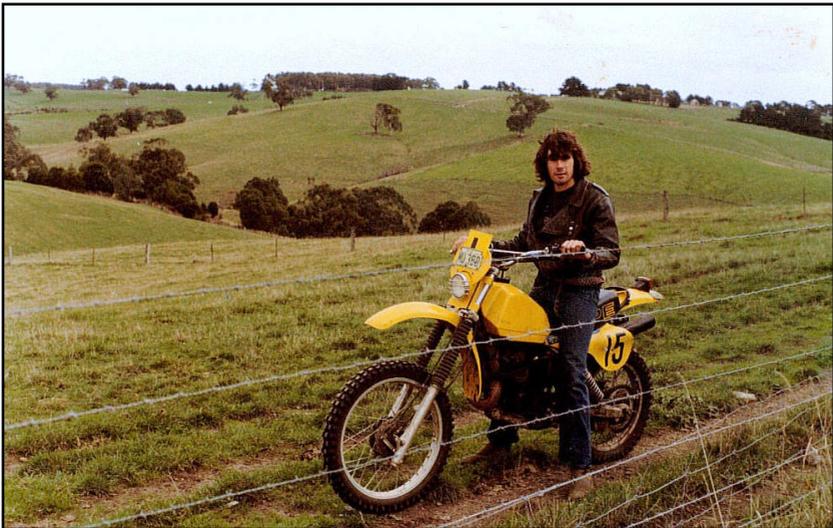


Requiem Mass for the Repose  
of the Soul of

# Peter Thomas O'Malley

Born ~ December 31, 1957  
Entered Eternal Life ~ September 23, 2021



## Service

St. Laurence's Catholic Church, Leongatha  
Thursday September 30, 2021 at 11:00am

## Officiating

Father Aju Varghese

## Musicians

Carmel Slater and Kevin Slater

## Order of Service

**Entrance Music** 'You'll Never Walk Alone' 'Climb Every Mountain'

**Reflection on Peter's Life** Matthew O'Malley & Carmel Slater

**Photo Presentation** 'Visiting Hours' Ed Sheeran  
'Oh Very Young' Cat Stevens

**Introductory Rite** *(Please stand)*

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

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

**Sprinkling with Holy Water**

Father: In the waters of Baptism Peter died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

May he now share with him eternal glory.

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle.** (Carly and Matthew)

Father: Peter followed the light of the Risen Christ. May he now be at peace in the light of his presence.

**Opening Prayer**

Father: O God, glory of believers and life of the just, by the death and resurrection of your Son, we are redeemed: have mercy on your servant Peter, make him worthy to share the joys of paradise, We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**Liturgy of the Word** (Ted Hughes)

Reader: A reading from the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

‘The Lord is my Shepherd’. Crimond Psalm 23

### **Gospel**

Father: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Father: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Father: 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

### Prayers of the Faithful

*(Please stand)*

Reader: Teresa Brereton

Father: God, the almighty Father raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save his people, living and dead.

Reader: For Peter, a child of God and heir to the kingdom, that he may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: The family and friends of Peter seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the Lord Jesus who blesses those who mourn and are in pain will look upon Peter's family and friends who gather around him today. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. May God grant them an everlasting home with Christ. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Dr Chris Ford, all nurses and carers of Leongatha Hospital, the district nurses and the palliative care team of Leongatha hospital who were so good to Peter in the last time of his life. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all gathered here today: that we may keep our minds and hearts on the kingdom that lasts forever. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Father: Lord God, you entrusted Peter to our care and now you embrace him in your love. Take Peter into your keeping together with all who have died. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

### **Liturgy Of The Eucharist**

*(Please sit)*

Father: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

*(Please stand)*

All: May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Father: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings for the salvation of your servant Peter, O Lord, we beseech your mercy that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.

### **Preface**

Father: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Father: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Father: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Father: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying, might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*(Please kneel or sit)*

Father: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it,  
for this is my body,  
which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it,  
for this is the chalice of my blood,  
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which will be poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in memory of me.**

Father: The mystery of faith.

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

Father: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity our pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis, our Pope, Greg our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own. Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

Remember your servant Peter whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection, when from the earth he will raise up in the flesh those who have died, and transform our lowly body after the pattern of his own glorious body.

To our departed brothers and sisters, too, and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy forever the fullness of your glory, when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages and praise you without end, through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

### **Communion Rite**

*(Please stand)*

Father: 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.

Father: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Father: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Father: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Father: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

**Preparation for Communion** *(Please kneel or sit)*

Father: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**Communion Hymn** 'You Raise me Up'.

**Prayer after Communion** *(Please stand)*

Father: Let us pray.

Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. May our brother Peter, who shared in the Eucharist, come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

### **Final Commendation and Farewell**

Father: With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of our brother, Peter, to be buried in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things, that he will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and the company of the saints in the presence of the eternal king.

Before we part, let us take leave of our brother, Peter. May this last farewell express the depth of our love for him, ease our sadness, and strengthen our hope.

We know that one day we shall greet him with joy where the love of Christ, which overcomes all things, will destroy even death itself.

### **Signs of Farewell**

*(Father uses holy water as a reminder of baptism.)*

Father: When Peter was baptised, he was baptised into the death of Christ.

The Father has raised the Lord Jesus from the dead, and we too have been raised in him to live a new life for God. Through baptism, we have shared in the death of Jesus in order that we may also share in his resurrection.

In memory of our baptism, we use this holy water, and call on the Lord Jesus to welcome Peter into the glory of eternal life.

*(Father uses incense as a final mark of respect.)*

Father: As a sign of respect for our brother, Peter, we let this incense rise to God, who has called him to share in his glory.

### **Song of Farewell**

Father: 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.

Father: 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.

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

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

### **Prayer of Commendation**

Father: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother, Peter, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

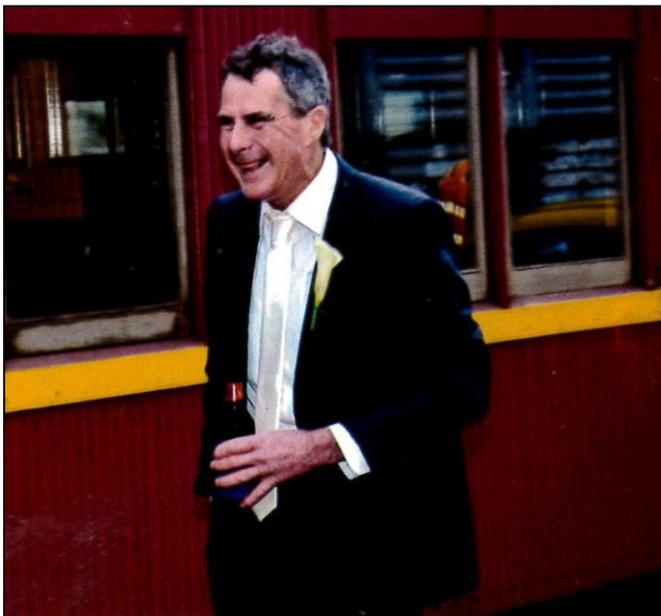
We give you thanks for the blessings, which you bestowed upon Peter in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant, Peter, 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 forever.

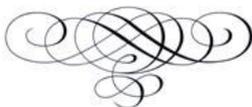
All: Amen.

Father: In peace let us take our brother Peter, to his place of rest.

**Final Song** ‘School Days’ AC/DC



Peter's family would like to thank you  
for your expressions of sympathy, kind thoughts  
and attendance today.



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