

In Loving Memory of
Tom Considine

6 October 1928 – 12 August 2019



St Benedict's Burwood, 16 August 2019

Priest: Fr. Baiju

Music: Marcia Clohesy

The Mass of Thanksgiving

Opening Hymn **Here I Am Lord** *(please stand & 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 the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*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 take 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 for them, Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Priest In the name of the Father, and 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.** *please be seated*

Lighting of Pascal Candle & Sprinkling with Holy Water

Symbols of Life

Eulogy

Theresa

Opening Prayers

Priest Faithful God, you have lovingly brought Tom'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.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Ray Delaney

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break 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 cast away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and
a time to refrain from embracing;
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 sow;
A time to keep silent, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Second Reading

Gerry Delaney

A reading from 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Very soon now I will be on my way to heaven. I
have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I
have kept the faith, and now the time has come for
me to stop and rest. In heaven a crown is waiting for
me which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me
on the great day of his return.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

please stand

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours
for their good deeds go with them.

All Alleluia

Gospel

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

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.

Homily

(please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

Claire Dunlop

Priest Let us pray to our God for Tom.

Reader We give thanks for the life of Tom, and for the gift that he was to the many lives he touched; and particularly for his beloved wife Nellie, who he now joins in God's care. We pray that they are at peace. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader We pray for Tom's family and friends. Let their hearts not be troubled but filled with peace. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader We pray also for the medical and support staff whose loving care for Tom was so invaluable. May they continue to provide succour and support to all those in need. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader We pray for all those who grieve the loss of loved ones, as well as others who grieve for Tom. May they find peace and comfort through the compassion shown by others. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest We ask you, loving God, to hear and grant these and all the prayers in our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Procesession of the Gifts:

Tom & Mary Saunders

Come as You Are

Come as you are, that's how I want you
Come as you are, feel quite at home
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits
No need to fear, love never ends
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened
Rest in my love, trust me again

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous
I came to bring peace, not to condemn
Each time you fail, to live by my promise
Why do you think, I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you
Come as you are, trust me again
Nothing can change, the love that I bear you
All will be well, just come as you are.

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 gift, 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, Holy 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 be 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

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: You Are Mine

Prayer after Communion

Final Commendation

Priest Before we take Tom 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 Tom.
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 Tom in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day. Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, let perpetual light shine on him, forever.

All Amen.

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

The Departure

Recessional Music: Amazing Grace

(please follow the casket out)

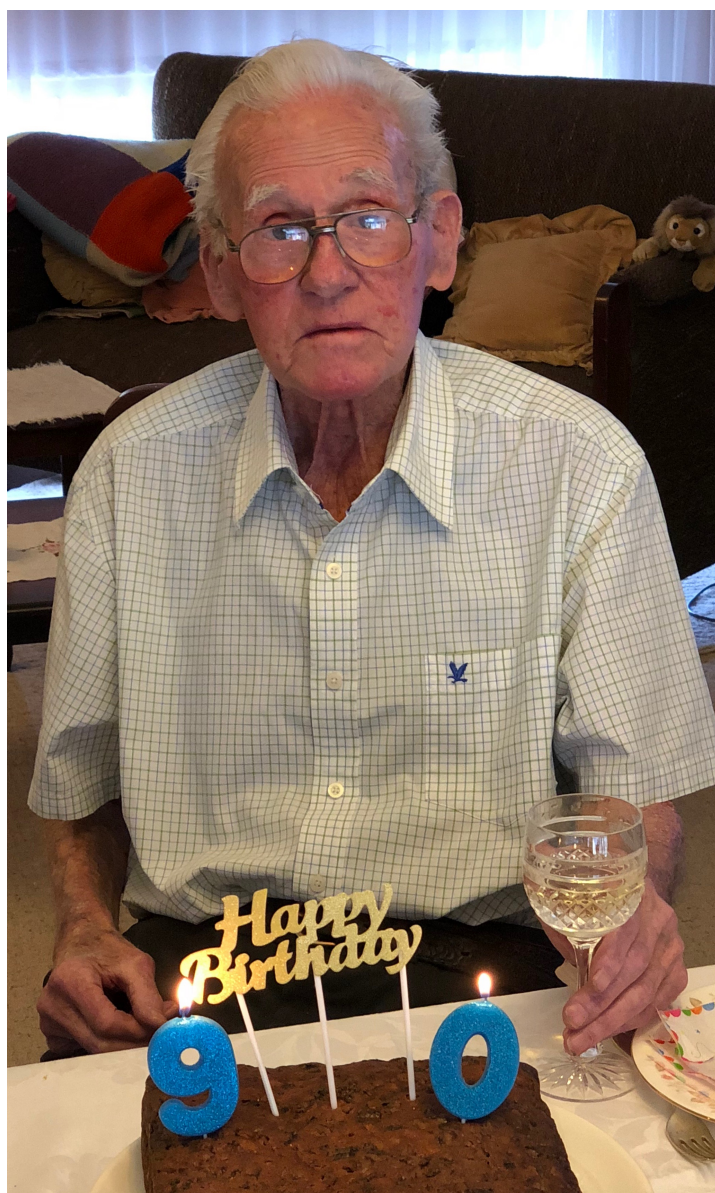
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
T'is grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been here ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.





Tom'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 the Interment at
Springvale Cemetery at approx. 1.15pm
followed by refreshments at the Café.



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