

Prayers for the Eternal Repose of the Soul



John Heley Dawson 'Smokey'

Born 14th November 1940

Born to Eternal Life 22nd July 2021

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Wagga Wagga

Thursday 29th July 2021

Rev. Fr Paddy Sykes

Cantor: Michael Jones

Organist: Marg Davies

OPENING HYMN “Come As You Are”

GREETING AND WELCOME

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

All: Amen.

Fr Paddy: 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.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER Brett Dawson

Fr Paddy: When John was baptised, he was baptised into the life and death of Jesus. Now that he has ended his journey of faith, we sprinkle his coffin with water that is holy, as a reminder of Christ’s promise of everlasting life.

All: **May Christ now enfold his love and bring him to eternal life.**

LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE Scott Dawson

Fr Paddy: In Baptism, John received the light of Christ. He walked as a child of the light and kept the flame of faith alive in his heart.

All: **May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome him into the kingdom of light and peace.**

PLACING OF THE PALL

Ron Dawson & Lauren Eady

Fr Paddy: On the day of Baptism, John was clothed in Christ .

All: May the God of Jesus Christ, enfold him in love.

PLACING OF THE SYMBOLS Hamish & Thomas Priest & Peter Dawson

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE Jo Eady, Peter Dawson, Christine Priest

PHOTO TRIBUTE 'Traveller's Prayer', Slim Dusty

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING read by Lauren Eady

A Reading From the Book of the Apocalypse 14:13

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 for ever after their work, Since their good deeds go with them'.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM "Crimmond"

A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We shall stay with the Lord for ever. We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord forever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



(Please stand to greet the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: 'Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!'

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

'Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!'

GOSPEL *Fr Paddy:* The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Paddy: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, 14:1-6

All: Glory to You O Lord.

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 **Fr. Paddy**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFULL

Fr Paddy: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ His Son from the dead; with confidence we ask Him to save all His people, living and dead:

Susannah: That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of our Uncle John. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Susannah: That all of us, Uncle John's family and friends, may be comforted in our grief. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Robyn: For those who are unable to join us due to covid border restrictions. Nephews; Graham, Darren and David Dawson. Cousin; Edward Rushton and his many cousins living in England.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Robyn: For the staff at the Wendy Hucker Nursing Home, that their works of service may be richly blessed. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr Paddy: God our shelter and our strength, You listen in love to the cry of your people: Hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

SONG OF FAREWELL

Response: “Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.”

Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

Response

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself,

May angels lead you to Abraham’s side.

Response

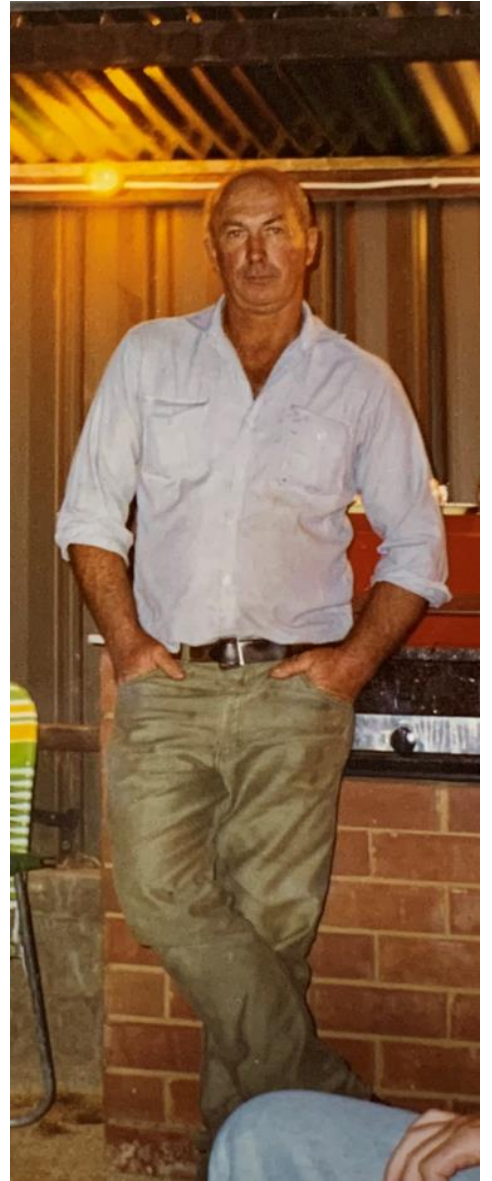
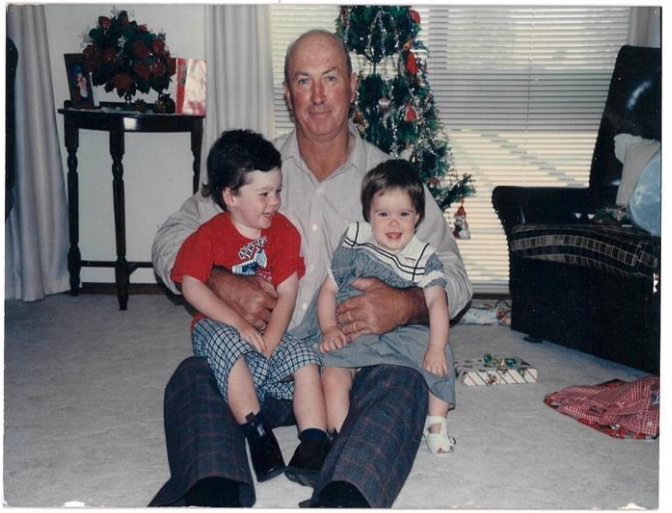
Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord

And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Response

CLOSING HYMN ‘Eagles Wings’









John's family thank you for your thoughts, prayers and messages of good will.
We will always be grateful for your prayers, love and support.

Following the committal at the Monumental Cemetery,
You are invited to the RSL Club, Kincaid St Wagga Wagga to
Share in refreshment & more memories of John.

