

*Mass of Thanksgiving
Celebrating the life of*



***Ronald Paul 'Ronnie'
KOPP***

*14th March, 1966 - 8th December, 2019
Aged 53 Years*

St. Kilian's Catholic Church, Bendigo
10.30am Monday, December 16th, 2019
Celebrant: Fr. Tony Shallue
Soloist: Katie McMillan



Entrance Song: Amazing Grace (*Delta Goodrem*)

Welcome & Greeting: Fr. Tony Shallue

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Words of Remembrance: Mr. Stephen Iser
Fr. Tony Shallue

Photo Presentation: I was Here (*Beyonce*)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Ursula Kopp & Michelle Evans

Fr. Tony: In Baptism, Ron received the light of Christ,
it has guided him through his life.

All: May this light now lead him into Eternal Life.

Sprinkling with Holy Water - Fr. Tony

Fr. Tony: In the waters of Baptism, Ron died with Christ and
rose with Him into Eternal Life.

All: May he now share Eternal Life with Him in Glory.

Placing of White Pall - Grace, Jess, Kate, Hannah.

Kathleen will place the flowers on the coffin

Fr. Tony: On the day of his Baptism, Ron was clothed in
Christ and given a Christian dignity forever.

All: May Christ now enfold him in His love and bring him
into Eternal Life.

LIFE SYMBOLS

Grace	Golden Bean Coffee Cup & Dancing Goats Coffee
Jess	Lycra
Kate	North Melbourne Scarf
Hannah	Bike Helmet
Kathleen	Nike Hat & Jack Rabbit Carrots



PLEASE STAND

Collect (Opening Prayer): Fr. Tony

Let us Pray,

Lord, in our grief we turn to you. Are you not the God of love always ready to hear our cries? Listen to our prayers for your servant Ron, whom you have called out of this world: lead him to your kingdom of light and peace and count him among the saints in glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Melanie Bish

A Reading from Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1,2,6-8

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. He sets the time for finding and the time for losing, the time for saving and the time for throwing away, the time for tearing and the time for mending, the time for silence and the time for talk. He sets the time for love and the time for distancing from love, the time for war and the time for peace.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22(23) Trish Schofield

Response : The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

Response : The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

Response : The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Response : *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

Response : *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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Gospel Acclamation:

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy are those who die in the Lord, let them rest
from their labours for their good deeds go with them.

Alleluia!

Gospel (John 14:1-6) Fr. Tony



Fr. Tony The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Fr. Tony A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

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.



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Homily: Fr. Tony

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Prayers of the Faithful:

Introduction: Fr. Tony

My Friends, Let us pray to the Father of Mercy and ask for strength in our time of sorrow, as we gather to offer these prayers for Ron, his family and all gathered here today:

Read by Grace Kopp

We give thanks for our beautiful Dad; for being an inspiration, role model and a blessing to our family. We will forever cherish your strength, beautiful smile, caring heart, kindness, generosity and ‘Dad Jokes’. You brought so much happiness to our family and will continue to be a special part of our lives.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Grace Kopp

We give thanks to Melanie and Trish for their love, warmth and care for Dad; and for their constant support and strength for Mum, Jess, Kate, Hannah, and Myself.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Will Schofield

We pray for Kathleen, Grace, Jess, Kate and Hannah. May they find strength in their many beautiful memories and the love they shared with Ronnie in their lives each day. May they continue to feel the love and support of those here today. Loving God, we ask you to bless them and continue to watch over them.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Jasmine Evans

For all of Ron’s family and friends; we pray your special memories give you strength and may you find comfort in one another through this difficult time.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Read by Tegan Evans

We give thanks for Ron's life and all that he gave to those he loved and knew, particularly his kindness, generosity and wisdom; may we take time to model these values in our own lives.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Peta Cooper

To the staff of the Golden Bean: May you find strength in each other and in continuing one of Ronnie's legacies of providing the best coffee in Bendigo. May you continue to implement Ronnie's wisdom and teachings. We give thanks for your commitment to the Golden Bean, particularly over the past two weeks.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Brenten Delaney

To the staff of ICU and Bendigo Health: thank you for your professional and beautiful care of Ronnie, whom we knew was always in the best care. Your support was of great comfort to Kathleen and her family through this very difficult time. May God continue to bless you in your vocation each day.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession: Mary and Maddison Morcom
Sarah Schofield

Offertory Song: I am the Bread of Life (*Katie McMillan*)

Mystery of Faith

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

Communion Hymn: Eagles Wings (*Katie McMillan*)



Communion Reflection: Can't Help Falling in Love (*Jess and Gabriel*)

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

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Invitation to Prayer: Fr. Tony:

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Ron. May our farewell express our affection for him, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Song of Farewell:

Fr. Tony: Saints of God, come to his aid, hasten to meet him,
Angels of the Lord.

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

Fr. Tony: 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. Tony: Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon him.

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

Prayer of Commendation: Fr. Tony

You are the author and sustainer of our lives, O God. You are our final home. We commend to You our brother Ron. Trusting in Your mercy and in Your all embracing love, we pray that You give him happiness forever. 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 all the saints who praise You for Your saving help.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Recessional Song: American Pie (Don McLean)

COFFIN BEARERS

Bruce Morcom, Budge Russell, John Russell,
Jock Schofield, Haydn Stephens, Christopher Dove

Graveside Song: Dance Monkey (Tones & I)



*"God, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference"*



Kathleen, Grace, Jess, Kate and Hannah along with the extended family would like to thank everyone for their Love, Care & Support during this difficult time and for joining with them today to celebrate Ronnie's Life.

Following the interment at the White Hills Lawn Cemetery, you are invited to join the family for light refreshments at 'The Conservatory' - All Seasons Complex
171-183 McIvor Hwy Bendigo



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