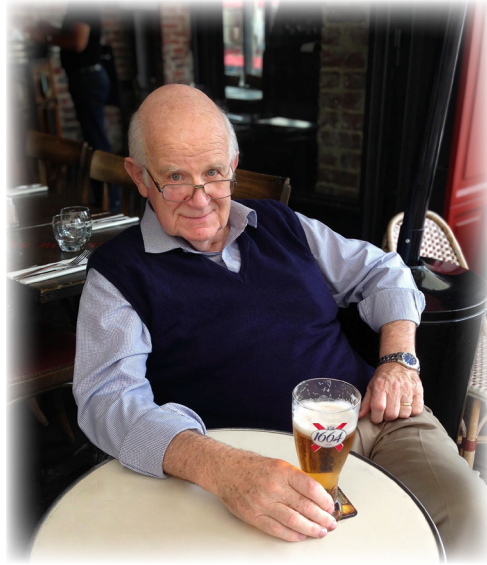


James (Jim) D’Orsa, PhD

11 May 1942 to 10 July 2026



*When, through one person,
a little more Love and Truth comes into the World
then that person’s life has had meaning.*

— Fr Alfred Delp (sent from a Nazi Prison)

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St Joseph’s Church, Warragul
Friday July 24, 2026

Celebrant
Fr Brendan Hogan



*Jim celebrating his Swiss heritage with family
at a favourite location – Grindelwald*

ENTRANCE HYMN

The Lord is My Shepherd – *Brian Boniwell*

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

Refrain

*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.

Refrain

Words of Welcome

Welcome to the Requiem Mass for Jim D'Orsa
in the company of his family, friends, and colleagues.

We have come together to thank God
for the gift that Jim D'Orsa's life was to us all;
to mourn and to pray for him;
and to support one another in our sadness.

Introductory Rite

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Cel: In Baptism, Jim received the light of Christ.
This light guided him throughout his life.

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

Sprinkling of Holy Water

Cel: In the waters of Baptism,
Jim was given new life with Christ.

All: *May he now share eternal life with him.*

Placing of Symbols

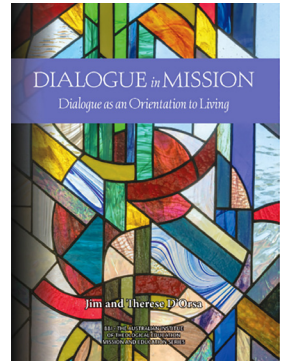
Dr Paul Sharkey and Br Frank O'Shea cfc

Cel: But as it is written,
“What eye has not seen or imagined,
or ear has not yet heard,
and what has not entered the human heart
– that is, what God has prepared for those who love him.”

All: *Glory be to God, and to the Father, and to the Son. As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen*

Eulogy

Br J Ben Boonen cfc, Jim Quillinan



Opening prayer

Cel: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life.

You have made us in your image, and called us to a mission
to bring to life your vision in our world

We give thanks for Jim's life:

for his family and friends;

for his contribution to our community;

for his commitment to his work and his faith;

for his love of nature and the world around us.

We thank you, Creator God, for Jim's wit, and his wisdom,
and his insight into the living faith we share.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen

First Reading – *Trish Hindmarsh*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes – Eccl. 3:1-13

Everything that happens in this world, happens at the time God chooses.

God sets a time for birth, a time for death.

The time for planting, and a time for pulling up.

God sets a time for sorrow, and a time for joy.

The time for searching, the time for losing.

The time for saving, and the time for throwing away.

The time for silence, and a time for talking.

The time for love, and a time for peace.

What do we gain from all our work?

I know the heavy burdens God has laid upon us.

God has set the right time for everything.

God has given us the desire to know the future,

but never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what He does.

So I realise that all we can do is to be happy

and to do the best we can while we are still alive.

All of us should eat and drink and enjoy what we have worked for.

It is God's gift.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R) The Lord is kind and merciful

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R)**

You have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R)**

Second Reading – *Bernadette Crabtree*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to Timothy – *2Tim. 4:6-8*

As for me, the time is here to leave this life.
I have done my best in the race.
I have run the full distance and I have kept the faith.
And now there is waiting for me the prize of victory
– awarded for a righteous life, the prize which the Lord,
the righteous judge will give me on that day
– and not only me,
but to all those who wait with love for him to appear.
And the Lord will rescue me from all evil,
and take me safely into the heavenly kingdom.
To God be the glory for ever and ever!

