

Gospel Acclamation

A reading from the holy gospel according to John (14:1-6)

Jesus said to the 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 pre- pared 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

Reflection: Samantha Vidler

The Dash by Linda Ellis.

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend

He referred to the dates on the tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth
and spoke the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
that they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own --
the cars...the house...the cash.

What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
and show appreciation more,
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
and more often wear a smile,
remembering this special dash
might only last a little while.

On Eagles Wings

Sung by Kerry-anne McKey

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)

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn.

Make you to shine like the sun
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
and famine will bring you no fear.

Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield

(Refrain)

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)

For 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.

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand.

Prayers of the Faithful

Mia Vidler

Thank You Lord, for Poppy's loving presence in the lives of everyone
gathered here today. Please hold him tight in your loving care and welcome
him home. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the members of Poppy's family who have gone before him. May
they be joyful in being reunited in God's glorious presence. We pray to the
Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Kristin Vidler

For Patrick's Wife Sharon, his children and much-loved grandchildren. We
pray they be filled with a spirit of gratitude for experiences shared and given
hope, peace and consolation. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are managing health concerns and give thanks for those
who care for them. May they experience your loving kindness and be filled
with courage and hope. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Opening Prayer

Into your hands, O Lord,
We humbly entrust our Patrick.
In this life you embraced him with your tender love;
Deliver him now from every evil
And bid him eternal rest.
The old order has passed away:
Welcome him then into paradise,
Where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,
But fullness of peace and joy
With your Son and the Holy Spirit
For ever and ever.

All: Amen

Tribute: Sharon Vidler

First Reading: Jessica Vidler

A reading from the Acts of Apostles 10:34-36. 42-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not
show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and
does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel,
announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.
He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one
whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets
testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of
sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Chloe Vidler

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

We are always full of confidence on earth, then we remember, that to live in
the body means to be away from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by
sight. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on
pleasing him. For the story about us will be shared and celebrated in heaven.
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Entrance Hymn: Here I Am, Lord
Sung by Kerry-Anne McKey

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 have 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 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
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
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Greeting: Father Jim Griffin

Patrick Michael Vidler, in Baptism you died with Jesus Christ and rose with Him to new life. May you now share with Him eternal glory. On the day of Baptism Patrick was clothed in Christ. May Christ the Good Shepherd enfold him in love and welcome him to eternal life. We now place symbols on Patrick's coffin.

Placing of the Symbols of Faith: Winnie, Stevie and Oliver Vidler

Angela Vidler

We pray for those who have loved and enjoyed Patrick's presence in their lives but were unable to travel here today. May they find comfort in our appreciation for their love and support.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you Lord for Dad's presence in our lives. For the unwavering guidance, wisdom and love he shared with not only his own children but so many more blessed to know him.
Please now hold him secure in your loving care and joyful in the light of your presence. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Eulogy: Matthew Vidler and Justin Vidler

Presentation of Patrick's Life

Hallelujah

Sung by Kerry-Anne McKey

Final Commendation and Farewell

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

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Patrick and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we come to take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Patrick again and enjoy his friendship. Although we disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of God's kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Recessional: I Did it My Way, Elvis.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Patrick Michael Vidler

6th April, 1951 — 23rd March, 2024



Friday 5th April, 2024
Service commencing 11:00am.

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
Burial to follow at the
Kyogle Lawn Cemetery.

Celebrant: Father Jim Griffin.



Patrick's family thank everyone for their attendance today and for the comfort and prayers that have been offered to them at this time. The family warmly invites those in attendance to join them at the Kyogle Golf Club for light refreshments at the conclusion of the burial service.