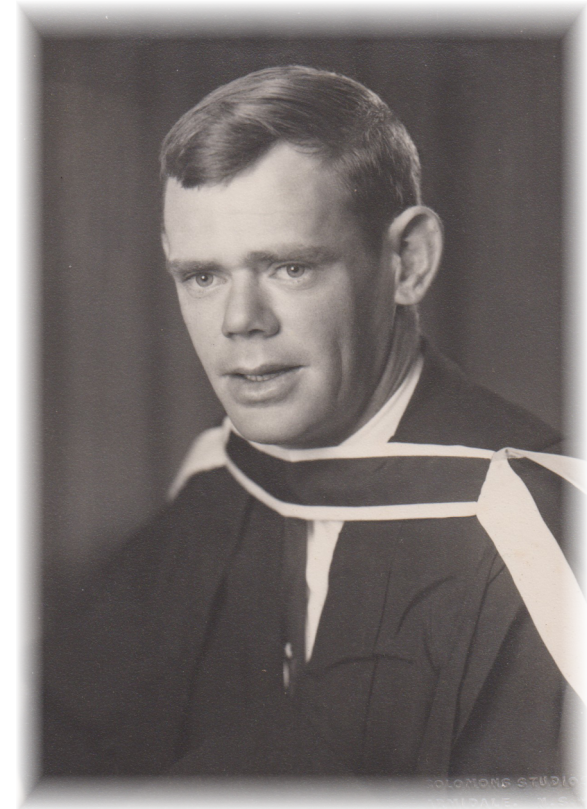




REQUIEM MASS
to celebrate the life of



Vince's family thank you for your prayers, your expressions of sympathy, your love, support and presence today.
Following Requiem Mass, and burial at Tweed Valley Lawn Cemetery, you are invited to join the family for refreshments at the Tweed Art Gallery.

VINCENT ROLAND KEAN

29 October 1945 – 28 July 2023

Church of the Sacred Heart, Murwillumbah
18 August 2023

Celebrant: Fr Joseph Guinea



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Priest: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.
All: **Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.**
Priest: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
All: **Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.**

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Hymn: **GALILEE SONG** Frank Andersen

Deep within my heart I feel
voices whispering to me,
words that I can't understand.
Meanings I must clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close,
lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into
evening shadows one more time.

**So I leave my boats behind
leave them on familiar shores
Set my heart upon the deep
follow you again my Lord.**

In my memories I know
how you send familiar rains;
falling gently on my days
dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more
in the fortress of my mind
to believe in falling rain
as I travel deserts dry.

As I gaze into the night
down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk
past horizons that I know!
But I feel my spirit called
like a stirring deep within
restless 'till I live again
beyond the fears that close me in!

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Entrance Hymn: **AS GENTLE AS SILENCE** Estelle White

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.

All the beauty I see he has given to me
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame,
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

Sprinkling of Holy Water

Placing of Christian Symbols

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (13:4-13)

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. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once

perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

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

The word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: *(to be sung)*

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD Psalm 23 *(Crimond)*

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 in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

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 to them,
whom shall I send?

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Reflection Hymn: TRINITY SONG Frank Andersen MSC

Father in my life I see, you are God, who walks with me,
You hold my life in Your hands, Close beside you, I will stand.
I give all my life to you, help me Father to be true.

Jesus in my life I see, you are God, who walks with me,
You hold my life in Your hands, Close beside you, I will stand.
I give all my life to you, help me Jesus to be true.

Spirit in my life I see, you are God, who walks with me,
You hold my life in Your hands, Close beside you, I will stand.
I give all my life to you, help me Spirit to be true.

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FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Words of Remembrance

Reflection Music – THE ONE I LOVE – Mike McClellan

Invitation to Prayer

Incensation and Sprinkling with holy water

Song of Farewell

SONG OF FAREWELL Ernest Sands

**Refrain: May the choirs of angels come to greet you.
May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in His mercy.
May you find eternal life.**

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Priest: Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Holy, Holy, Holy
Eucharistic Prayer

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: HERE I AM, LORD Dan Schutte SJ

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?

Second Reading:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Timothy (4:6-8)

In the evening of his life, Paul wrote:

“As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to depart.
I have fought the good fight to the end,
I have run the race to the finish, I have kept the faith.
All there is to come for me now, is the crown of uprightness, which the Lord, the upright judge, will give to me, on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing.”

The word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – all

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.’

Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (24:13-35)

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, ‘What matters are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, ‘You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.’ ‘What things?’ he asked. ‘All about Jesus of Nazareth’ they answered ‘who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since

it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us; they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.’

Then he said to them, ‘You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?’ Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. ‘It is nearly evening’ they said ‘and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, ‘Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’ Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Prayer of the Faithful:

Celebrant: Let us pray with faith and confidence to God our Father.

He raised his son, Jesus Christ from death. May he give peace and salvation to the living and the dead.

1. We pray that Vince, who once began eternal life in Baptism, may join the company of the Saints forever – Lord, hear us.

Response (all): Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for those who have gone before us, that they may rest peacefully in Christ, their eternal home – Lord, hear us. **Response.**

3. We pray for all of us, Vince’s family and friends, that we may be comforted in our grief and strengthened by our faith in Christ – Lord, hear us. **Response.**
4. We pray for the doctors and nurses who cared for Vince, that their ministry and works of service may be richly blessed – Lord, hear us. **Response.**
5. We pray for all the family and friends from near and far who are unable to be with us today – Lord, hear us. **Response.**
6. We pray for a safe trip home for those who have travelled to be with us today – Lord, hear us. **Response.**
7. We pray that all gathered here to show their faith and love may be reunited in the glory of God’s Kingdom – Lord, hear us. **Response.**

Celebrant: Father, hear our prayers for Vince and for all who have gone before us to eternal life. May they share in the fullness of salvation in the Kingdom where you are Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of Gifts

Offertory Hymn: COME BACK TO ME Gregory Norbet

Come back to me with all your heart.

Don’t let fear keep us apart.

Trees do bend, ‘though straight and tall;

so must we to others’ call.

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.

Integrity and justice
with tenderness you shall know.

You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.

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