

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Fr. Francis Anthony Smith CSsR
20/11/1944 – 02/08/2023

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Requiem Mass offered at

Our Lady Help Of Christians church

Wendouree, Ballarat

10:30 AM, Friday 25th August 2023

Celebrant

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Homilist

Fr. Michael Kelly CSsR

Choir

Redemptorist Students

Family Members

Father – Norman Smith (RIP)

Mother – Nellie Smith (RIP)

Brothers – Norm Smith, Gerard Smith, Peter Smith

Sisters – Carmel O’Toole, Jan Van Kan

Nieces and Nephews

Cousins and relatives

Coffin bearers

Peter Smith, Gerard Smith, Noel Paatsch, Eddie Paatsch,
Br. Mind Do CSsR, Br. Yan Phiakeo CSsR

Burial at Ballarat New Cemetery

(12:00 PM)

Fr Francis (Frank) Smith CSsR

20 November 1944: Frank was born at Colac Hospital, Victoria. He was educated first by the Mercy Sisters at St. Bernard's Primary School, Belmont then to St. Joseph's College, Newtown until year 8.

1958: Entered the Redemptorist Juniorate in Galong, NSW.

1962: Entered the Novitiate in Galong, NSW

11 February 1963: Took the first vows with the Redemptorist Congregation at the age of 18.

1963-1966: Studied at Ballarat.

2 August 1966: Professed his final vows.

16 March 1969: Ordained to the Priesthood by +James D. O'Collins in Ballarat Cathedral.

1970: Licentiate in Speech and Drama, Australia

1971: Licentiate Trinity College, London, teaching diploma.

1972: Became a Fellow of Trinity College London in Speech and Drama.

1973-1979: Lecturer in Creative Communication at Yarra Theological Union (Y.T.U) and became the head of the Department of Pastoral Studies for one year.

1972: Became involved with the Redemptorist Lay Mission Society which later became the Redemptorist Lay Community (RLC).

1972-1986: Was involved with the Ongoing Formation of the Melbourne R.L.C. by facilitating and developing weekend groups such as Alpha (for year 17-20 years olds), Genesis (for married couples), Exodus (for singles 21 and over), Good News (for anyone 17 and over), Pauline (for sole parents).

1979-1986: Did work in collaboration with Yarraville Mission Team and R.L.C. to reinforce the work of the missions in various places in Melbourne.

February 1987: Assigned to Perth.

19 July 1990: Frank's dream of establishing a mixed community of priests, religious and lay closer to the poor was realised as they opened a mission in Mirrabooka, Perth.

1997: Spent time overseas with a particular focus on experiencing and learning about community amongst the poor.

2000: Started the community at Heidelberg West.

2004-2017: Began the community at Wendouree, Ballarat.

February 2018-2023: Moved to The Redemptorist Community in Kew, Melbourne and began dialysis treatment.

28 March 2023: Admitted to Berengarra Residential Aged Care Facility, Kew.

2 August 2023: Died at Berengarra Residential Aged Care Facility, Kew.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

We are many parts (*Marty Haugen*)

We are many parts
We are all one body
And the gifts we have
We are given to share

May the spirit of love, make us one indeed
One, the love that we share
One, our hope in despair
One, the cross that we bear

God of all, we look to You
We would be Your servants true
Let us be Your love for all the world

We are many parts
We are all one body
And the gifts we have
We are given to share
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed
One, the love that we share
One, our hope in despair
One, the cross that we bear

All you seekers great and small
Seek the greatest gift of all
If you love, then you will know the Lord

We are many parts
We are all one body
And the gifts we have
We are given to share
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed
One, the love that we share
One, our hope in despair
One, the cross that we bear

WELCOME

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

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

(Vale Bourke & Jacob Smith)

Celebrant: In baptism, Fr. Frank was enlightened by Christ. He walked as a child of the light and kept the flame of faith alive in his heart.

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

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

(Fr Terry Kennedy CSsR)

Celebrant: In the waters of baptism, Fr. Frank died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

All: May he now share eternal life with him in glory.

PLACING OF THE FUNERAL PALL

(Carmel O'Toole & Peter Smith)

Celebrant: On the day of his baptism, Fr. Frank was clothed in the dignity of Christ. By word and example, he strove to live with Christian dignity.

All: May Christ now embrace him in His love, and bring him to eternal life.

PLACING THE FLOWERS

(Tracie Smith)

Celebrant: In his dying, Fr Frank has become a new creation. With love and reverence, we bring these flowers, fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

All: May Fr Frank be with Christ, raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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(Br Rajith Fernando CSsR)

Celebrant: On the day of his profession as a Redemptorist, Fr. Frank vowed to follow Jesus the Redeemer, and preach the good news of salvation.

All: May he now experience the fullness of the redemption that he proclaimed during his life as a Redemptorist.

