

Celebration of the Life of  
**Michael Patrick Curran**  
22 April 1964 - 18 November 2017



St John's Catholic Church, Heidelberg  
Tuesday 28 November 2017, 10.30am

Celebrant: Fr Mario Zammit

May the road rise to meet you,  
may the wind be ever at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*please stand*

### OPENING HYMN

*Here I am Lord*

*please stand and sing*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I, who make the stars at night, I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*          Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them: My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them: Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*          Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

### GREETING

#### PLACING OF THE PALL

GRACE SIMPSON, MARY CURRAN,  
KATHIE CAHIR, ROSE MCCARTHY

#### PLACING OF THE CROSS

RUAIRI CAHIR

#### PLACING OF THE BIBLE

ROISIN CAHIR

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

ANNE RINAKAMA

## PLACING OF SYMBOLS

CAITLIN CURRAN, JACK CURRAN,  
BRIGID CURRAN

## OPENING PRAYERS

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Faithful God, you have lovingly brought Dead's journey to an end. We praise you for his life of faithfulness and strength. Grant that as we grieve his death we may hold his memory dear and live in the hope that death opens out into glory. We make this prayer through Christ who abides with us forever and ever.

**All: Amen** *please be seated*

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

MARY CURRAN, JACK CURRAN

## SLIDESHOW

*Mo Ghile Mear (Our Hero), The Chieftains & Sting*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

BRIGID CURRAN

*A reading from Book of Ecclesiastes, 3:1-11*

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every thing under the heavens.  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The Lord is my Shepherd*

**All:           The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Reader:       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.

**All:           The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Reader:       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.

**All:           The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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

**All:           The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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

**All:           The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

## SECOND READING

CAITLIN CURRAN

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy, 4:6-11*

I have fought the good fight to the end.

As for me, my life is already being poured away as an offering,  
and the time has come for me to depart.

I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to  
the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come for me now  
is the crown of uprightness which the Lord, the upright judge,  
will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those  
who have longed for his appearing.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*please stand*

**All: Alleluia, alleluia!**

Priest: This is the will of my Father, says the Lord  
that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life  
and that I will raise them to life again on the last day.

**All: Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, 14:1-6.

**All: Glory to you Lord.**

Priest: Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many place to live in; otherwise I would 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 you may be with me where I am. 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. If you know me, you will know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*please be seated*

## **HOMILY**

FATHER MARIO

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Priest: Let us pray to our God for Michael.

Chris Hogan: For the Curran family, as they mourn the loss of Michael. May they be strengthened by the love they shared. We pray to the Lord.

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

Emma Street: For the gift of life and love given to us by Michael, we give thanks and ask that you grant him eternal peace. We pray to the Lord.

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

David Street: We thank our Lord for our memories of Michael. May his love, courage and faith remain an inspiration to his family and friends. We pray to the Lord.

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

Rose McCarthy: For all deceased relatives and friends, may they share an everlasting home with our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord.

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

Emilia Fuller: Heal the pain of all those who grieve for Michael. Let us remember those things we loved about him and thank God for his presence in our lives. We pray to the Lord.

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

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

MADDISON STREET, LACHLAN STREET

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
And blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners now,  
And at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Refrain*      Gentle woman, quiet light,  
Morning star, so strong and bright,  
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,  
Teach us wisdom, teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father,  
You were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women,  
And for woman, shining one.

*Refrain*

Blessed are you among women,  
Blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits,  
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

*Refrain*

## OFFERTORY

Priest: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

*Priest will say a prayer over the gifts, to which all respond **Amen**.*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your heart.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:           It is right and just.**

*Priest continues with a long prayer. At the end of this prayer...*

**All:           Holy, Holy, Hold Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Priest will pray the Eucharistic Prayer*

**Priest:       The mystery of faith.**

**All:           We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your  
resurrection until you come again.**

*Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer*

**Priest:       At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we  
dare to say:**

**All:           Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against  
us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil.**

**Priest:       Deliver us Lord ..... and the coming of our Saviour Jesus  
Christ.**

**All:           For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now  
and forever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ ..... who live and reign forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace. *shake hands*

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof  
But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## **COMMUNION HYMN/S**

*The Lord is my Shepherd*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## FINAL COMMENDATION

Priest: Before we take Michael to his final resting place, let us take our leave of him. May our farewell express our love 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.

## SIGNS OF FAREWELL

Priest: With water, and with incense, we farewell Michael. Saints of God, come to his aid! Come to meet him angels of the Lord!

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on him forever.

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Priest: Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend our brother Michael in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

We give thanks for all his gifts and talents and for all that Michael was to his family, friends and the community.

Grant him eternal rest.

**All:           Amen.**

Priest:       In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

**RECESSIONAL**

*Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World*

**PALL BEARERS**

David Street  
Chris Hogan  
Matthew Simpson  
Brendan Street  
Connor Hehir  
Jack Curran



Michael's family would like to thank you for your love and support, and for sharing this celebration of his life.

At the conclusion of Mass you are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments at The Old England Hotel, 459 Lower Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg.



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