

*Mass of Thanksgiving*  
*Celebrating the life of*



***William Patrick 'Bill' LOMAS***

*7th September 1930 - 13th August, 2021*



***Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo***

***10.30am Friday, 20th August, 2021***

***Celebrants: Very Rev. Fr. Brian Boyle***

***Mgr. Frank Marriott PE***

***Organist: Paul Taylor***

***Cantor: Joanne Bonazza***



Bill and Mary's Wedding Day  
May 1953



Bill and Mary's 65th Wedding Anniversary

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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: Fr. Brian

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Eulogy: Michael Lomas & Barbara Lomas

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

*Lighting of Paschal Candle - Narelle Craven*

Fr. Brian: In Baptism, Bill 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 - Priest***

*Fr. Brian:* In the waters of Baptism, Bill 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 - Mary Lomas & Barbara Lomas***

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

**Gardening items:** *Brought forward by Ronan Clarke*

To symbolise his connection to the garden; growing food for his family and creating a beautiful natural environment

**Example of woodworking:** *Brought forward by Emma and Grace Lomas*

To represent his love of building, carpentry and his love of the Carlton Football Club.

**Books:** *Brought forward by Lucas & Violet Ramos Lomas*

To signify his life-long love of learning, his commitment to education and his love of reading that he passed on to so many of his family.

**Noel Daly Award:** *Brought forward by Amy Lomas*

To symbolise his deep faith and the role spirituality played in his life.

**Family Photo:** *Brought forward by Connor Lomas*

To represent his deep connection to the family which was at the heart of his life.

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**Collect** (*Opening Prayer*) *Fr. Brian*

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 Bill, 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 Kathy Craven*

**A Reading from Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11**

There is a season for everything,  
a time for every occupation under heaven:  
A time for giving birth, a time for dying;  
a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.  
A time for killing, a time for healing;  
a time for knocking down, a time for building.  
A time for tears, a time for laughter;  
a time for mourning, a time for dancing.  
A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up;  
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.  
A time for searching, a time for losing;  
a time for keeping, a time for throwing away.  
A time for tearing, a time for sewing;  
a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.  
A time for hating, a time for loving;  
a time for war, a time for peace.

What do we gain for the efforts that we make? I contemplate the task that God gives us to labour at. All that we do is apt for its time; but though He has permitted us to consider time in its wholeness, we cannot comprehend the work of God from the beginning to end.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23 (Sung by Cantor)

Second Reading: *Read by Kathy Craven*

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 14:13**

**Rest and happiness await them.**

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 for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them."

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



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**Gospel Acclamation:** (Sung)

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Blessed be the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,  
who consoles us in all our afflictions.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** (Matthew 5:1-12) *Priest*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

*Priest:* 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:** *Mgr. Frank*

PLEASE STAND FOR THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Introduction:** *Fr. Brian*

As we celebrate the life and death of Bill in Faith we bring to the Lord now our prayers and petitions for him and his family



*Read by Ronan Clarke*

We give thanks for the wonderful gift that Grandad has been to all who knew and loved him. May he now feel God's loving embrace for all eternity Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

*Read by Elysia Craven*

We pray for all family members and friends who mourn Grandad's passing. May the grace of God that has called him home, comfort us all. We pray for Mary, Grandad's wife of 68 years, our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We thank her for the loving care of Bill and we ask that she may be comforted in her sorrow. May she be blessed and strengthened by the love and support of her family. Lord, hear us.

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

*Read by Brennan White*

Bill was an educator. May those who follow in Catholic education and educators everywhere, bring the same dedication and commitment to the search for Truth. Lord, hear us.

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

*Read by Kiara Clarke*

For all of our friends and members of our families who have departed this life, we ask for your light and peace. May we be united with them in Eternal Life. Lord, hear us.

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

*Read by Harry Lomas*

In this year of St. Joseph, may Grandad's love of and support for his family be a source of inspiration and example to those who knew and loved him. Lord, hear us.

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

*Read by Darcy Lomas*

We thank God for the doctors and nurses at Bendigo Health, the Bendigo Hospice and medical staff everywhere. We ask Lord, for Your continued blessings upon them to carry out their vital works of care and compassion. Lord, hear us.

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

*Fr. Brian:* We place these prayers and needs before our loving God who has been faithful to Bill all his life and to whom Bill has been a faithful servant, confident that God will receive these prayers, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn: Pie Jesu

From Requiem by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass Shalom by Colin Smith CFC

Lord's Prayer: Plainchant

Lamb of God: Mass Shalom

### COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: Jesus, Remember Me (Taizé)

**Cantor/All:** **Refrain:**  
Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your kingdom.

**Cantor:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for You, my God. *Refrain*

My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life;  
when can I enter and see the face of God. *Refrain*

And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy.  
My Redeemer, I will thank You on the harp, O God, my  
God. *Refrain*

Text: Refrain Lk 23:42 (Taizé Community), 1981

Verses Ps 41:2-3, 5 tr. The Grail (UK) © 1963

Music: Taizé Community and Columba Kelly, OSB

Communion Reflection: Strong and Constant



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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 Bill. 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:

*Cantor:* 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.

*Cantor:* 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.

*Cantor:* 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*

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

Postlude:            Fugue in Eb by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



## *Final Reflection*

*“This is what life is about.*

*It is being sent on a trip by a loving God,  
who is waiting at home for our return and is eager to watch  
the slides we took and hear about the friends we made.*

*When we travel with the eyes and ears  
of the God who sent us,  
we will see wonderful sights,  
hear wonderful sounds,  
meet wonderful people . . .  
and be happy to return home.”*

*- Henri Nouwen*

### COFFIN BEARERS

Michael Lomas, Bernard Lomas, Mark Lomas  
Noel Clarke, Harry Lomas, Connor Lomas





Mary, her children and their families would like to extend a sincere thank you for all your prayers, comfort and support and for joining them today, in person or online,

to celebrate the life of their dearly loved

Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather,

**Bill Lomas.**



Following the interment at the Bendigo Lawn Cemetery you are invited to join with Bill's family and friends for light refreshments at The Foundry Hotel, High St., Golden Square.



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