

Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of
John Neville Hales Keogh

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Nth Albury
Thursday 9 November 2023
Fr Bernie Thomas

*A limb has fallen from the family tree
I hear a voice that whispers, 'Grieve not for me'
Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs
The good I lived while I was strong
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you
Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest
Remembering all...how I was truly blessed
Continue traditions, no matter how small
Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall
I miss you all dearly so keep up your chin
Until that fine day we're together again.*



Opening Hymn – Come As You Are

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

Welcome

Spiritual Symbols

The Cross

Priest: The cross is the first of the symbols given to us in Baptism.
It is the symbol of reconciliation and eternal life offered to all through Jesus' death.

All: Lord, may the grace of salvation won for John be given him today.

Lighting Of The Paschal Candle

Priest: In Baptism, John received the light of Christ.

This light is a symbol of that light which gives hope in eternal life.

All: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light now welcome John into the eternal Kingdom of light and peace.

Sprinkling With Holy Water

Priest: In the waters of Baptism, John received the promise of eternal life through sharing in Christ's resurrection. In his death, may the promise given us in Baptism be fulfilled. All: May John now share in eternal glory.

Placing Of Life Symbols

Eulogy

Opening Prayer

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven.

A time for giving birth, a time for dying. A time for planting, a time for ploughing. A time for laughter, a time for tears. A time for mourning, a time for dancing. A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up. A time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing. A time for searching, a time for losing. A time for keeping, a time for letting go. What does a person gain from the efforts they make? I contemplate the task that God gives us to labour at. All that is done is apt for its time: but though he has permitted us to consider time in its wholeness, we cannot comprehend the word of God from beginning to end. When a person eats and drinks and finds happiness in their work, this is a gift from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit.

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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.

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet before me in the sight of my foes: my head
you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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.

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

A Reading from St Paul's second letter to Timothy

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to depart. I have fought the good fight to the end. I have run the race to the finish! I have kept the faith! All there is to come for me now is the crown of uprightness which the Lord, the Upright Judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing. This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse (said by all)

Alleluia, Alleluia. I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me will not die forever. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Offertory Hymn – Come To The Water

Come to the water! You who are thirsty! Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.

Why spend your money on what cannot fill The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy Goodness and peace in your heart!

Come to the water! You who are thirsty! Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.

Just as the heavens are high above earth; my ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near! I will be Father to you!

Come to the water! You who are thirsty! Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.

Just as the rain falls to water the earth; Just as a seed becomes bread
My word upon you can never return Until My longing is filled!

Come to the water! You who are thirsty! Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.

Eucharistic Acclamation

Priest: The Mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross
and resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Hymn – Galilee Song

Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.
Words that I can't understand; meanings I must clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time!

So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord!

In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains
Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my mind,
To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry!

So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord!

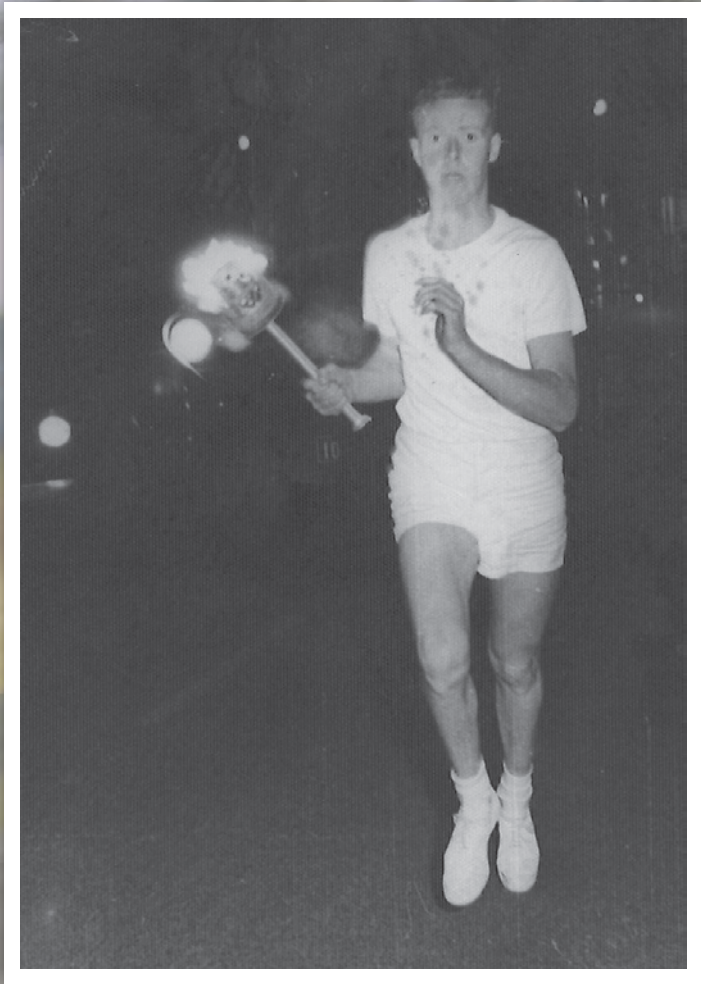
As I gaze into the night down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk past horizons that I know!
And I need to learn once more like a stirring deep within,
Restless, 'til I live again beyond the fears that close me in!

So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord!

Final Commendation

Recessional Song

'Pretty Paper' Roy Orbison



**John's family thank you for your attendance here today.
At the conclusion of the burial at the Glenmorus Gardens Cemetery,
you are invited to join them at the SS & A Club Albury
to share fellowship and refreshments.**