

Solemn Pontifical Mass

for the repose of the soul of

Most Reverend Francis Patrick Carroll

Third Bishop of Wagga Wagga



*St Michael's Cathedral
Wagga Wagga*

Wednesday 20th March 2024



Archbishop of Canberra-Goulburn Diocese 1983 - 2006

Bishop of the Wagga Wagga Diocese 1968 - 1983

Co-adjutor Bishop to Bishop Henschke in 1967

Ordained a priest at St Brendan's Church Ganmain in 1954

Baptised at St Brendan's Church Ganmain in 1930

Principal Celebrant

Most Reverend Mark Edwards OMI
Bishop of Wagga Wagga

Concelebrants

Very Rev Peter Murphy VG
Diocese of Wagga Wagga

Very Rev Richard Thompson VG
Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn

Priests of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga

Visiting Priests

Biography

Archbishop Francis Carroll

9 September 1930 - 14 March 2024

On the 9th September 1930, Patrick and Rose Carroll were blessed with the arrival of their second eldest (of 7 children), Francis Patrick Carroll.

Growing up, Sunday Mass was attended every week, the family had Rosary every night and they all attended devotions – Bishop Carroll said that church was an extended family and it was just as natural as breathing.

Bishop Carroll clearly recalled the beginning of his vocation and he would say that he could take you there. He was about 12 years old and he was in the far paddock. “The sun had just gone down and there was an enormous stillness over the whole country and I was filled with a sense of awe”

Bishop Carroll was first introduced to the idea of Priesthood by Sister Paula at St Brendan’s by the way of a book offering and with his parent’s support, Bishop Carroll later moved to De La Salle Brothers boy’s school in Marrickville. During Bishop Carroll’s time at De La Salle Brothers, he attended a Mass delivered by Bishop Henschke who would go on to Sacramentally lay hands on Bishop Carroll three times: firstly, for confirmation; secondly, at his ordination to the Priesthood; and thirdly, at his consecration as a Bishop.

In 1947, Bishop Carroll entered St Columba’s Seminary at Springwood where he would spend his first year of two, solely studying Latin before moving onto Manly where he continued his studies for a further 6 years. He remembered the companionship, strong and supportive friends and of course lots of sport, all whilst enjoying his studies which he said was a positive experience within the seminaries.

Francis Carroll received diaconal ordination in 1953 – the July of his last year of studies. On 27 July 1954, upon return to his home town of Ganmain, Francis Patrick Carroll was ordained as a priest by Bishop Henschke at St Brendan’s Catholic Church.

His first appointment was to Griffith from 1955 to 1959 where Fr Frank Carroll was Assistant Priest, dedicating his time to visiting Catholics within the area, celebrating Mass for the convent school Sisters or for Marist Brothers, marriage preparation and many hours of confessions.

In 1961, after two years as Assistant Priest in Albury, Bishop Henschke sent Fr Carroll to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical Urbaniana University. Bishop Carroll said that it was one of the greatest graces of his life to be in Rome during the Vatican Council – the atmosphere was full of excitement and hope.

After completing his doctorate and a brief trip to Chicago, Fr Carroll returned to Australia in 1965 to begin his appointment as Assistant Priest at the Cathedral Parish and to begin the role of Bishop Henschke's Private Secretary and Chancellor of the Wagga Wagga Diocese. During this time, Fr Carroll was also appointed as the first Director of Catholic Education; a role he would hold until his appointment as Coadjutor Bishop of Wagga Wagga.

With a response of disbelief, Father Carroll had to keep his new appointment a secret until this was announced in Rome a week later, however, he received permission to tell Bishop Henschke who said "That's great, you're the one I really wanted!" The episcopal consecration of Bishop Carroll took place on 5th September 1967, just a few days shy of Bishop Carroll's 37th birthday. This made him the youngest Bishop in Australia.

Following from the Second Vatican Council which ended in December of 1965, Bishop Carroll spoke of 'the sense of optimism and hope.. and the priests were very supportive of the changes. There was a sense of a new start and renewal.' Bishop Carroll worked tirelessly to implement the reforms of the Second Vatican Council just like his predecessor, Bishop Henschke. Many of the changes that came in the post conciliar period involved structures, groups and projects such as the opening of the Catechist Centre, the Young Christian Students camps and the beginning of the Diocesan Education Commission.

