

Mass of Thanksgiving
Celebrating the life of



Peter Jude CREELY

1st November, 1934 - 3rd December, 2021

Aged 87 Years

Mass of Thanksgiving
St. Therese's Church Kennington
10.30am Thursday December 16th, 2021
Celebrant: Fr. Andrew Fewings PP



PLEASE STAND

Entrance Hymn: Hey Jude (*The Beatles*)

Welcome & Greeting: Fr. Andrew

PLEASE BE SEATED

Eulogy: Colin Wells

Photo Presentation: When You Were Sweet Sixteen (*The Fureys*)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Joel Tyndall

Fr. Andrew: 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 - Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew: 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 - Catherine Creely & Rebecca Tyndall

Fr. Andrew: 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.**

LIFE SYMBOLS

Orienteering - Compass and Map

Placed by Chris Creely

Running - Runners

Placed by Amanda Marslen

Woodwork - Candlesticks

Placed by Joanne Marslen

St Vincent de Paul Certificate of Service

Placed by Anne Tyndall

Something from the Bush

Placed by Cathie Wells



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Collect (*Opening Prayer*): *Fr. Andrew*

Into Your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother Peter. In this life You embraced him with Your tender love, deliver him now from every evil and bid him enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome him then into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with Your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Read by John Griffin*

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: The Lord Is My Shepherd (*Paul Gurr*)

Second Reading: *Read by John Freeman*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:31-13:13

The greatest of the gifts is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts and I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it



is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation *(all say together):*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

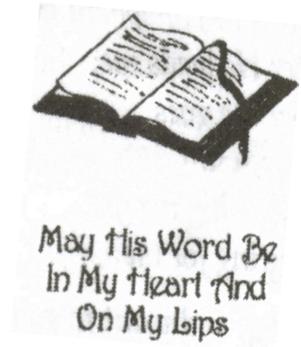
Gospel: *(John 14: 1-6) Fr. Andrew*

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.



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: *Fr. Andrew*



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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Introduction: Fr. Andrew

Dear friends, 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.

Reader: Sally Holmes

We remember Peter 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: Nathan Wells

We pray for Peter's wife 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 Peter's presence in their lives.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Rachel Pollock

We thank God for those who were kind to Peter, visited him and cared for him when he was unwell. May their witness help us all in our lives.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Suzanne O'Callaghan

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

Reader: Brendan Creely

For all the deceased members of our families we ask Your light and peace. May all of us be united with them in Eternal Life.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession: Bethany Pollock & Maggie Pollock

Offertory Hymn: Morning Has Broken (Cat Stevens)

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: Ave Maria (Yo Yo Ma & Kathryn Stott)

Reflection: Video of Interview with Peter

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FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: Fr. Andrew

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:

Fr. Andrew: 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. Andrew: 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. Andrew: 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. Andrew:

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 Song: The Parting Glass (Eiméar Crealey)

*“May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the Sun Shine warm upon your face,
May the rain fall soft over the bush
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand”*





The Creely Family would like to thank you all for your comfort, support and presence here today as they celebrate the life of their much loved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather,

Peter Creely

At the conclusion of the interment Service at the White Hills Cemetery you are invited to join the family at the Bendigo Club, Reception Ave Strathdale, for Light refreshments.



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