

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life and Love of



BRIAN WILLIAM PATCHETT

Born: 28th February 1941
Born to Eternal Life: 29th June 2021

St Thomas' Church, Drysdale, 19th July, 2021

Celebrants: Fr. Peter Matheson
Fr. Raymond Bugeja

Gathering Song: Here I am Lord (*Dan Schutte*)

Welcome: Fr Peter

Placing of Christian symbols:

Sprinkling of Baptismal Water: *Fr Raymond*

All: *May Christ now bathe him in his love.*

Placing of Baptismal Pall: *Doris and Trish*

All: *May Christ enfold him in his life.*

Lighting of Paschal Candle: *Chris Volante*

All: *May Christ now hold him in his light*

Eulogy: Trish Patchett

Gathering Prayer:

Fr Peter: Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother, Brian. 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.

Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading: Reader:

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (44:10-15)

Here is a list of generous men whose good works have not been forgotten. In their descendants there remains a rich inheritance born of them. Their descendants stand by the covenants and, thanks to

them, so do their children's children. Their offspring will last forever, their glory will not fade. Their bodies have been buried in peace, and their name lives on for all generations. The peoples will proclaim their wisdom, the assembly will celebrate their praises.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord Is My Shepherd (*Brian Boniwell*)

Second Reading: Reader:

A reading from the 2nd Letter of St. Paul to Timothy (4:6-8)

The time has come for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the Faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day – and not only to me, but to all who wait for him to appear.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die forever.

Alleluia!

Fr Peter: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Peter: A reading from the holy gospel according to John (14:1-6)

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said: "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 not I would 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.

Homily: Fr Peter

Prayers of Intercession:

Fr Peter: We know that Brian is at peace with God. We pray now in faith and hope.

Reader(s)

I. With great love we pray for Brian, and give thanks for the gift of knowing him and sharing in his life. Lord, may he now enjoy Your promise of eternal life and peace. Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray in thanksgiving for all that made Brian so special: his endurance and calm acceptance of life, his deep and abiding faith, his kindness, humility and gentleness, his integrity and strong values, his unconditional love and devotion to his family, and his loyal and unfailing friendship. May he go on living in the hearts and memories of all who knew and loved him. Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for Doris and give thanks for the love that she and Brian shared over so many years, and for accompanying each other in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. May the life and love they shared be treasured always in her heart and sustain her in the days ahead. Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for Trish, Brian and Doris's only daughter. May special memories of love and laughter, strength and courage, comfort her, and may Brian's goodness inspire her in all her days ahead. Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for the police and paramedics and other critical incident personnel who cared for Brian with kindness and expertise immediately after his tragic accident. May they continue to carry out their work with gentleness, dignity and compassion. Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. We pray for all those dear to us who have died, especially Bill and Lucy Patchett, Frank and Mary Pace and Joe Pace. We thank you, Lord, for the impact that they and Brian have had on our lives and ask that they be joyfully reunited in your love. Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Peter: Father, in the resurrection of your Son, you have shown that love is stronger than death. Support us as we continue our

journey and look forward to being reunited with Brian and all those we have loved. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The gifts of bread and wine will be carried forward.

Prayer over the Gifts

Fr Peter: Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive our brother Brian into the glory of your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Eucharistic Memorial Acclamation:

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Hymn:

Galilee Song (Frank Anderson)

Prayer after Communion

Fr Peter: Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his body and blood to nurture and guide us on our journey to your kingdom. May our brother Brian who shared in the Eucharist come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Prayers of Commendation:

Fr Peter: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Brian 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 Brian again and enjoy his friendship. Although we disperse now 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.

Song of farewell:

Fr Peter: Saints of God, come to his aid.
Come to meet him angels of the Lord.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Peter: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Peter: Give Brian eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on him forever.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Peter: O God, author and sustainer of our lives, our final home, we commend Brian to you. Trusting in your mercy and in your all-embracing love, we pray that you give him happiness for ever.

Turn also to us who have suffered this loss. Strengthen the bonds of this family and our community. Confirm us in faith, in hope and in love, so that we may bear your peace to one another and one-day stand together with Brian and all the saints in your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

Fr Peter: In peace, let us now carry Brian to his place of rest.

Recessional Music: **Long As I Can See The Light**
(Creedence Clearwater Revival)

*Doris and Trish and family
sincerely thank everyone
for their wonderful support,
kindness and prayers during this sad time.*

*Thank you for your attendance today
to celebrate the life of this very special man
and for the part you played in his life.*

