

*Service of Thanksgiving  
Celebrating the life of*



***Allan Joseph BANFIELD***

*7th March, 1926 - 12th October, 2021*

*Aged 95 Years*

***Bendigo Funeral Centre***  
11am Tuesday October 26th, 2021  
Celebrant: Rev. Mgr. Francis Marriott PE



PLEASE STAND

**Entrance Song:** Ave Maria (*Andrea Bocelli*)

**Welcome & Greeting:** Mgr. Frank

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**Eulogy:** Martin Banfield  
Craig Banfield

**Photo Presentation:** Memories (*Maroon 5*)  
Choir (*Guy Sebastian*)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

*Lighting of Paschal Candle - Louis Banfield*

Mgr. Frank: In Baptism, Allan 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, Allan 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 - Allan's Baptismal Gown being laid on the Coffin by  
Grandchildren, Bonnie & Hudson Banfield*

Mgr. Frank: On the day of his Baptism, Allan 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

(*Placing of Life Symbols by Allan's Grandchildren*)

Emmie	RSL Commemoration Medal & Certificate
Meg	Allan's Violin
Louis	Fishing Reel
Bonnie	Classical Music CD
Fraser	Al's Shooting Jacket
Zoe	Wedding Picture
Hudson	Favourite Fishing Cap



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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 Allan, 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.

**All: Amen.**

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Read by Zoe Banfield

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:** Psalms 41 & 42 Read by Fraser Banfield

*Response: My soul is thirsting for the living God:  
When shall I see Him face to face?*

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

*Response: My soul is thirsting for the living God:  
When shall I see Him face to face?*

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

*Response: My soul is thirsting for the living God:  
When shall I see Him face to face?*



These things will I remember as I pour out my soul: how I would lead the rejoicing crowd into the House of God, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, the throng wild with joy.

*Response: My soul is thirsting for the living God:  
When shall I see Him face to face?*

O send forth Your light and Your truth; let these be my guide. Let them bring me to Your Holy Mountain to the place where You dwell.

*Response: My soul is thirsting for the living God:  
When shall I see Him face to face?*

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.

*Response: My soul is thirsting for the living God:  
When shall I see Him face to face?*

Why are you cast down, my soul, why groan within me? Hope in God; I will praise Him still, my Saviour and my God.

*Response: My soul is thirsting for the living God:  
When shall I see Him face to face?*

**Second Reading:** *Read by Emmie Banfield*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4. 8-9

**Let us walk in newness of life.**

When we were Baptised in Christ Jesus we were Baptised in His death; in other words, when we were Baptised we went into the tomb with Him and joined Him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with Him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over Him anymore.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**Gospel Acclamation** *(all say together):*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the will of the Father says the Lord.

That all who believe in the Son will have Eternal Life and I will raise them to life on the last day.

Alleluia!



**Gospel:** (*John 6:37-40*) Mgr. Frank

The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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

All who believe in Jesus have Eternal Life and I will raise them up on the last day.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'All that the Father gives me will come to me and whoever comes to me I shall not turn him away; because I have come from Heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of Him who sent me. Now the will of Him who sent me is that I should lose nothing of all that He has given to me and that I should raise it up on the last day. Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have Eternal Life and that I shall raise him up on the last day.'

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 Allan into His love and peace. May his life be now completed and fulfilled in God's presence forever.

*Reader: Meg Banfield*

We remember Allan with great love. We thank You for his love for us. We ask that You draw him to Yourself and bring him to the fullness of life.

Lord, hear us.

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

*Reader: Bonnie Banfield*

We thank You for Allan our Pa who has lead us in this world with love, care and determination. We thank You for his guidance as a grandparent.

Lord, hear us.

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

*Reader: Louis Banfield*

We pray for Allan that he may be held safely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.

Lord, hear us.

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



May His Word Be  
In My Heart And  
On My Lips



*Reader: Hudson Banfield*

We pray for those gathered here today. Fill the sadness of our hearts with the presence of Your love; increase our faith and strengthen our love for God and one another.

Lord, hear us.