On 27 June 1983, Pope John Paul II announced his appointment of the new Archbishop of Canberra (and Goulburn), Bishop Francis Carroll; a role Archbishop Carroll would hold until his retirement in 2006.

Bishop Carroll's legacy will be everlasting on the Catholic Diocese of Wagga Wagga. His extra-diocesan responsibilities gave him only one regret of which he said he doesn't "generally regret things, instead he felt he could have done a lot more."

A young priest once asked an old wise priest, 'How do I know my pastoral work in the parish has been effective?' and he said "If, when you leave the parish, there's more love in the parish than when you arrived, you have succeeded".

(The information in this biography was taken and adapted from the diocesan history book, Consider the Crows, with the author's permission.)



Processional Hymn

In Faith and Hope and Love

In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our star, our map, our road
To the Father's high abode.

In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray.

In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
Our beginning and our end.

In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our Lord.



Welcome

Most Rev Mark Edwards OMI

Eulogy

Rev Kevin O'Reilly

Greeting

Celebrant: Peace be with you

All: And with your Spirit

Introductory Rite

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Celebrant: In Baptism Francis received the light of Christ.

All: May he now live in the fullness of that light

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Celebrant: In the waters of baptism our brother died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

All: May he now share eternal life with him in glory

Placing of the Pall

Celebrant: At his baptism, he was clothed in Christ.

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

Crucifix

Celebrant: In Baptism he was signed with the sign of the cross.

All: May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death

The Divine Office and Rosary

Celebrant: The Rosary (since his childhood) and Breviary (since his ordination) were pillars of his prayer.

All: May he now see God face-to-face

Book of the Gospels

Celebrant: In life he cherished the Gospel of Christ and in his priestly ministry proclaimed and preached it to God's People.

**All: May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life:
"Come, you whom my Father has blessed"**

Stole and Chalice – Symbols of Priestly Office

Celebrant: At his priestly ordination he received the stole and chalice, symbols of his priestly office. At his Episcopal Ordination, he received his mitre, ring and crosier, symbols of his office as chief Pastor and Shepherd.

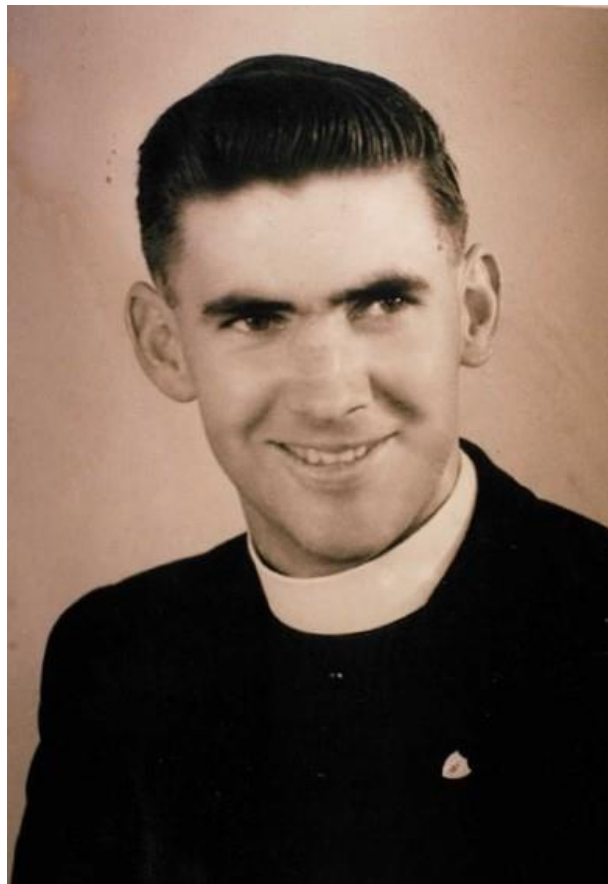
All: May Christ the high priest receive him into the everlasting glory of heaven

Opening Prayer

Celebrant: O God, who chose your servant Francis from among your priests, and endowed him with pontifical dignity in the apostolic priesthood, grant, we pray, that he may also be admitted to their company for ever.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

(15:1-12.17-18)

It happened that the word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless ...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River,
the river Euphrates.'

