

*Service of Thanksgiving
for the life of*



***Stephen John Kelly
'Kels'***

22nd October 1961 - 22nd October 2020

Aged 59 Years

Bendigo Funeral Centre - Chapel

11am Friday October 30th, 2020

Celebrant: Fr. Rob Galea





Entrance Song: Time of Your Life
(Sung by Brendan Gallagher and Angela Slattery)

Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road
Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where to go
So make the best of this test and don't ask why
It's not a question, but a lesson learned in time

*It's something unpredictable, but in the end it's right
I hope you had the time of your life*

So take the photographs and still frames in your mind
Hang it on a shelf in good health and good time
Tattoos of memories and dead skin on trial
For what it's worth it was worth all the while

*It's something unpredictable, but in the end it's right
I hope you had the time of your life (repeat)*



Welcome & Greeting: Fr. Rob Galea

PLEASE SIT

Eulogy: Brendan Kelly and Brendan Gallagher
Angela Slattery and Christine O'Loughlin

Photo Presentation: Lets Stick Together (Bryan Ferry)
When You Were Young (The Killers)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Sue and Jade Kelly

Fr. Rob: In Baptism, Steve 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. Rob

Fr. Rob: In the waters of Baptism, Steve 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 - Trish Slattery and Mark Slattery

Fr. Rob: On the day of his Baptism, Steve 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

Jade Kelly and Lorraine Kelly	Melbourne Football Club Beanie & Appreciation Photo
Sue Kelly	Wedding Rings & Wedding Photo
Bates and Kelly Families	Jeans, Tequila, Block of Chocolate, Chicken Noodle Soup "Kel's Eggs" Cricket Ball, Photo of Jade, Scratchies, Basketball Top "8", Quick Pick, Coopers Pale Ale, Queen Cassette, Re-Used Birthday Card, Records (Kiss & David Essex)



Maryanne Slattery

Athletics Medals

Neil Wellington

South Bendigo Football Club Jersey

Mick Spear

Braves "8" Basketball Jersey

David Flint

Basketball

PLEASE STAND

Collect (*Opening Prayer*): Fr. Rob

Let us Pray,

God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant Steve, whom you have called out of this world; and because he put his hope and trust in you, command that he be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PLEASE SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Read by Jo Threlfall

A Reading from the book of Revelations 14:13

Happy are Those who die in the Lord;

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: Read by Sue Bates

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for he knows of what we are made, and remembers that we are dust.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

As for man, his days are like grass; he flowers like the flower of the field; the wind blows and he is gone and his place never sees him again.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful



But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear; his justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

Second Reading: *Read by Christine O'Loughlin*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8. 18

I have fought the good fight to the end.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. 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 those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND

Gospel Acclamation *(All say together)*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

“I call you friends” says the Lord “you who are my disciples. I make known to you all I’ve learnt from my father”.

Alleluia!

Gospel *(John 14: 1-6) Fr. Rob*

Fr. Rob: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Fr. Rob: 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.

Homily: *Fr. Rob*

Prayers of the Faithful:

Introduction: *Fr. Rob*

Dear friends, we celebrate Steve's journey through life with joy and we remember the many blessings God granted him in life and knowing He is faithful to His promises, we now turn to Him in prayer.

Reader Tony Rodda

We pray for Steve, that he may be held safely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. Lord Hear Us. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader David Beks

Lord, comfort Steve'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.**

Reader Tony Rodda

We thank God for those who were kind to Steve, visited him and cared for him. Lord bring them comfort, healing and love.

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

Reader David Beks

We pray in thanks for those who are gathered here today. We thank you for those who touched Steve'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.

Reader Tony Rodda

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.**



FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: *Fr. Rob*

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Steve. 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. Rob: 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. Rob: 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. Rob: 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. Rob*

You are the author and sustainer of our lives, O God. You are our final home. We commend to you our brother Steve, in Baptism he began his journey toward you. Take him now to yourself and give him the life promised to those born again of water and the Spirit. 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 in the name of your Son, whom you raised from among the dead, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

Recessional Songs: Fields of Gold (*Eva Cassidy*)
Forever Young (*Youth Group*)

COFFIN BEARERS

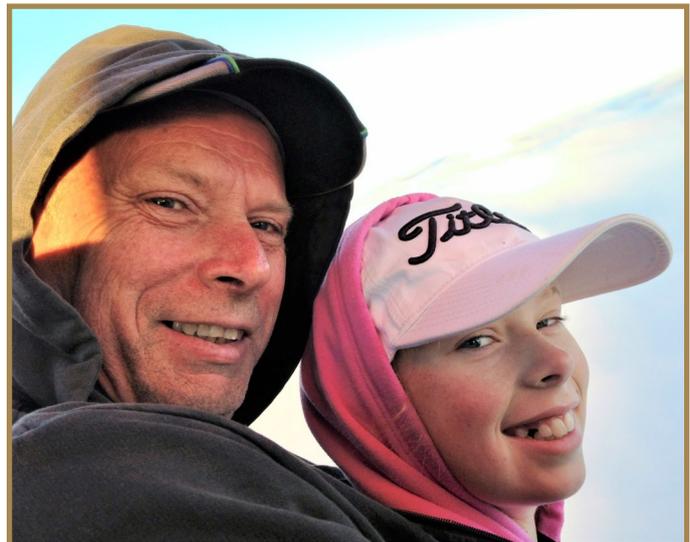
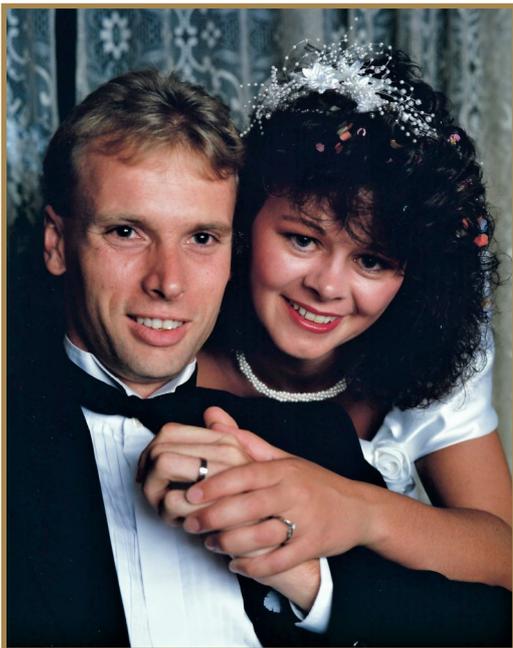
Brendan Kelly, Brendan Gallagher, David Cluff,
Mick Spear, David Beks, Neil Wellington





Sue, Jade and the extended family would like to thank you all for your love and support in celebrating the life of

Stephen John Kelly



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