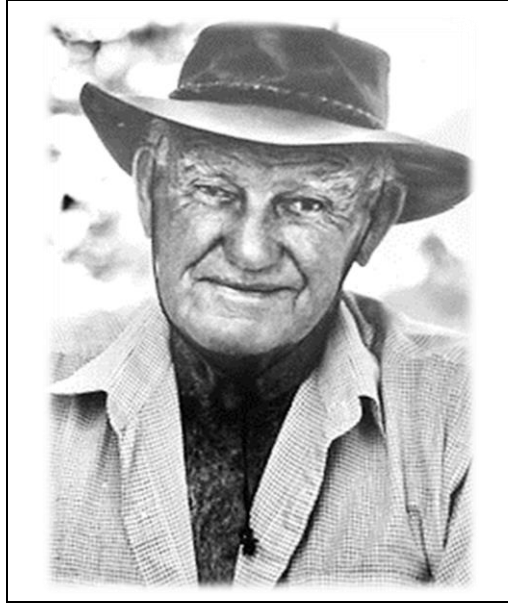




*In Thanksgiving for the Life
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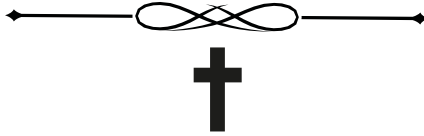
John Ryan

15th DECEMBER 1927 - 7th NOVEMBER 2021

*St Mary's Chapel
St. Carthage's Parish, Lismore*

Friday, 12th November 2021 - 10:00am





Prayer for Our Fathers

*Lord, please bless our fathers, these men who mean so much to us,
who are greatly responsible for who we are and who we are becoming.*

*Bless them for having the courage
to do what's necessary to keep us out of trouble,
for making us do the right thing, for helping us build our
character, even when it makes us angry;
and bless them for pushing us to do our best, even when they just want to love us.*

*Bless our fathers for being our protectors,
for leading us through stormy times to safety,
for making us believe that everything will be alright
and for making it so.*

*Bless our fathers for quietly making a living to provide for those they love most, for giving us
food,*

*clothing, shelter and other necessary and not necessary material things,
for unselfishly investing time and money in us
that they could have spent on themselves.*

*Bless our fathers, Lord, for saving some energy for fun,
for leading us on adventures
to explore the outer reaches of ourselves,
for making us laugh, for being our playmates and our friends.*

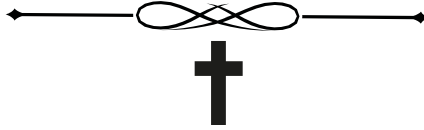
*Bless them for being our secure foundation, our rock,
for holding tight to us...until it's time to let us go.*

*Lord, bless these men we look up to,
our role models, our heroes, our fathers.*

In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

By Joanna Fuchs





Celebrant: Father Bing

Entrance Hymn:

Nearer My God to Thee

*Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.*

Refrain:

***Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!***

*Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone.
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God to Thee.*

(Refrain)

*There let the way appear, steps unto Heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God to Thee.*

(Refrain)

*Then, with my walking thought bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.*

(Refrain)

*Or, if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I'll fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.*

(Refrain)

*There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,
There in my Saviour's love, perfectly blest;
Age after age to be, nearer my God to Thee.*

(Refrain)

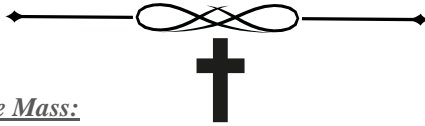
Introductory Rites

Words of Welcome

Blessing and Placing of Christian Symbols

Words of Remembrance - The Family





Opening Prayer of the Mass:

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:

Proverbs 3:13-18

*Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
For her income is better than silver,
And her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
And nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
Those who hold her fast are called happy.*

This is word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm (to be sung)

Psalm 23: The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimond 144)

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie in pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ev'n for His own name's sake
Yea, though I walk through death's vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.*





Second Reading:

Corinthians 13:1-8, 13

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fulness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

This is word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

*Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the resurrection of the life,
Said the Lord:
Whoever believes in me
Will not die for ever.
Alleluia.*





Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5: 1-12.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

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:

Theirs 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 the 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

kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for

Your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily





Prayers of Intercession:

Priest: We come together to pray for John. Believing that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Lord, you gave John the promise of eternal life in Baptism. Give him happiness and peace in the company of you forever. *Lord, hear us.*

Lord, we pray for John's departed wife Clare. May she be forever remembered in love and may she also be in peace with you forever. *Lord, hear us.*

Lord, we pray for John's family, his children Jenny, Cath, Sue, Mick, Teen, Tom and Liz. Enfold them in your love and grant them strength in this time of sorrow. *Lord, hear us.*

