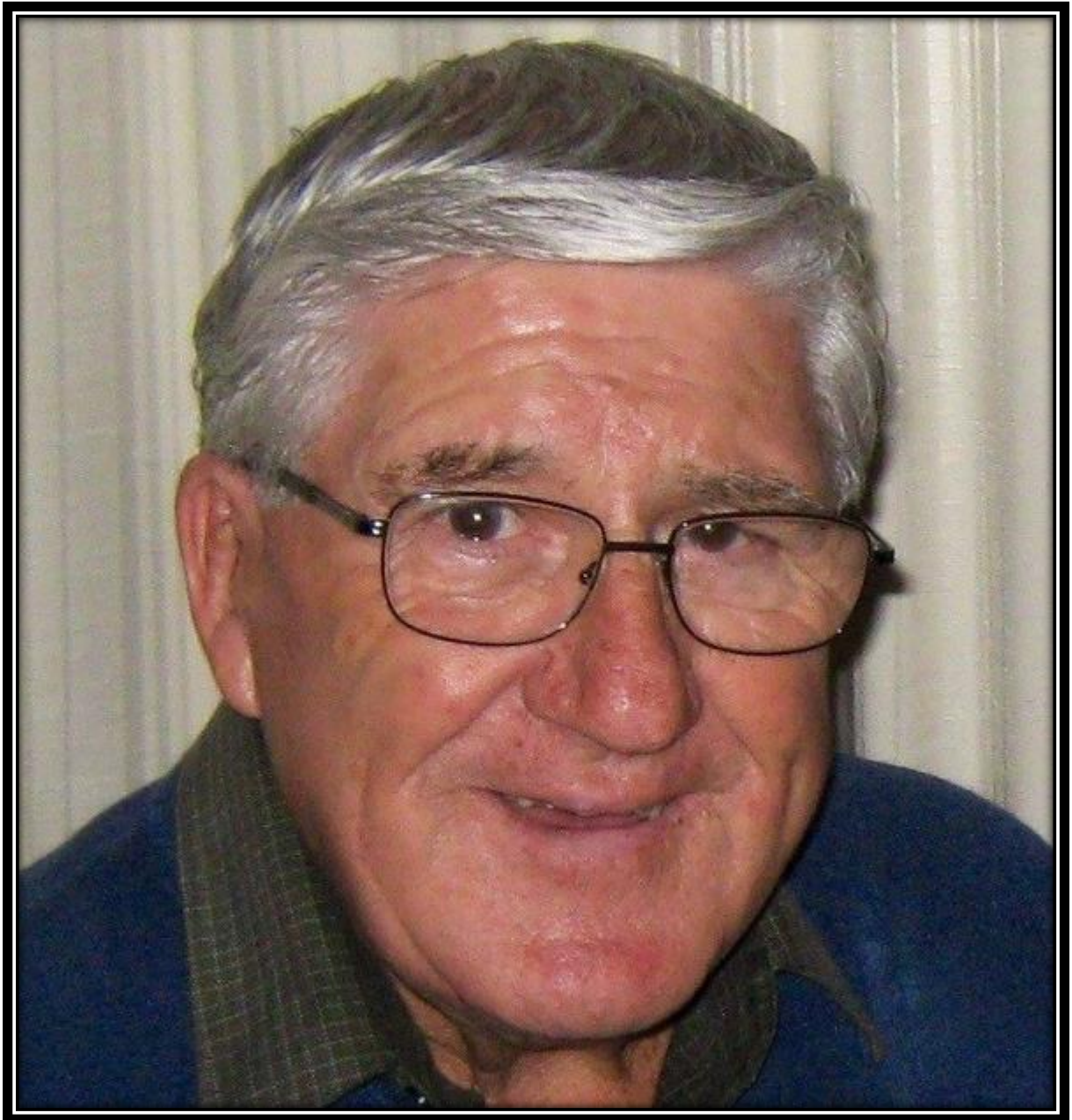


Prayers for the Eternal Repose of the Soul



Jeffrey James Edwards

Born 27th April 1943

Born to Eternal Life 14th August 2022

Our Lady of Fatima, Wagga Wagga

Thursday 18th August 2022

Officiant: Fr Jomer Calma

OPENING HYMN

'Amazing Grace'

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved!
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will be my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

GREETING AND WELCOME

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

All: Amen.

Fr Jomer: 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

Fr Jomer. When Jeffrey 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 Greg Burey

Fr Jomer : In Baptism, Jeffrey 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 SYMBOLS Jenny Edwards- Rosary Beads

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Read by Maree McDevitt

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope is rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation, they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The Word of the Lord.

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)

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. (Response)

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
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)

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. (Response)

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.
The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

(Please stand to greet the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: 'Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life the Lord: He who believes in me will not die for ever.

'Alleluia!'

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

All: And with your spirit.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew 5:1-12

All: Glory to You O Lord.

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; there is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for 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 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 kind of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY Fr. Jomer

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFULL

Read by Suzanne Edwards & Saan Burey

Fr Jomer: God our Father raised Jesus from the dead and He will give life to our mortal bodies. We pray to him in faith.

Reader: That Jeff, a child of God, may be held securely in God's loving embrace, now and for all eternity. Lord Hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Jenny, Leanne, Alan and all Jeff's family and friends that they may be comforted by the healing power of Christ. Lord Hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: That god may welcome into glory those of Jeff's family and friends who have departed this life especially his parents Charlie and Leila. Lord Hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader: For all the medical staff over the years that have cared for Jeff with love and respect, may their works of service be richly blessed. Lord hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: For all the sporting organisations that Jeff was a part of, may they continue to live by his example and provide a safe, open and accepting haven for all who wish to take part. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: That each of us here finds strength to be like Jeff, people who reach out to others in a spirit of love and kindness, who enjoy life and laugh and give selflessly of themselves. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr Jomer: Loving Father, You govern all things wisely and with great love. Listen to our prayers and lead us through Your Spirit to complete joy and communion with you. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son.

All: Amen

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Jenny Edwards, Ben Burey, Max Burey, Freddie Burey

OFFERTORY HYMN 'How Great Thou Art'

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And here the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. **Ref.**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Send Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin. **Ref.**

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! **Ref.**

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.

COMMUNION HYMN “Here I Am Lord”

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 made the stars of night, I will make their 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 snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain,
I have wept for love of them. They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word 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 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 for 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.

EULOGY Leanne Burey, Alan Edwards, Jack Burey, Harry Burey

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FINAL COMMENDATION

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

RECESSIONAL SONG

‘When the Saints Go Marching’ Bruce Springsteen

PALL BEARERS

Alan Edwards, Greg Burey, Ben Burey
Jack Burey, Harry Burey, Max Burey



*Thank you for your thoughts prayers and attendance with us today.
Please accept our heart felt gratitude for your love and
support during this time.*

*You are invited to join us at the Rules Club, Fernleigh Rd. following committal
prayers at The Lawn Cemetery.*

