

*Mass of Thanksgiving
for the life of*



Michael John MULVAHIL

23rd March, 1938 - 10th September, 2020

Aged 82 Years

St. Kilian's Church, Bendigo

11am Tuesday September 15th, 2020

Celebrant: Mgr. Frank Marriott

Altar Servers: Ciara Pinzone & Tynan Pinzone



Entrance Song: I'll Walk With God (*Harry Secombe*)

Welcome & Greeting: Mgr. Frank Marriott

PLEASE SIT

Eulogy: Siobhan Pinzone & Kevin Mulvihil

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Doug & Barb Burns

Mgr. Marriott: In Baptism, Michael 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 - Mgr. Marriott

Mgr. Marriott: In the waters of Baptism, Michael 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 - Teresa Cooney & Peter Cooney

Mgr. Marriott: On the day of his Baptism, Michael 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.**

PLEASE STAND

Collect (*Opening Prayer*): Mgr. Marriott

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 Michael,
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: *Read by Giulio Pinzone*

A Reading from Apocalypse 14:13

I John, heard a voice from Heaven say to me, "Write down; Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord Is My Shepherd** (*Stuart Townend*)

PLEASE STAND

Gospel Acclamation (*All say together*)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord:
inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the
foundation of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel (*Matthew 5:1-12*) *Mgr. Marriott*

Mgr. Marriott: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Mgr. Marriott: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in Heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There He sat down and was joined by His disciples. Then He began to speak, this is what He taught them: "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth as their heritage. Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called sons



and daughters of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE SIT

Homily: Mgr. Marriott

STAND

Prayers of the Faithful:

Introduction: Mgr. Marriott

God our Father, we celebrate Michael's journey through life with joy, and we remember the many blessings you gave him in life, and knowing You are faithful to Your promises, we now turn to You in prayer.

Reader

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of Michael.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader

We are assembled here today to celebrate the life of Michael. Let us pray that God will strengthen our hope and that we live with the expectation of the coming of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the Kingdom. May God grant them an everlasting home with Christ.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Reader

For the doctors and nurses at St. John of God Hospital who cared for Michael, that their works of service may be richly blessed.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader

That God will grant relief for all sufferers of Cancer.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession: *Robert Rossiter & Eimear Rossiter*

Offertory Hymn: Peace Prayer of St. Francis (*Daniel O'Donnell*)

Mystery of Faith: (*All say together*)

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

The Lord's Prayer: (*All say together*)

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

COMMUNION

Communion & Reflection Hymn:

Jesus, Remember Me (*The London Fox Taize Choir & The London Fox Players*)



PLEASE STAND

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: *Mgr. Marriott*

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Michael. 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:

Mgr. Marriott: 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.

Mgr. Marriott: 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.

Mgr. Marriott: 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: *Mgr. Marriott*

Into Your hands, Father of Mercies, we commend our brother Michael in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day. We give You thanks for the blessings, which You bestowed upon Michael in this life: they are signs to us of Your goodness and of our fellowship with the Saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of Paradise to Your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with You and with our brother forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Recessional Song: Song of Joy (*Miguel Rios*)



I'm Free

*Don't Grieve for me now, I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day;
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found my place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things, I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

*The Mulvahil family sincerely thank everybody
for their comfort, support and attendance
today and for supporting Dad over his journey.*



The Funeral cortege will leave at the conclusion of Mass
for the Eaglehawk Lawn Cemetery.



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