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

### FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

**Invitation to Prayer:** *Mgr. Frank*

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Allan. 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*

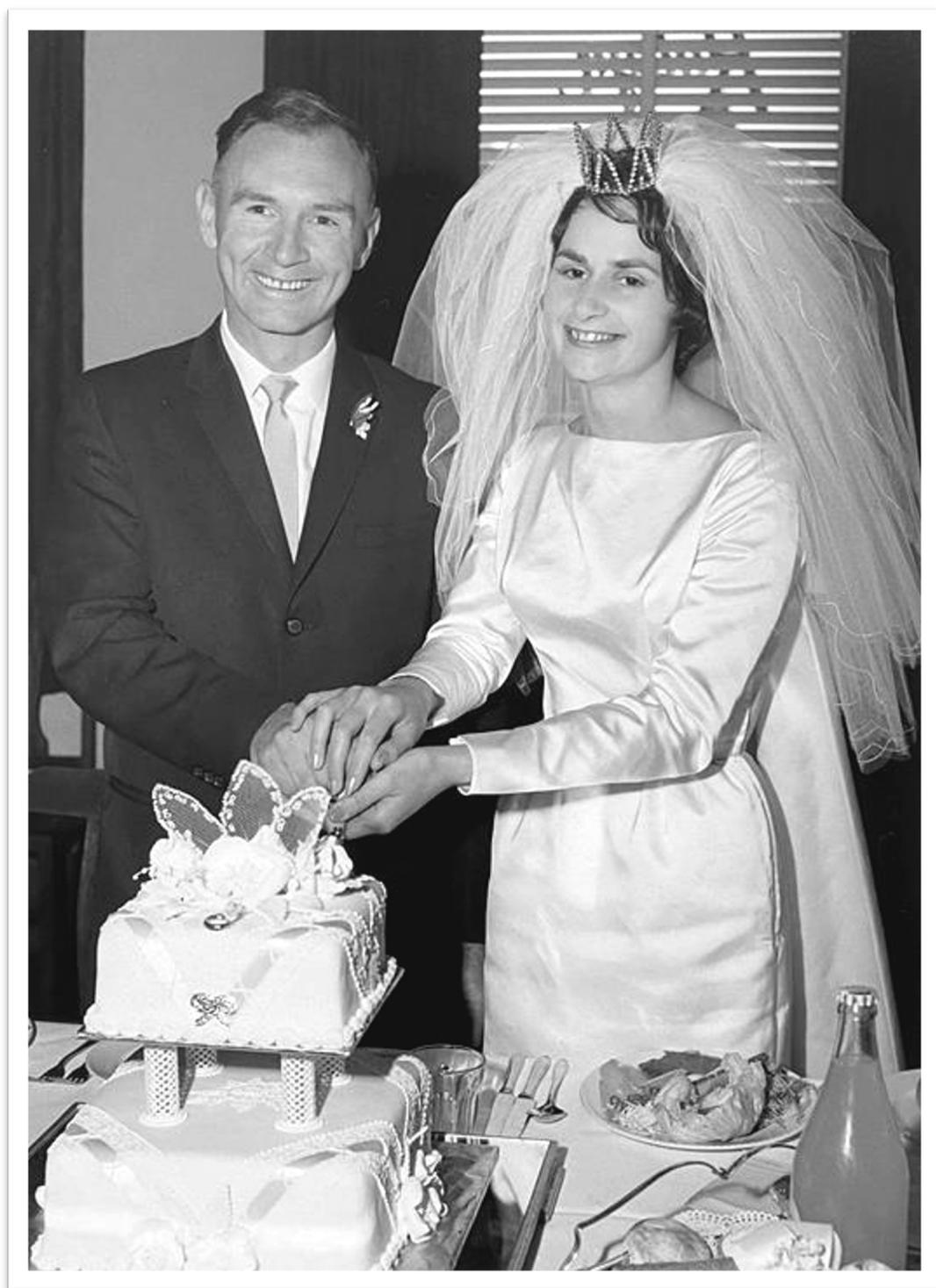
You are the Author and Sustainer of our lives, O God. You are our Final Home. We commend to You our brother Allan. Trusting in Your mercy and in Your all-embracing love, we pray that You give him happiness forever. Turn also to us who have suffered this loss. Strengthen the bonds of this family and our 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 Song:** Hallelujah (*McKenna Breinholt & Symphony Choir*)



Marlene, Craig, Jacqueline and Martin  
together with their families  
would like to thank you all for your comfort,  
support and for joining with them today  
to celebrate the life of their much loved  
Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather,

*Allan Banfield*



At the conclusion of the Chapel Service the Funeral Cortège will leave  
for the White Hills Lawn Cemetery.



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