Celebrant: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works!

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose.
He, the Lord, is our God:
his judgements prevail in all the earth.]

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.



Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans (5:5-11)

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with a joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

(Please stand to greet the Gospel)

Gospel Acclamation (Sung)

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

I am the living bread from heaven says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (6:51-58)

All: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world'. Then the people started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat'? They said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will have no life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live forever'.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Most Rev Mark Edwards OMI

General Intercessions:

Celebrant: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader: For our brother Francis who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, hear us

Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For our brother Francis who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day.

Lord, hear us

Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For our brother Francis who served the Church as a priest and Bishop, that he may be given a place in the liturgy of heaven.

Lord, hear us

Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For the Carroll family, their relatives and friends, that they may be consoled by the hope of the Resurrection.

Lord, hear us

Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For the deceased members of Francis' family, especially his parents, Patrick and Rose, and his siblings, Rose and Barry, that they may rejoice in the fullness of God's love.

Lord, hear us

Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Lord, hear us

Lord, hear our prayer

Celebrant: 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.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation Of The Gifts

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrificial gifts we offer
for the soul of your servant Francis,
that, as you accorded him the pontifical dignity in this world,
so you may command him to be admitted
to the company of your Saints in the heavenly Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

Celebrant: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

In Him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,
that those saddened by the certainty of dying
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.
Indeed for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed not ended,
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

**All (sung): 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamations (sung)

Celebrant: The mystery of Faith

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

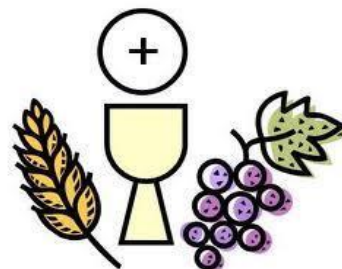
Concelebrants:

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him,
O God, almighty Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all glory and honour is yours
for ever and ever.

All Sing: Amen

Communion Rite

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



The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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.**

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

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

All: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Lamb of God (sung)

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.

Celebrant: 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 Hymns

Godhead Here In Hiding

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived:
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men,
Here thy very manhood steals from human ken:
Both are my confession, both are my belief,
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;
this faith each day deeper be my holding of,
daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

O thou our reminder of Christ crucified,
Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,
Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,
There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Jesus, whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech thee send me what I long for so,
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light
and be blest for ever with thy glory's sight.

Amen.

I Am The Bread of Life

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not
hunger;
You who believe in me shall not
thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons

And I will raise you up
and I will raise you up
and I will raise you up on the
last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the
world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
You shall live for ever.

And I will raise you up
and I will raise you up
and I will raise you up on the
last day.

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within
you.

And I will raise you up
and I will raise you up
and I will raise you up on the
last day.

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me
even though you die
you shall live for ever.

And I will raise you up
and I will raise you up
and I will raise you up on the
last day.

Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come
into the world.

And I will raise you up
and I will raise you up
and I will raise you up on the
last day.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: We pray, almighty and merciful God,
that, as you made your servant Francis
an ambassador for Christ on earth,
so you may raise him, purified by this sacrifice,
to be seated with Christ in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Commendation

Celebrant: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother,
Francis. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease
our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully
greet Francis again when the love of Christ, which conquers all
things, destroys death itself.

(All pray in silence)

(Sprinkling and incensation)

Song of Farewell

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother, Francis, 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 you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed on Francis in this life; they are the signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers; open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and our brother for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: In peace, let us take our leave of our brother.

Salve Regina

Salve, Regina, Mater **misericordiae**,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evae,
ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eja, ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte;
et Jesum,
benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Recessional Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs can not repay
For we can only wonder at every gift you send
At blessings without number and mercies without end;
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word
We honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring
That we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise





“My home, in every sense of the word, has always been in the Wagga Diocese. I love it and its people very dearly and I know there will be great void in my heart when leaving.”

Letter to the people of Wagga Wagga, 1983



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