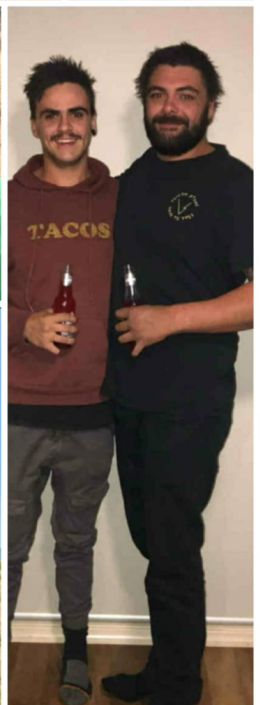
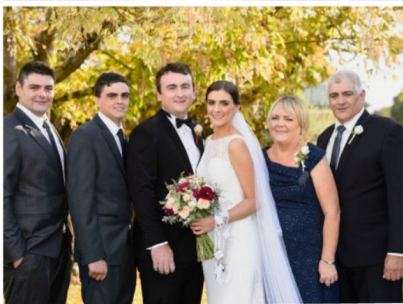
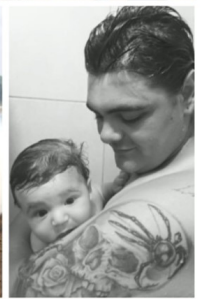




Funeral Prayers to celebrate the life of

Brett James Minichiello

31 October 1988 ~ 5 July 2025



St John's Catholic Church, Trafalgar
Wednesday 16 July 2025 ~ 11 am

GATHERING HYMN:

(Please stand)

"Be Not Afraid" *Daniel O'Donnell*

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 in foreign lands
And all 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 amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

GREETING & WELCOME: Father Bernard Buckley

Fr: In the name of the Father,
and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT:

Fr: Lord Jesus, you were raised to life by the Father.
Lord, have mercy.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Fr: Christ Jesus, you are the first-born from the dead.
Christ, have mercy.

All: *Christ, have mercy.*

Fr: Lord Jesus, you are our source of eternal life.
Lord, have mercy.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Fr : May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: *Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER:

Fr: Holy Lord, almighty and eternal God, hear our prayers for your servant Brett, whom you have summoned out of this world. Forgive his sins and failings and grant him a place of refreshment, light and peace. Let him pass unharmed through the gates of death to dwell with the blessed in light, as you promised to Abraham and his children for ever. Accept Brett into your safe-keeping and on the great day of judgement raise him up with all the saints to inherit your eternal kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE:

(Please sit)

Fil Minichiello

Sharon Flenley

PHOTO TRIBUTE & REFLECTION SONGS:

"Tears In Heaven" *Eric Clapton*

"The Sound of Silence" *Disturbed*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Rita Robinson

A Reading from the second letter
of St Paul to the Corinthians.
(4:14-5:1)

We know that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them.

And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Amy Minichiello

Amy: The Response is:
I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.

All: ***I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

Amy: The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

All: ***I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

Amy: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold this temple.

All: ***I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

Amy: O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

All: ***I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

Amy: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

All: ***I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

All: *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*‘This is the will of my Father’, says the Lord,
‘that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day’.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Fr: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Fr: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
(17:24-26)

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Fr: Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
‘Father, I want those you have given me to be with me
where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have
given me because you loved me before the foundation of
the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known
you, but I have known you, and these have known that you
have sent me. I have made your name known to them and
will continue to make it known, so that the love with which
you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them’.
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

(Please sit)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Helen Beggs, Mitch Hoult, Natalie Grant,
Aaron Minichiello & Shannon Edwards

