was something more exquisite still.

'Twas that friends, the beloved of my bosom, were near,
Who made every dear scene of enchantment more dear,
And who felt how the best charms of nature improve,
When we see them reflected from looks that we love.

Sweet Vale of Avoca! How calm I could rest
In thy bosom of shade, with the friends I love best,
Where the storms that we feel in this cold world should cease
And our hearts, like thy waters, be mingled in peace.

by Thomas Moore

