

# Mass of Christian Burial



## Keith James John Lyons

Born 16<sup>th</sup> May 1944

Born to Eternal Life 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021



Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Wagga Wagga

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Rev. Fr Thomas Casanova



*"Memories keep those we love  
in our hearts forever"*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Faith Of Our Fathers”

### **GREETING AND WELCOME**

**Fr Thomas:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen**

**Fr Thomas:** 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.**

### **WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE** given by Grace Lyons

### **LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE** Hannah Wolter

**Fr Thomas:** Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. May He always be our light, and may His resurrection always be our hope.

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

### **SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER**

**Fr Thomas:** In the waters of Baptism, Keith died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with Him eternal glory.

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

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Fr Thomas:** O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Keith, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. 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

Read by Hannah Wolter

### A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

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 up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and 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 sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to the children of the earth to be busy with. God has made everything beautiful in his time.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM    Psalm 23

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

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)*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Alleluia, Alleluia”*

Come, you whom my father has blessed, says the Lord;  
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of  
the world. *“Alleluia”*

## **GOSPEL**

**Fr Thomas:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

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

**All: Glory to You O Lord**

And Jesus said: “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way”. Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY Fr Thomas**

## PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL

**Fr Thomas:** 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:** In Baptism, Keith received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him over the waters of death.

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

**Reader:** We pray for that Keith received the Body of Christ. May he be welcomed in Joy to the Heavenly Banquet. Lord hear us **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for the Australia Unity Carers and all who have cared for Keith, may God reward them richly with His grace.

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

**Reader:** We pray for Keith's many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant all our deceased family and friends an everlasting home with your Son.

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

**Reader:** We Pray for Keith's family and all those who mourn, that grief may be lightened by the risen Christ and His promise to unite us again in our heavenly home, and for the grace of a well prepared death, that when God calls we will be ready with the lamp of faith alight. Lord hear us. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Fr Thomas:** 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.**

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**Fr Thomas:** As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Keith, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**Fr Thomas:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your Spirit.**

**Fr Thomas:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Fr Thomas:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**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.**

## **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

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

## **THE COMMUNION RITE**

### **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.**



## COMMUNION HYMN “Gentle Woman”

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, ur brother Keith may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

### PRAYER OF FINAL COMMENDATION

### SONG OF FAREWELL

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

**Fr Thomas:** 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.**

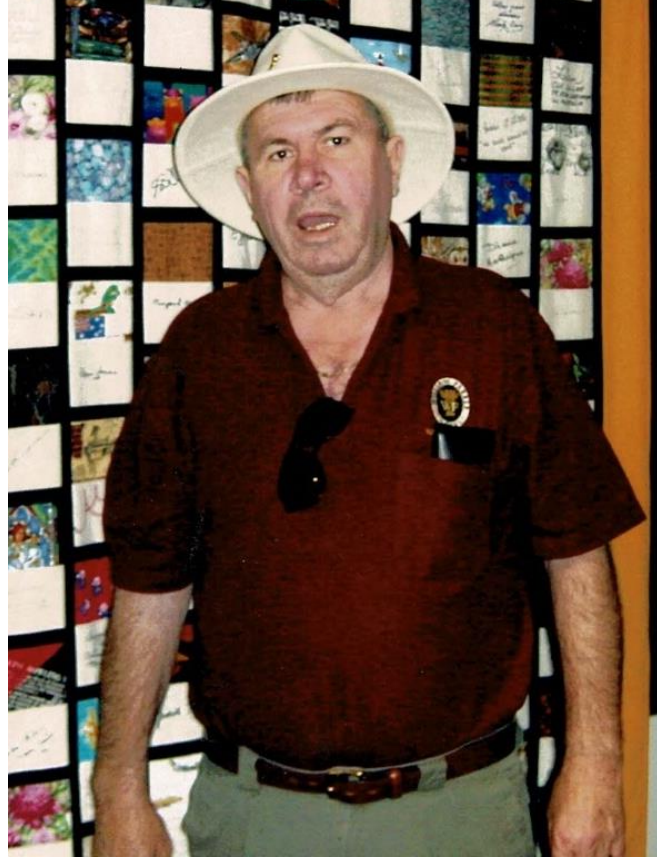
**Fr Thomas:** May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself. And may the angels lead you to Abraham’s side.