Lord, we pray for John's grandchildren: Angus, Toby, Joe, Tara, Charlotte, Lucy, Ben, Jessica, Malachy, Fletcher, Fergus, Charlie, Abbey, Gillian, Millicent, Harriet, Edward, and great grandchildren Max, Fergus, Harry and Ned. Support them to be strengthened by the life of their Pa. *Lord, hear us.*

Lord, we pray for John's grandchildren William and Matthew, who cannot be with us. May they share eternal life with their Father in heaven. *Lord, hear us.*

Lord, we pray for the young ones who are pursuing careers and life ambitions which made him proud. *Lord, hear us.*

We pray for our families on the land, and that their labours are rewarded as Pa would always wish. *Lord, hear us.*

Lord, we pray today for all those gathered here in faith. Grant that we may travel life's journey in peace, hope and love. *Lord, hear us.*





Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Holy Communion

Hymn 1:

Eagle's Wings

Refrain:

*And he will raise you up on
eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of
dawn,
Make you to shine like the
sun,
And hold you in the palm
of his hand.*

Verse 1:

*You who dwell in the
shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow
for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"*

Refrain

Verse 2:

*The snare of the fowler will
never capture you,
And famine will bring you
no fear;
Under his wings you
refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.*

Refrain

Verse 3:

*You need not fear the
terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by
day;
Though thousands fall
about you,
Near you it shall not come.*

Refrain

Verse 4:

*Far to his angels, he's given
a command
To guard you in all of your
ways;
Upon their hands they will
bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot
against a stone.*

Refrain

Hymn 2:

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 hath 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 my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.*

*Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me here below,
Shall be forever mine.*

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





Final Commendation and Farewell:

Song of Farewell

Danny Boy

*Oh Danny boy
The pipes the pipes are calling
From glenn to glenn
And down the mountain side
The summer's gone and all the roses dying
'Tis you, tis you must go
And I must bye*

*But come ye back
When summer's in the meadow
Or when the valley's hushed
And white with snow
'Tis I'll be there
In sunshine or in shadow
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy,
I love you so.*

*But if ye come and all the flowers are dying
If I am dead
As dead I well may be
You'll come and find the place where I am lying
And kneel and say an Ave there for me.*

*And I shall hear, though soft, your tread above me
And all my grave shall warmer, sweeter be
For you will bend and tell that you love me
And I will sleep until you come to me.
By Frederic Weatherly*

John Ryan

Beloved wife: Clare Ryan

Beloved father of: Jenny, Cathy, Sue, Michael, Teen, Tom and Liz.

Beloved father-in-law of: Ron, Kevin, Rick, Steph, Richard.

Beloved grandfather of: Angus, Toby, Tara, Joe, Charlotte., Lucinda, Ben, Jessica, Malachy, Fletcher, Fergus, Charlie, Abby, Gillian., Millicent, Harriet and Edward.

Beloved great grandfather of: Max, Fergus, Harry and Ned.



We, John's family, wish to express our loving appreciation and thanks to our family and friends who have come to share this mass. Following the rite of Christian Burial at Goonellabah Lawn Cemetery, John's family extends a cordial invitation to all of you to join us at 1 Riverbank Road, Monaltrie (approx. 3km along Wyrallah Road - first house at the junction of Riverbank and Wyrallah) for some light refreshments.



Remembered Joy

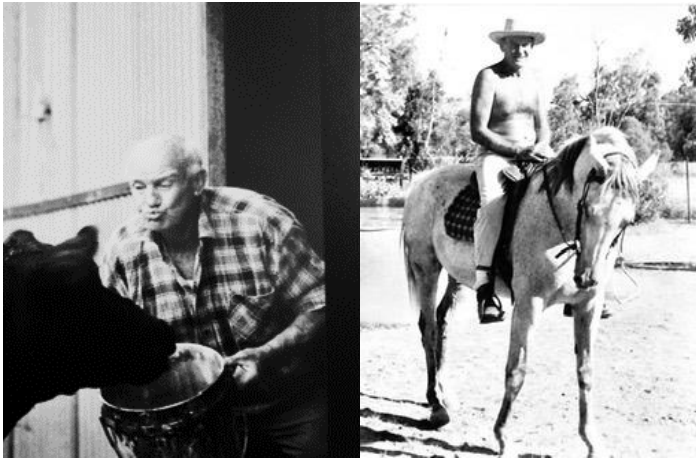
*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I follow the plan God laid for me.
I saw his face, I heard His call,
I took His hand and left it all...*

*I could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
And if my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savoured much:
Good times, good friends,
A loved-one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief -
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.*

(Author Unknown)





A Prayer for Today

*Every day I need Thee Lord,
but this day especially,
I need some extra strength
to face whatever is to be . . .
This day, more than any other day,
I need to feel Thee near,
to fortify my courage and to overcome my fear.
By myself, I cannot meet
the challenge of the hour,
There are times when human creatures need a higher Power
to help them bear what must be borne.*

And so dear Lord, I pray - hold onto my trembling hand and be with me today.

Amen.