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia

Gospel – *Fr Bruce Duncan, CssR*

Cel: The Lord be with you

All: *And also with you*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John – *Jn. 14:1-6*

Jesus said to his disciples:

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.*

You know the way to the place where I am going.
Thomas said,

*Lord, we do not know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?*

Jesus said:

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily – *Fr Brendan Hogan*

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant

We gather together as people of faith in Jesus,
who has risen from the dead.
Jesus told us that He was going to prepare a place for us
and that He would return to take us with him.

We entrust Jim into his loving care.
Welcome him into your home
where there is no more suffering,
where he will know peace and happiness forever.

Readers – *Vin Hindmarsh and Fiona Bell*

- 1 In these times of change,
we pray for those who lead our church.
May they be open to the call of the Spirit,
and have the vision and courage
to accept the challenges that lie ahead.

We pray...

All: *Lord hear our prayer*

- 2 We give thanks for Jim's life,
for his friendship, his generosity, his scholarship,
his vision, his commitment to the church he loved
and that inspired his life journey.
May he find his home in your loving presence.

We pray...

All: *Lord hear our prayer*

- 3 We give thanks that you brought Thérèse and Jim together.
They were a blessing and an inspiration to many.
May they be reunited in your loving presence.

We pray...

All: *Lord hear our prayer*

4 We pray for Jim's family,
for his mother and father who have gone before
and for those who are left behind, until we meet again.

We pray for his sister Mary,
who has cared for him, especially in the last difficult months.
Comfort them, and support them as they share their memories.

We pray...

All: *Lord hear our prayer*

5 We pray for all the doctors, nurses
and all those in the hospitals
who have cared for Jim over the years,
May they be sustained in their work
and in the knowledge that, every day, they make a difference.

We pray...

All: *Lord hear our prayer*

Celebrant

God of mercy and compassion,
we have gathered to take Jim to his place of rest,
we offer these prayers in the sure and certain hope
that we will meet again
in the home you have prepared for us.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Procession – *Lesley Driscoll and Mary*

Communion Hymn

You Raise Me Up – *Josh Groban*

*When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary,
when troubles come and my heart burdened be,
then I am still and wait here in the silence,
until you come and sit awhile with me.*

*There is no life, no life without its hunger;
each restless heart beats so imperfectly;
but, when you come and I am filled with wonder,
sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.*

*You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains.
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders.
You raise me up, to more than I can be.*

Final Commendation and Farewell

Celebrant

With faith in Jesus Christ,
we reverently bring the body of our brother Jim
to be farewelled.

Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things,
that he will raise up Jim's mortal body
to the company of the saints,
in the presence of God, his Loving Creator.

Before we go our separate ways,
let us take leave of our brother Jim.
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.

We use this holy water, and call on the Lord Jesus
to welcome Jim into the glory of eternal life.

As a sign of our esteem for Jim, may this incense rise to God,
who called him to share in his glory.

Celebrant

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.*

Cel: May Christ who called 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.*

Cel: Eternal Rest grant to him, O Lord
And let Perpetual light shine upon him.

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

Cel: Into your hands, Father of Mercies,
we commend Jim 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 make our prayer through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

All: *Amen*

Recessional Hymn

Prayer of St Francis – *Sebastian Temple*

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon Lord,
and where there's doubt true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love, with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life*

Prayer by the Graveside

Cel: God, the Creator of all things,
you gave us life.
We entrust Jim to your keeping.
Give him a peaceful rest in this place,
until that day when you,
the resurrection and the life,
will raise him up in glory.

Then, may he see the light of your presence, Lord Jesus,
in the Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

All: *Amen*

Cel: We have come together today
to celebrate the life of Jim D'Orsa.
We thank you Lord, for that gift,
and for the time it was ours to share.
We are made conscious by this celebration
of the preciousness of our own lives,
and how we share that with others.

All: *Amen*

Cel: Since Almighty God knows and loves Jim even more than we do,
we pray to Him to grant Jim everlasting peace and happiness.

All: *Amen*

Cel: Jim, go to the reward promised to you
by Jesus himself. who said
I am the Resurrection and the Life.
Whoever believes in me will live forever,
whoever puts his faith in me will never die.

May your spirit, your courage and your determination, and
your faithful commitment live on in us as the legacy of a life
well lived.

All: *Amen*

*After the funeral,
you are invited to join us for refreshments.*

*The Warragul Country Club.
41 Sutton Street, Warragul*



Thérèse and Jim

— † —

*Jim's sister Mary would like to thank you for your support,
prayers and sympathy at this time.
Your presence, here today, or with us on-line, is much appreciated.*

*Jim often said he could never thank Mary and Jim Quillinan enough
for their friendship and selfless care of him.*

*He also valued Br Ben Boonen, a constant friend and colleague,
who produced this booklet.*

Thanks too, to those who contributed to today's ceremony.

Vocalist: Vicky McGahey

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