

Mass of Thanksgiving

Celebrating the life of



Peter John VERBEEK

*21st July, 1931 - 6th May, 2021
Aged 89 Years*

*Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo
1pm Wednesday, 12th May, 2021
Celebrant: Mgr. Frank Marriott*



PLEASE STAND

Entrance Hymn:

COME AS YOU ARE

Come as you are, That's how I want you
Come as you are, Feel quite at home
Close to my heart
Loved and forgiven
Come as you are, Why stand alone?

No need to fear, Love sets no limits
No need to fear, Love never ends
Don't run away
Shamed and disheartened
Rest in my love
Trust me again.

I came to call sinners, Not just the virtuous
I came to bring peace, Not to condemn
Each time you fail
To live by my promise
Why do you think
I'd love you the less?

Greeting:

Mgr. Frank

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Reflections:

Maria Ryan

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Brenda Verbeek

Mgr. Frank: In Baptism, Peter 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. Frank

Mgr. Frank: In the waters of Baptism, Peter 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 - Corrie Verbeek & Maria Pickthall

Mgr. Frank: On the day of his Baptism, Peter 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 Flowers - Angela Hoye & Maria Nixon

PLACING OF LIFE SYMBOLS

(By the Grandchildren)

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Collect (Opening Prayer) Mgr. Frank

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 Peter, 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 Dan Verbeek

A reading from the third letter of St. John 1-3

From the Elder: greetings to my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth. My dear friend, I hope everything is going happily with you and that you are as well physically as you are spiritually. It was a great joy to me when some brothers came and told of your faithfulness to the truth and of your life in the truth.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102 (103) *Read by Nik Verbeek*

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 of children's children when they keep His covenant in truth.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: *Read by Murray Verbeek*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:20-21

For us, our homeland is in Heaven, and from Heaven comes the Saviour we are waiting for, Lord Jesus Christ, and He will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of His glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which He can subdue the whole universe.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



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Gospel Acclamation: (*all say together*)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth,
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (John 14:1-6) Priest

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: 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.

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Homily: Mgr. Frank

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Prayers of the Faithful:

Introduction: Mgr. Frank

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

Read by Emily Verbeek

We remember Opa with great love. We thank You for his love for us and ask that You draw him to Yourself and bring him to his fullness of life.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Read by Lilly Skipper

Lord, comfort Opa's family in their 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.

Read by Eloise Verbeek

We remember Opa's clever sense of humour and his wit in his second language. We pray that another generation of his descendants can know the delights of a rhyming birthday poem, a Speculaas sandwich and reminisce while they do. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Rosie Ryan

We pray for the many Doctors, Nurses and healthcare providers who have cared for Opa over many years. We pray that You bless them all, as they work tirelessly to provide the best care to all they treat. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Christie Verbeek

We remember those who have died in our family especially Opa's parents, Hendrikus and Maria and his brother John. Welcome them, with Opa, into Your loving presence. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Jack Verbeek

We pray for all those across the globe who are faced with the challenges of war, the pandemic and poverty. We recall how passionate Opa was, always actively praying for those in need.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession: *Kate Verbeek & Jordan Verbeek*

Offertory Hymn: **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

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,
we are one body in this one Lord.



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 Hymn:

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love
Where there is injury your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt true faith in You.

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Communion Reflection: The Deers Cry (*Lisa Kelly*)

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FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: Mgr. *Frank*

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

You are the author and sustainer of our lives, O God. You are our final home. We commend to You our brother Peter. 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:

THE GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart I feel, voices whispering to me
Words that I can't understand; meanings I must clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into, evening shadows one more time!

So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord!

In my memories I know, how you send familiar rains.
Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more, in the fortress of my mind!
To believe in falling rain, as I travel deserts dry!

So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord!

As I gaze into the night, down the future of my years.
I'm not sure I want to walk, past horizons that I know!
But I feel my spirit grow, like a stirring deep within,
Restless, 'til I live again, beyond the fears that close me in!

So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord!

COFFIN BEARERS
Sacred Heart Cathedral

Harry Verbeek, Dan Verbeek, Paddy Ryan,
Pete Verbeek, Jack Verbeek, Will Verbeek.

COFFIN BEARERS
Bendigo Lawn Cemetery

Harry Verbeek, Dan Verbeek, Genna Verbeek,
Eloise Verbeek, Angus Verbeek, Nick Ryan.







Brenda and family thank each of you here today.
Your prayers, sympathies and support provide great comfort.

Following the interment at the Bendigo Lawn Cemetery you are invited to join with Peter's family and friends for light refreshments at The Bendigo Club, 22 Park Street, Strathdale.



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