

A Celebration Of The Life Of
Craig Michael Dunkerley



*Our darling, beloved and devoted son, brother, uncle, cousin,
nephew, grandson and friend. As he walks beside us
every day unseen, unheard but always near,
still loved, missed and very dear.
Always forever in our hearts.*

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, North Albury
Friday 3 November 2023
Officiating: Fr Martin Cruickshank

Entrance Hymn

‘Amazing Grace’ Celtic Women

Sprinkling With Holy Water

Through the waters of Baptism Craig was welcomed into a community of faith. With this Holy Water we bless him again, trusting that the ever flowing water of eternal life now carries him into the arms of his creator.

ALL: May he now share eternal life with Him in glory.

Lighting Of The Paschal Candle (Alex Dixon)

This candle reminds us of Christ’s presence in Craig’s life and of the light he was to us and those whose lives he touched.

ALL: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome him into the kingdom of light and peace.

Blessing Of The Cross

The cross is the central symbol of our Christian identity. It speaks to us of the importance of love, trust and hope.

ALL: May Craig who walked in the footsteps of Jesus, share in His resurrection and new life.

Words of Remembrance

Jessica Dunkerley and Daniel Adams

Visual Reflection

‘In The Arms Of An Angel’ Sarah McLachlan

‘The Prayer’ Josh Groban

Liturgy Of The Word (Kim Dunkerley)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, generosity, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23

(Helen Regan and Alyssa Dunkerley)

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;

With these you give me comfort. **(R)**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes:
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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 it 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 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. Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. Do not be worried and upset, do not be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Martin Cruickshank

Prayers Of The Faithful

(Michael Regan and James Dunkerley)

Fr Martin: As we stand before the mystery of death, Christ stands among us and says to us 'Courage! Do not be afraid!' Therefore, let us place our prayers before him confident that he will hear them.

We pray in thanksgiving for the 33 years that Craig shared his life with us; that he will be embraced by God's love in the Kingdom of heaven.

Lord, hear us. **ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the wonderful times we shared with Craig; we remember with gratitude his kind and generous nature.

Lord, hear us. **ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We recall Craig's love of nature, the enjoyment he gained from bushwalking, jogging and camping, his immersion in Japanese culture, his mathematical and scientific mind. His technical skills and his photographic captivation with sunrises and sunsets; for everything that made Craig unique we are grateful.

Lord, hear us. **ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of us gathered here; that we may remember at all times, but especially in moments of great difficulty that we are precious to God and that he loves us. Lord, hear us. **ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Craig's parents, Mick and Kath, his sisters Jessica and Melissa, niece Alyssa and nephew James and all members of Craig's family; that in this time of great sadness and loss they will be given comfort and consolation.

Lord, hear us. **ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Uncle Craig was a fun man, I called him tall guy. He was a tall man in the family. When I was younger he used to chase me around on Christmas in the driveway. I remember I gave him letters from the mail box for him. He loved his work. He carried me when I was 3 or 4. He let me sit on his fancy PC chair. He gave me chocolate. I love him soooo much. I wish I was with him again, he was a generous man. Lord hear us. **ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fr Martin: God of love and mercy, give us the certainty that beyond death there is a life, where broken things are mended and lost things are found; where there is rest for the weary and joy for the sad; where all that we have loved and willed of good exists and where we will meet again our loved ones.

We ask this through Christ the Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Offertory Procession

The simple gifts of bread and wine will be brought to the Lord's table
By Craig's cousin Lachie Dixon, uncle Adam Dunkerley,
nephew James Dunkerley and niece Alyssa Dunkerley.

Communion Hymn

‘Ave Maria’ Josh Groban

Prayers Of Commendation

Saints of God, come to his aid! Come to meet him, angels of the Lord!

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

May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself,
may angels lead you safely home.

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

Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light
shine upon him forever.

ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the High.

Recessional Hymn

‘You Raise Me Up’ Josh Groban



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, and 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 was 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'd 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 don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied: "My precious, 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."

Thank you for sharing the celebration of Craig's life. Your love, prayers and friendship will always be remembered. At the conclusion of the service at the Glenmorus Gardens Cemetery, the Dunkerley family would like to invite you to the Banksia Room at the Commercial Club Dean St Albury.