PRIESTLY STOLE

(Fr Sam Kono CSsR)

Celebrant: Fr. Frank shared in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, leading God's people in worship and prayer.

All: May Christ now welcome him into the heavenly feast, together with all the saints.

EULOGY

(Melissa Lamanna, Hailey Haynes & Gerard Smith)

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(Hailey Haynes)

OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant: God of love and kindness, listen favourably to our prayers and strengthen our belief that your son Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and our hope that Fr Frank will also rise again. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (*Rm 14:7-9, 10c-12*)

(Tracy Smith)

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,

and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Sung*)

The Lord is My Shepherd (*Brian Boniwell*)

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow

Wherever he leads me wherever he goes.

Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
Valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.

**Refrain: I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.**

And while on the journey to where we are going
He promised to be there, to help us along
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders he's given to me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Rev 14:13) (Sung)

**All: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.
Alleluia.**



GOSPEL (John 15:12-17)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.
I no longer call you servants,
because the servant does not know what his master is doing. I have
called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever
you ask the Father in my name he may give you. These things I
command you, so that you will love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

(Fr Michael Kelly CSsR)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Exodus & RLC)

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, Christ is risen from the dead, and has returned to the Father, where he intercedes for us. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we bring our prayers to our God.

Malcolm Burns: We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and all who are called to leadership in the Church. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Elly Green: Our brother Frank shared in the priesthood of Christ, leading people in prayer and worship. Bring him into your presence, where he will take his place in the heavenly liturgy. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Kevin Waugh: We pray for those who mourn the loss of Fr Frank especially his family, Exodus community, Redemptorist Lay community, members of the Redemptorist Congregation, his friends, and colleagues. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Kerry Joyce: We ask for God's blessing on those who cared for Fr Frank, especially the doctors, staff and carers of Epworth Eastern Box Hill, Berengarra Aged Care, and Kew Community.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Br Harry Prout: May the needy in our world be sustained by the Redemptorist ministry of outreach to the most abandoned. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God, we thank you for the ministry of Fr Frank, and the ways in which he has enriched and formed others. May we be inspired by his example to bring others to a deeper understanding of our God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

(Tanya O'Toole & Jacob Smith)

We Remember *(Marty Haugen)*

Refrain

We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you when you come,

in your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Verse 1

Here, a million wounded souls are
yearning just to touch you and be healed;
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart. ***Refrain***

Verse 2

Now we recreate your love we
bring the bread and wine to share a meal;
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord. ***Refrain***

(stand)

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

All: **May the Lord accept the 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

Priest: Lord, receive the gifts we offer for the salvation of Frank. May Christ be merciful in judging our brother Frank, for he believed in Christ as his Lord and Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PREFACE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right and just.**

Celebrant: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most Holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

For he is the salvation of the world, the life of the human race, the resurrection of the dead. Through him the host of angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever.

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

HOLY, HOLY

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(kneel or sit)

Celebrant: The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**



GREAT AMEN

(Sung)

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

All: Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

(stand)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: 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.

SIGN OF PEACE



LAMB OF GOD

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

How Great Thou Art (*Stuart K. Hine*)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed!

(Refrain) Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (*Refrain*)

3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin! (*Refrain*)

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! (*Refrain*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(stand)

Celebrant: Let us pray. Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by

it, our brother Frank may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Celebrant: With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of Frank 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 company of the saints.

May God give Frank a merciful judgment and forgive all his sins. May Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd lead him safely home to be at peace with God our Father. And may Frank be happy forever in the presence of the eternal King and in the company of all the Saints.

We believe that all life is sacred and holy. We sprinkle this holy water on the body of Frank on the day of his burial. Grant him light, happiness and peace. Let him pass safely through the gates of death to live forever with all the saints.

(Sprinkling with Holy Water)

As a sign of respect for Frank, we let this incense rise to God who has called him to share in glory.

(Smoking with Incense)

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

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

Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to Frank and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and Frank for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hail, Redeemer, King Divine (*Patrick Brennan*)

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Angels, saints and nations sing:
“Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!”

2. King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills;
Till in peace, each nation rings
With Thy praises, King of kings.

Angels, saints and nations sing:
“Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!”

3. King most holy, King of truth,
Guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ, Thou King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.

Angels, saints and nations sing:
“Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!”

4. Crimson streams, O King of grace,
drenched thy thorn-crowned head and face;
floods of love’s redeeming tide
tore thy hands, thy feet, Thy side.

Sing with joy in ev’ry home :
“Christ our King, thy kingdom come!”

To the King of ages, then,
honour, glory, love : Amen!



The Redemptorists and Fr Frank's family wish to thank you most sincerely for your attendance here today.

**Your expressions of sympathy
and support have been a great comfort to us at this time.**

***You are welcome to join our Rite of Committal at 12:00PM at Ballarat
New Cemetery and refreshments at Midlands Golf Club nearby.***





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6TH-8TH JULY 2020