Fr: For our brother Brett, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

Helen: We pray for Brett's cousins Thomas, Johanna, Clara, Sarah, Matthew, Josh, Charlie, Amy and Jack who loved and supported Brett. We pray that God will help them through their grief and pain so that one day memories of Brett bring happiness instead of sadness.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Mitch: We pray for Brett's mates, who are gathered here today to celebrate Brett's life. We thank God for the joy of knowing him and we are confident he will hear and answer our prayers.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Natalie: We pray for Brett's family and friends gathered here today, may we comfort one another during this difficult time. We especially pray for Brett's parents Leno and Cathy and son Aaron, may God watch over them.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Aaron: We pray that you are happy in heaven and not in pain anymore. I will always love our fishing trips and will never forget our big holiday. Love you, Dad.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Shannon: Brett, we pray that you are at eternal peace surrounded by love and happiness. I will cherish our memories together forever. We will miss you everyday, until we meet again. Love you always.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Fr: 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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

(Please stand)

Fr: 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.***

INVITATION TO PRAYER:

Fr: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Brett and now we come to the last farewell.

There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Brett again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his Kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

All: *Amen.*

SPRINKLING WITH BLESSED WATER:

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

INCENSING OF BRETT'S COFFIN:

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

SONG OF FAREWELL:

Fr: 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.*

Fr: Brett, 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.*

Fr: Eternal rest grant unto Brett, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION:

Fr: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Brett 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 Brett 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, Brett, for ever.

Fr: In peace let us take our brother, Brett, to his place of rest.

RECESSIONAL SONGS:

“Take Me Home Country Roads” *John Denver*

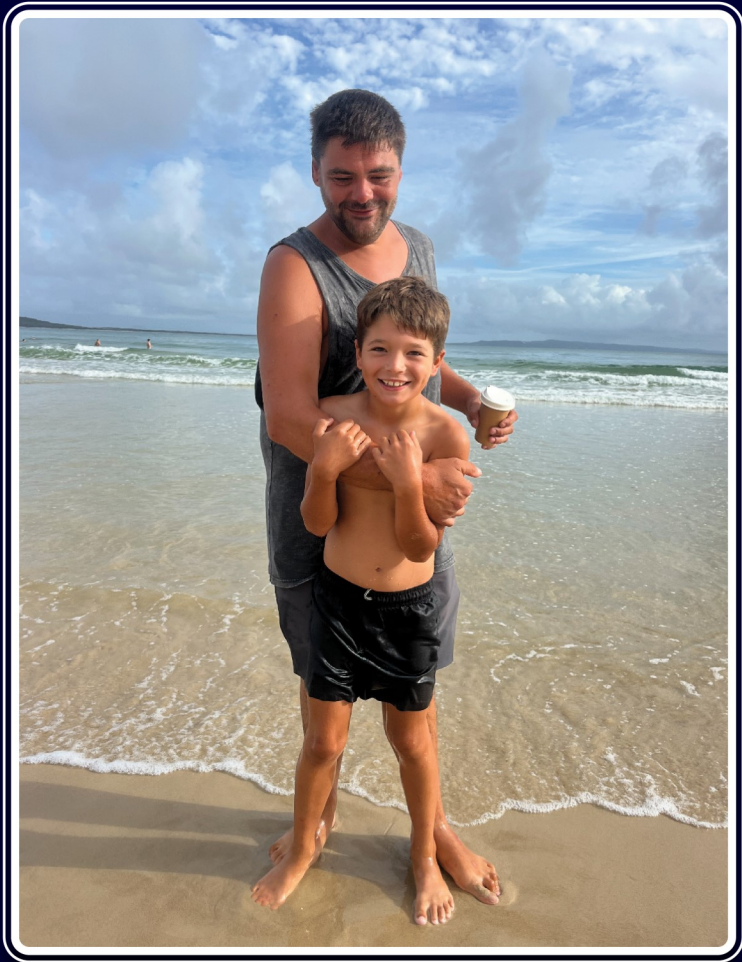
“Fast Car” *Luke Combs*

Photo Bearers

Aaron Minichiello & Shannon Edwards

Coffin Bearers

*Ryan Minichiello, Tim Grant, Matthew Walker,
Thomas Beggs, Taylor Bramstedt & Jack Minichiello*



Brett's family would like to thank you for your attendance and for your loving care and support.

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments at The Robin Hood Inn, 655 Princes Way, Drouin West following the Burial Service at the Trafalgar Cemetery.