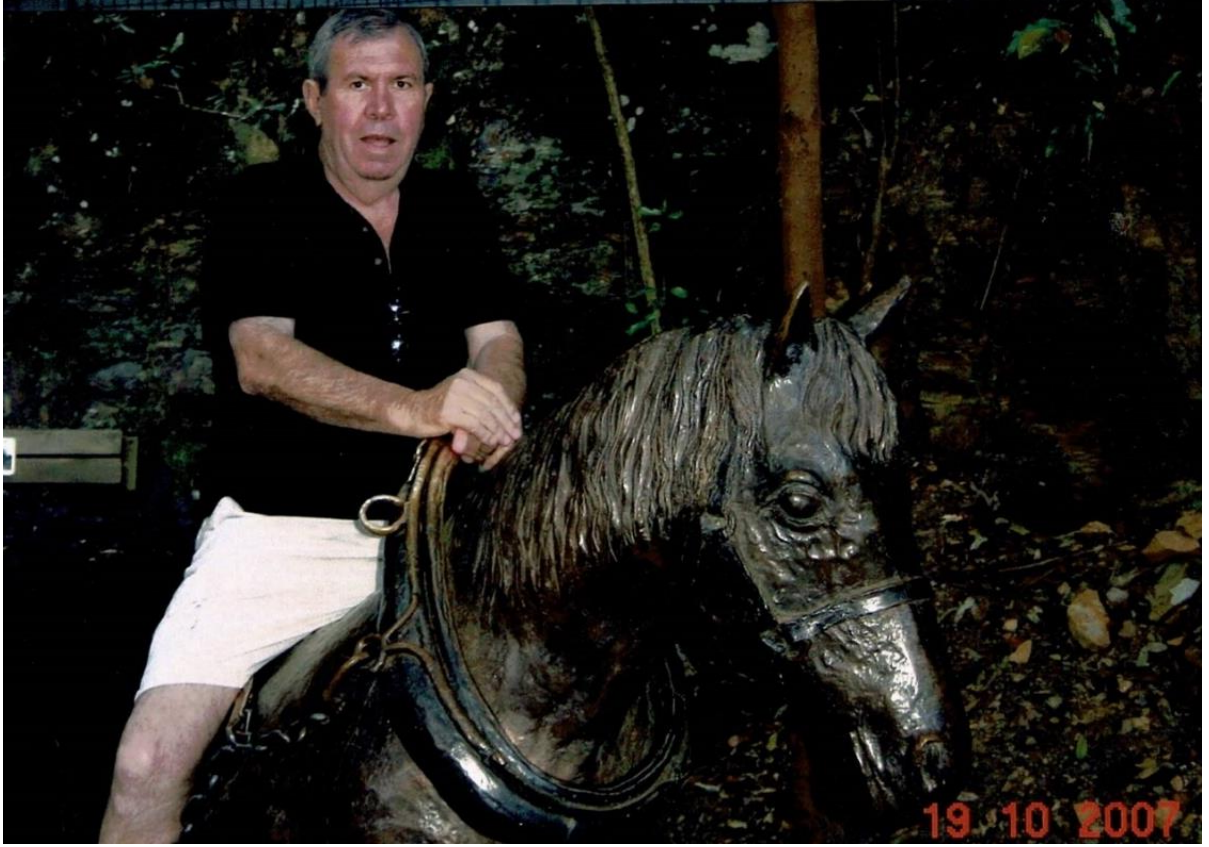
**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

**Fr Thomas:** Give Keith eternal rest, O Lord and may your light shine upon him forever.

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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN “Welcome Home”







“During this time, we realise how much family and friends mean to us. We thank you, for your thoughts, prayers and attendance today.”

Keith’s family invite you to Rules Club, Fernleigh Rd  
Following today’s service for refreshments and  
to share in more memories of Keith



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