

Mass of Thanksgiving
Celebrating the life of



Brian CHALKLEY

2nd February, 1940 - 4th February, 2021
Aged 81 Years

Saints Michael & John's Catholic Church, Horsham

1.00pm, Thursday 11th February, 2021

Principal Celebrant: Fr. Jim McKay

Concelebrating Priest: Fr. Peter Hudson



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Entrance Hymn: Christ Be Our Light

Greeting: Fr. Jim McKay

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Eulogy: Anthony Chalkley

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Sophia Eldridge

Fr. Jim: In Baptism, Brian 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. Jim McKay

Fr. Jim: In the waters of Baptism, Brian 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 - Felicia Eldridge, Julie Eldridge & Sue Chalkley

Fr. Jim: On the day of his Baptism, Brian 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.**

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Collect (*Opening Prayer*) Fr. Jim

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 Brian, 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 Hugh Delahunty*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord God will destroy death forever.

On this mountain, the Lord of Hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain He will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples and the shroud enwrapping all nations; He will destroy Death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek; He will take away from His people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that He has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: *(Sung)* You Are Mine

Second Reading: *Read by Peter Chalkley*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-9

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater that we can understand, will guide your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble. Keep doing all the things you have learnt from Me and have been taught by Me and have heard or seen what I do. Then the God of Peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



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Gospel Acclamation: *(all say together)*

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: (Matthew 5:1-12) Fr. Peter Hudson



Fr. Peter: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Fr. Peter: 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.

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Homily: *Fr. Peter Hudson*

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Prayers of the Faithful:

Introduction: *Fr. Jim*

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

Read by Mary Anne Carew

Lord, we pray for Brian. We remember his love, his sense of humour and the support he gave all of us throughout his life. May we all share in the knowledge that he was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, and he will be in our hearts forever.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Read by Mary Anne Carew

Lord, we pray for Brian's family. May they find comfort and love in the knowledge that they were loved by a man of faith, kindness and generosity.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Emily Byrne

Lord, we remember Brian's hospitality to all at Gillespie Street over the years. He loved being surrounded by his family and friends.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Emily Byrne

We pray for all the deceased family and friends of Brian and Sue. We remember them today with much love and tenderness.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

Special Ministers: *Julie Eldridge, Rosie Taylor, Anna Robertson*

COMMUNION

Communion Music: Isaiah 49

Communion Reflection Hymn: Ave Maria

A Reflection: *Shared by Sophia Eldridge*

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FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: *Fr. Jim*

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

You are the author and sustainer of our lives, O God. You are our final home. We commend to You our brother Brian. 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 Hymn: Here I Am Lord

COFFIN BEARERS

Michael Chalkley, Damien Chalkley, John Spurr,
Dominic Keating, Peter Anderson & Mathew Taylor.



Brian's family 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 and Grandfather.



After the Mass, you are all invited for the sharing of refreshments and stories at the Coughlin Park Community Centre, Robinson Street, Horsham.



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