

Mass of Thanksgiving
Celebrating the life of



John William CLANCEY

19 November 1947 - 2 December 2020
Aged 73 Years

St. Kilian's Church, Bendigo
1.30pm, Tuesday, 8 December 2020
Principal Celebrant: Fr. Brian Gallagher MSC
Concelebrating Priests: Mgr. Frank Marriott & Fr. Tony Shallue
Music: Gallagher Family Members



PLEASE STAND

Entrance Hymn:

STRONG AND CONSTANT

Frank Andersen MSC

I will be Yahweh who walks with you.
You will be always within my hand.
Take your heart and give it all to me.

**Refrain: Strong and constant is my love,
Strong and constant is my love.**

Should you wander far away from me,
I will search for you in ev'ry land.
Should you call, then you will truly know:

Refrain

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come, I will embrace your heart,
through your pain you will discover me.

Refrain

Greeting:

Fr. Brian Gallagher MSC

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Eulogy:

Amy Clancey, Dan Clancey, Emma Lowther

Photo Presentation: *Prepared by Dan Clancey*

The Rose (Bette Midler)

The Luckiest (Ben Folds)



CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Ann Clancey

Fr. Brian: In Baptism, John 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 - Celebrant

Fr. Brian: In the waters of Baptism, John 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 - John Lowther & Mandy Clancey

Fr. Brian: On the day of his Baptism, John 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

A Cowboy book to represent childhood in Terang	D'Arcy Lowther
A window wiper to represent working life	Liam Tarrant
"Family" to represent his love for his family	Caitlin Tarrant
A St. Kilda scarf to represent John's passion	Alice Clancey
A St. Vinnie's badge to represent community service	Charlotte Lowther
A cap & holiday photo book to represent leisure & retirement	Maggie Clancey
The 'Portland Story' to represent marriage & Ann	Oliver Lowther

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Collect (*Opening Prayer*) Fr. Brian:

Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery your servant John, who has gone to his rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Read by Nora McNair*

A reading from the book of Revelation 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: *(Sung)*

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD *(Bonniwell)*

The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me wherever he goes
Over the mountains the waters and byways,
Valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.

Refrain:

I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.

The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever he leads me, Wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
He promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

Refrain:

I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.

The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever he leads me, Wherever he goes.



Second Reading: *Read by Judy Browne*

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.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(all say together)*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**I am the Resurrection and the Life, said the Lord,
whoever believes in Me will not die forever.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: (Mark 13:33-37—Adapted) *Priest*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.

Jesus said to His disciples: “Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.

It’s like when a person travels abroad, they leave someone in charge at home. That person needs to stay awake and be prepared, because you do not know when the other will return.

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.

So I say to you “Stay awake, always be prepared”.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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Homily: *Fr. Brian Gallagher MSC*

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Prayers of the Faithful:

Introduction: *Fr. Brian*

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

Read by John Gallagher

We thank you for John who has lead us in this world with love, care, and compassion. We thank you for his guidance as a father and grandfather to his family.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Read by John Gallagher

We pray for John's wife Ann, and for all members of his family. We ask for Your blessing on them, Your consolation and strength. May they continue to draw life from John's presence in their lives.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Peter Gallagher

Lord bless the work John enjoyed at St. Vinnie's and the Parish. We pray that the good he generously did may continue and benefit many people.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Peter Gallagher

We pray in thanks for those who are gathered here today. We thank You for those who touched John'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.



Read by Kevin Gallagher

We remember those who have died in both John and Ann's family.
Welcome them with John into Your loving presence.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Kevin Gallagher

Lord, we pray for John's family and friends, especially his
seven Grandchildren. May they always remember their Poppy's love for them.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession: Anne Purdie, Rhonda Spurling & Yvette Polley

Offertory Hymn: LORD WE COME TO YOUR TABLE

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.

COMMUNION

Communion Hymns:

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

John Michael Talbot

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all.
One cup of blessing, which we bless.
And we though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.



One bread, one body, one Lord of all.
One cup of blessing, which we bless.
And we though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all.
One cup of blessing, which we bless.
And we though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all.
One cup of blessing, which we bless.
And we though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

BE NOT AFRAID

John Michael Talbot

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side, know that
I am with you through it all. ***Refrain***

Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of Me,
blessed, blessed are you! ***Refrain***



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FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: *Fr. Brian*

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

Into your hands, Father of Mercies, we commend our brother John 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 John 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 for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



Recessional Hymn:

EAGLE'S WINGS

Frank Andersen MSC

**I have carried you on Eagle's Wings!
I will care for you in all your years!**

My heart is full of peace;
you have been within my life!
Your guiding hand has always covered me!
I am full of confidence in You!
**I have carried you on Eagle's Wings!
I will care for you in all your years!**

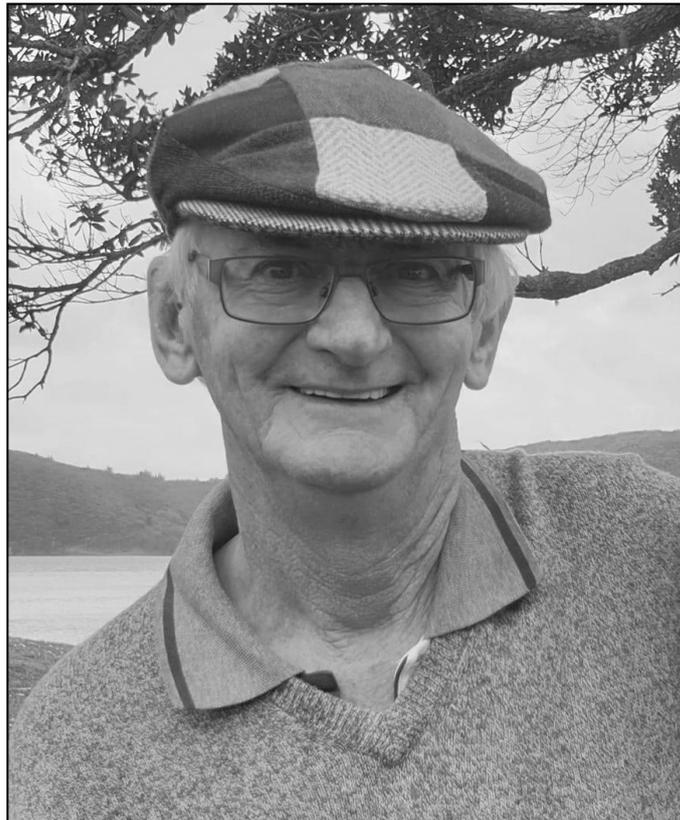
My soul is like a child,
cradled safe within your arms!
You have carried me across my years!
Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy!
**I have carried you on Eagle's Wings!
I will care for you in all your years!**

Never need I be afraid,
No matter how uncertain things may be,
Sometimes thru me,
Sometimes in spite of me,
You seem to find your purpose in my life.
**I have carried you on Eagle's Wings!
I will care for you in all your years!**

I know failure in my life,
The weakness so central to my heart,
When I have strayed or fallen in my life,
You gently set me on my feet again.
**I have carried you on Eagle's Wings!
I will care for you in all your years!**



You have bridged the flowing streams,
And moved aside the mountains tall,
You have kept me through the stormy past,
I know that you secure and guide me still.
I have carried you on Eagle's Wings!
I will care for you in all your years!



COFFIN BEARERS: CHURCH

Len Barrett, Don Purdie
John Kirkham, John Parsons

COFFIN BEARERS: CEMETERY

Dan Clancey & John Lowther





Ann, Emma, Dan and Amy 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
John Clancey



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