

*Service of Thanksgiving
to Celebrate the Life of*



Jeffrey Norman RUFF

25th July, 1947 - 4th September, 2020

Aged 73 Years

Bendigo Funeral Centre, Chapel

2.00pm Friday September 11th, 2020

Celebrant: Fr. Tony Shallue



PLEASE STAND

Entrance Song: Morning Has Broken (Cat Stevens)

Welcome & Greeting: Fr. Tony

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Eulogy: Judy Ruff & Simon Ruff

Photo Presentation: And The Grass Won't Pay No Mind (Elvis Presley)
Hey Jude (The Beatles)

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Peter Ruff

Fr. Tony In Baptism, Jeff 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, Jeff 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 - Simon Ruff & Lisa Ruff

Fr. Tony On the day of his Baptism, Jeff 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.



PLACING OF LIFE SYMBOLS

Letters written by Jeff to Judy (Sarah)

Jeff was a conscript in the Army and Judy a lay Missionary in Papua New Guinea.

Photo (Jayden)

*Photograph of village of St. Peter, Germany
ancestral home of the Ruff's where Jeff has visited.*

Books (Anousha)

Jeff's love of Books and Travel.

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Opening Prayer: *Fr. Tony*

Let us Pray,

Lord God, in whom all find refuge, we appeal to Your boundless mercy: grant to the soul of Your servant Jeff a kindly welcome, cleansing of sin, release from the chains of death, and entry into everlasting life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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First Reading: *Read by Sarah Ruff*

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 hate, the time for war and the time for peace.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22(23) Read by Sasha Edwards

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.

Second Reading: Read by Julie Ruff

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:31-13:13

The greatest of the gifts is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



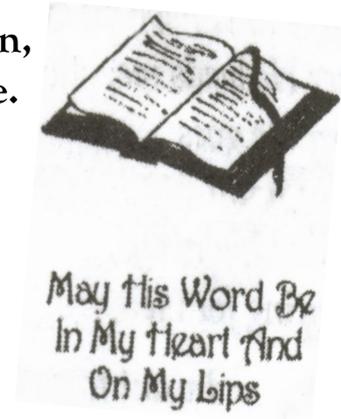
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Gospel Acclamation (*all say together*)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God loved the world so much, He gave His only Son,
that all who believe in Him might have Eternal Life.

Alleluia!



Gospel: (*Luke 23:33,39-43*) Fr. Tony

Fr. Tony: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Fr. Tony: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you O Lord.

Today you will be with Me in Paradise.

When the soldiers reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there and the two criminals also, one on the right, and the other on the left. One of the criminals hanging there abused Him. 'Are You not the Christ?' he said. 'Save Yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as He did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this Man has done nothing wrong. 'Jesus', he said, 'remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' He replied, 'today you will be with Me in Paradise.'

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: *Read by Anousha Edwards*

Introduction: Fr. Tony

We pray to the Lord, may He welcome Jeff into His love and peace. May his life be now completed and fulfilled in God's presence forever.

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of Jeff.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, comfort Jeff's family in their pain of loss and sorrow. Remember us all gathered here today that we too may comfort one another and experience Your joy and peace.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank God for those who were kind to Jeff, visited him and cared for him in his days at the Hospital and Home. May their witness help us all in our lives.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray in thanks for those who are gathered here today. We thank You for those who touched Jeff's life and supported him through his joys and sorrows. Fill the sadness in our hearts with Your love and increase our faith and strength.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the deceased members of our families we ask Your light and peace. May all of us be united with them in Eternal Life.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: *Fr. Tony*

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Jeff. 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*

To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of Jeff Your servant; in the sight of this world he is now dead; in Your sight may he live forever. Forgive whatever sins he committed through human weakness and in Your goodness grant him everlasting peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Recessional Music: 'The Mission' Theme (*Ennio Morricone*)



Judith, Simon and Sasha together with their families,
would like to thank you all for your prayers, comfort
and support and for joining with them today to celebrate the life
of their dearly loved Husband, Father, Poppy and Brother,

Jeff Ruff



*At the conclusion of the Service the Funeral cortege will leave for the
Bendigo Lawn Cemetery.*



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