

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Braeden Thomas Jon Reaby 17th May, 1997 - 11th September, 2023 St. Kilian's Church, Bendigo 1.30pm Thursday 28th September, 2023 Celebrant - Fr. Jake Mudge

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Entrance Song:	Hedwig's Theme (John Williams)
Welcome & Greeting:	Fr. Jake Mudge
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Eulogy:	Hayley Heley
Tributes:	Braeden's Friends
Penny's Reflection:	Delivered by Nina Harding
Photo Presentation:	Talk Is Cheap (Chet Faker) Sundream (Rüfüs Du Sol)

#### **CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS**

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Sienna Hopkins

- *Fr. Jake:* In Baptism, Braeden 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. Jake

him into Eternal Life.

*Fr. Jake:* In the waters of Baptism, Braeden died with Christ and rose with Him into Eternal Life.

All: May he now share Eternal Life with Him in Glory.

# Placing of White Stole - Fr. Jake

*Fr. Jake:* On the day of his Baptism, Braeden was clothed in Christ and given a Christian dignity forever.All: May Christ now enfold him in His love and bring

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#### LIFE SYMBOLS

(Presented by Archer Heley, Sienna Hopkins, Spencer Heley & Jacob Hopkins)

White T-Shirt Crocs Bionicle Lego Gaming Headset Artwork Metal Treble Clef

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#### Collect (Opening Prayer): Fr. Jake

*Fr. Jake:* We ask this through Christ our Lord.All: Amen.

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#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Read by Archer Heley & Chelsea Nichols

#### As Long As We Can Dream

As long as we can dream, As long as we can think, As long as we have memory, We will love you. As long as we have eyes to see and ears to hear, And lips to speak, We will love you. As long as we have a heart to feel, A soul stirring within us, And imagination to hold you, We will love you. As long as there is time, As long as there is time, As long as there is love, And as long as we have breath to speak your name, We will love you.



# After Glow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo, whispering softly down the ways. Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun. Of happy memories that I leave when my life is done.

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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 our loss and sadness. Alleluia!

# Gospel: (John 14:1-6) Fr. Jake

*Fr. Jake:* The Lord be with you.
All: And with your Spirit. *Fr. Jake:* 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. Jake

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# Prayers of the Faithful:

#### Introduction: Fr. Jake

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

#### Read by Ellie Reaby

Lord, we pray for Braeden's family, especially his parents, grandparents, siblings and extended family. May they be comforted by our presence and prayers and know that we are there for them and with them.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

#### Read by Ellie Reaby

Lord, we pray for Braeden's friends. May they cherish the times of laughter, friendship, socialising they had with Braeden. May they keep alive in their hearts and lives, the positive and uplifting values Braeden lived for in his life.

Lord, hear us.

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

#### Read by Ellie Reaby

We pray for Braeden's work colleagues and those whose life he touched through his sense of inclusion, justice, friendship and joy. May they know comfort and receive strength at this time.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Read by Ellie Reaby

We pray for ourselves. May we be consoled in this difficult time and find light in sadness, and faith in times of difficulty. We pray that we might treasure the loving memories we have of Braeden and keep them always in our hearts. Lord, hear us.

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

#### Read by Ellie Reaby

We pray for all who have died. Especially those members of our extended families and all of those dear to us. With Braeden, may they receive the fullness of life with all of the angels and saints.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

#### FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

#### Invitation to Prayer: Fr. Jake

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Braeden. 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. Jake

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## Prayer of Commendation: Fr. Jake

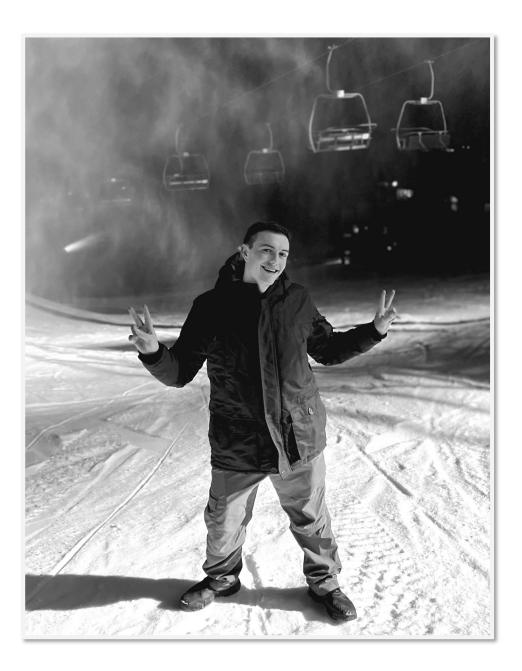
You are the Author and Sustainer of our lives, O God. You are our Final Home. We commend to You our brother Braeden. Trusting in Your mercy and in Your all-embracing love, we pray that You give him happiness forever. Turn also to us who have suffered this loss. Strengthen the bonds of this family and 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:** Walking On A Dream (Empire of the Sun)

**Song at Graveside:** Forever Young (Youth Group)





Nicholas, Penny, Joshua, Jacob and Sienna 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 Son, Brother, Grandson and Nephew,

# Braeden Reaby



*At the conclusion of the Church Service the Funeral Cortege will leave for the White Hills Lawn Cemetery.* 

Braeden's family warmly invite you to join them for light refreshments at the All Seasons Complex, 171-183 McIvor Highway, Strathdale.

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