

A CELEBRATION
of the Life of



Bill

WILLIAM ALBERT FLYNN

28TH AUGUST 1936 - 10TH JUNE 2023

STS MARY & JOSEPH CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL , ARMIDALE

10AM MONDAY, 19TH JUNE 2023

GREETING

Priest | In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People | Amen.

Priest | The Lord be with you.

People | And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

In the waters of baptism,
Bill died with Christ and rose
with him to new life.
May he now share with him eternal glory.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God and Father,
it is our certain faith that your Son,
who died on the cross,
was raised from the dead,
the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.
Grant that through this mystery, Bill,
who has gone to his rest in Christ,
may share in the joy of his resurrection.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF ST PAUL TO TIMOTHY

As for me, My life is already being poured away as a libation,
and the time has come for me to be gone. 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 now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me,
which the Lord, the righteous 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.

People | Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23

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 for 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
all who believe in the Son will have eternal life
and I will raise them to life again on the last day.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING | Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Priest | The Lord be with you.

People | And with your spirit.

Priest | A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

People | Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

Priest | The Gospel of the Lord.

People | Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Fr. Roel Llave

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Priest | Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

Our response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Bill, 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.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response** | Lord, hear our prayer.

The family and friends of Bill seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response** | Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response** | Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response** | Lord, hear our prayer.

For the doctors, nurses, carers and staff who cared for Bill in the hospital, especially at the Armidale Private Hospital, that their works of service may be richly blessed.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response** | Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest | Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest | At the Saviour's command and
formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

People | 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.

PRAYER

Lord, we have received the pledge of eternal life.
Hear the prayers we offer for Bill.
Freed from the limitations of this life,
may he be one with all the redeemed
in the joy of eternal life.
This we ask through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

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

SONG OF FAREWELL

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

Response | Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.
May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Response | Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Response | Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend Bill 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 him 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 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 Bill forever.

The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers and for your expressions of sympathy and support. The family warmly invite you to share light refreshments at the Armidale City Bowling Club following the service.



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