

Celebrating the Life of
Patrick Brian Venville

8 June 1989 ~ 27 April 2025



"Patty"



St Ita's Catholic Church, Drouin
Friday 9 May 2025 ~ 10.30 am

Celebrants

Father Brendan Hogan
Father Confidence Masvosva

Pianist

Chris Harkin

Order of Service

OPENING HYMN

(Please stand)

"Be Not Afraid"

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words to foreign men
and they will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk among the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain

Blessed are your poor,
for the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of Me,
Blessed, blessed are you. *Refrain*

THE GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father
and the Son
and the Holy Spirit.

All: *Amen.*



Priest: May the Father of mercies,
the God of all consolation,
be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Steven & Justine Esmonde

Priest: In baptism, Patty received the light of Christ.
That light has guided him throughout his life.
May he now enjoy the risen life with his risen Lord.

All: *Amen.*

SPRINKLING OF HOLY WATER

Priest: In the waters of baptism, Patty died with Christ
and rose with Him to new life.

May he now share with Him eternal glory.

All: *Amen.*

PLACING OF THE PALL

Narelle Walton & Catherine McMahon

PLACING OF PERSONAL SYMBOLS

(Please sit)

Essendon Bombers Football Club Scarf

Mark 'Rusty' Symons

Australian Indoor Hockey Jersey

Jake Bryant

Pakenham Upper Toomuc Cricket Club Baggy Cap & Hallora Cricket Club Shirt

Chris Sharpe

Buln Buln Football Club Jumper

Rhys Hall

Chicago Bulls Basketball Jersey, Tickets & Patrick's favourite Cricket Bat

Daniel Venville

Vancouver Canucks Hockey Jersey

Greg Atkinson

Parkway Drive Band T-Shirt

Drew Teaia

Piece of Apple Slice

Catherine McMahon

Lollies

Charlotte Venville, Arabella Venville & Xavier Venville

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Mark Venville

John Venville

Anne Venville



OPENING PRAYER

Priest: To you, O God, the dead do not die,
and in death our life is changed, not ended.
Hear our prayers and command the soul of your
servant Patty, to dwell with Abraham, your friend,
and be raised at last on the great day of judgment.
In your mercy cleanse him of any sin which he may
have committed through human frailty.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Peter McMahon

A Reading from the book of Apocalypse
(14:13)

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.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Sung*

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow -
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.

I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

***I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.***

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
(7:11-17)

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Priest: Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

(Please sit)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(Please stand)

Catherine Oldenburger, Katrin McMahon,
Kate Baxter, Paula McMahon & Charlotte Venville

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

Catherine: For Patty, a child of God and heir to the kingdom,
that he may be held securely in God's loving
embrace now and for all eternity.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Katrin: That all of us, Patty's family and friends, may be
comforted in our grief.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Kate: That the Lord Jesus who blesses those who mourn
and are in pain will look upon Patty's family and
friends who gather around him today.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Paula: For all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Charlotte: For all parents who grieve over the death of their children, that they be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Priest: 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.

All: *Amen.*

(Please sit)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Kylie Dawson, Ruby Dawson & Anne Venville

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All stand and pray:

***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.***

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: Father, receive this sacrifice we offer
as a sign of our love for you,
and comfort us by your merciful love.
We accept what you have asked of us,
for we trust in your wisdom and goodness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.



Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

Priest: 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: *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.***

(Please kneel as the Eucharistic Prayer continues)

Priest: ...The mystery of faith:

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

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: 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: *Amen.*

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

***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.***

Priest: 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 for ever.***

Priest: 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 peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

RITE OF PEACE

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

All: *And with your spirit.*

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

THE FRACTION (BREAKING) OF THE BREAD

All: *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.*

(Please kneel)

Priest: 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 HYMN

“The Beatitudes”

Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven,
Blessed are the gentle,
for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they,
that hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they
that suffer gladly for justice’ sake.

Blessed are they that mourn
for they shall be comforted,
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are ye
when they revile and harm you,
And speak all evil against you
untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful
for mercy they will find,
Blessed are the peacemakers
for they shall be called God’s children.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Lord God, may the death and resurrection
of Christ which we celebrate in this Eucharist
bring Patty the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PHOTO TRIBUTE & REFLECTION SONGS

“A Small Victory” *Faith No More*

“The Northern” *Alexisonfire*

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

(Please stand)

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

SPRINKLING WITH BLESSED WATER

Priest: We use this Holy Water, and call on the Lord Jesus
to welcome Patty into the glory of eternal life.

INCENSING OF PATTY'S COFFIN

Priest: As a sign of respect for Patty, we let this Incense
rise to God, who called him to share in His Glory.

SONG OF FAREWELL

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.*

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

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our
brother Patty, 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
upon Patty in this life: they are 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 with our
brother for ever.

RECESSIONAL SONG

“Freestyler” *Bomfunk MC’s*

Photo Bearer

Chris Sharpe

Coffin Bearers

Mark Venville

John Venville

Daniel Venville

Chris McMahon

Liam McMahon

Evan Bramley

*Once outside the Church, everyone is invited to form
a guard of honour for Patty in front of the hearse.*



Patty's family thank you for your attendance
and for your loving care and support.

You are warmly invited to join us for
refreshments in the Function Room of
the Drouin Golf and Country Club,
McGlone Road, Drouin.

Footprints

*One night a man had a dream.
He dreamed he was walking
along the beach with the Lord.
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.*

*For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints
in the sand, one belonging to him, the other to the Lord.
When the last scene of his life flashed before him,
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times along the path of his life
there were only one set of footprints.
He also noticed that it happened at the very
lowest and saddest times in his life.*

*This really bothered him
and he questioned the Lord about it.
“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,
you would walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times
in my life there is only one set of footprints.
I do not understand why when I needed you most
you would leave me?”*

*The Lord replied,
“My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering
when you see only one set of footprints
it was then that I carried you.”*

*“I wish I could fly,
high above the mountains,
swooping over fountains.
I could see lots of things,
like human beings.
I wish I could fly.”*

- Patrick Venville, Grade 5

