



*Brian Thomas Walsh*

*1951 - 2023*

*Service of Thanksgiving for the life of  
Brian Thomas Walsh*

*24th April, 1951 - 9th August, 2023*

*St. Kilian's Church, Bendigo*

*10.30am Tuesday 22nd August, 2023*

*Celebrant*

*Fr. Junray Rayna*



PLEASE STAND

Entrance Hymn: Here I Am Lord (*Daniel O'Donnell*)

Welcome & Greeting: *Fr. Junray Rayna*

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Eulogy: *Phil Walsh, Andrea Walsh, Darren Walsh*

Photo Presentation: What a Wonderful World (*Louis Armstrong*)  
If I Can Dream (*Elvis Presley*)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

*Lighting of Paschal Candle - Anne Granger*

*Fr. Junray Rayna:* 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. Junray Rayna*

*Fr. Junray Rayna:* 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 - Denis Walsh*

*Fr. Junray Rayna:* 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.



## LIFE SYMBOLS

*Darren Walsh*

Carlton Jumper, Essendon Jumper, Golden Square Jumper  
& Michelsen Medal

*Gwen Walsh*

Photograph of Brian's Mum & Dad (*Brian & Gwen*)  
&  
Photograph of Grandchildren (*Lexie & Archie*)

*Andrea Walsh*

AFL Football, Photograph of Brian at Strath-Haven  
&  
Presentation Memento from Brian to Andrea

### PLEASE STAND

**Collect (*Opening Prayer*):** *Fr. Junray Rayna*

Let us Pray,

Holy Lord, almighty and eternal God, hear our prayers for Your servant Brian, whom You have summoned out of this world. Forgive his sins and failings and grant him a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Let him pass unharmed through the gates of death to dwell with the blessed in light, as You promised to Abraham and his children forever. Accept Brian, into Your safe-keeping and on the great day of judgment raise him up with all the saints to inherit Your Eternal Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** *Read by Darren Walsh*

A Reading from Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1,2,6-8

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up. He sets the time for finding and the time for losing, the time for saving and the time for throwing away, the time for tearing and the



time for mending, the time for silence and the time for talk. He sets the time for love and the time for hate, the time for war and the time for peace.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22 (23) Read by Darren Walsh**

*Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose. Near restful waters He leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

*Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

He guides me along the right path; He is true to His name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with Your crook and Your staff; with these You give me comfort.

*Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head You have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

*Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

*Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading: Read by Andrea Walsh**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-12

**Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as Scripture says: By my life – it is the Lord who speaks – every knee shall bend before



Me, and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord,  
whoever believes in Me will not die forever.**

**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:** Priest

**PLEASE STAND**

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

*Introduction:* Fr. Junray Rayna

Dear friends, let us place ourselves and our brother Brian in the care of our Lord Jesus Christ who promised us that all who believe in Him will have Eternal Life.

*Read by Jessica Walsh*

We pray that Christ the Lord bid Brian, welcome, and may he rejoice in the company of his Dad Brian and those relatives that have gone before him.

Lord, hear us.

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

*Read by Jessica Walsh*

Lord, we pray for his Mum Gwen and his families. Let them experience Your comfort and compassion forever.

Lord, hear us.

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

*Read by Marika McMahan*

We pray for those who have cared for Brian. Special thanks to Peter Mac, Doutta Galla Aged Services in Melbourne, Doctors, Nurses and Staff at Strath-Haven, Bendigo Cancer Centre, Bendigo Hospital and Bendigo Hospice for their devoted care of Brian.

Lord, hear us.

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

*Read by Marika McMahan*

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



## FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

### Invitation to Prayer: *Fr. Junray Rayna*

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. Junray Rayna*

*Fr. Junray Rayna:* 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. Junray Rayna:* 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. Junray Rayna:* 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. Junray Rayna*

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 Song: My Way (*Frank Sinatra*)

Song as Hearse Leaves: Carlton Football Club Theme Song

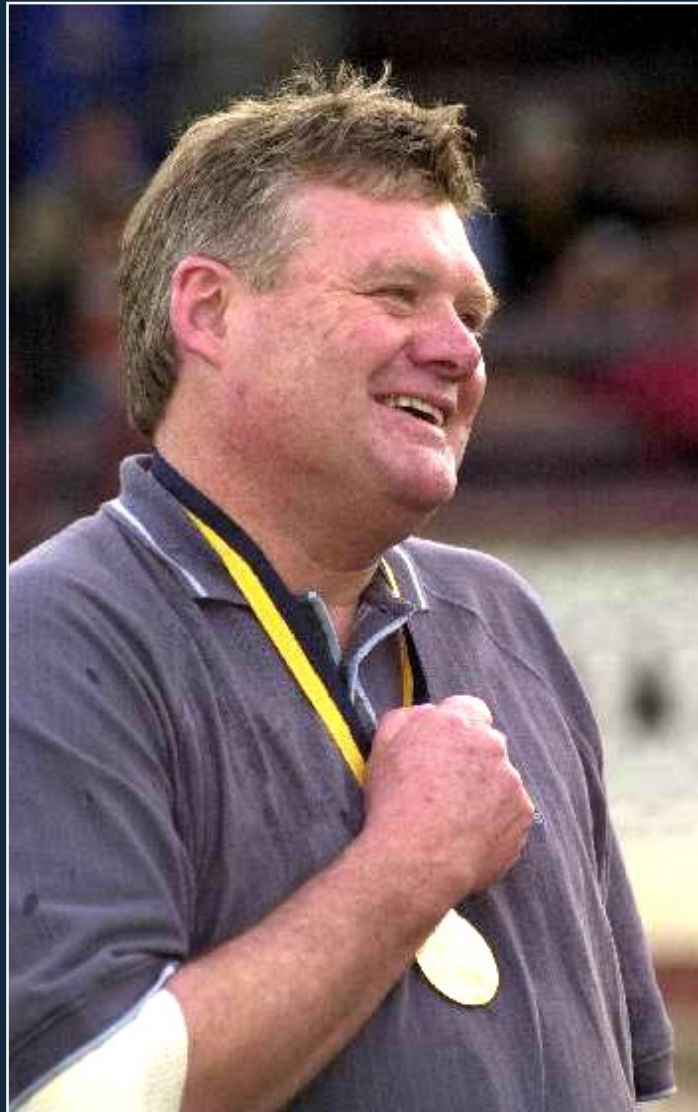
### COFFIN BEARERS

Darren Walsh (*Son*), Andrea Walsh (*Daughter*),  
Denis Walsh (*Brother*), Phil Walsh (*Brother*),  
James Walsh (*Nephew*) and Nick Carter (*Coached by Brian*).



*Darren and Andrea together with their families  
would like to thank you all for your comfort, support  
and presence here today as they celebrate the life  
of their much loved Father, Grandfather and Son,*

***Brian Walsh***



*At the conclusion of the Service, a Private Cremation will be held.*

*The Walsh family invite you  
to join them for light refreshments at the  
Lake View Hotel, 204 McCrae Street, Bendigo.*

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