

*Requiem Mass for the
Repose of the Soul of
Fr Thomas Patrick Brophy*



Born: January 27, 1940
Entered Eternal Life: April 28, 2024

May he rest in peace

Born:

Thomas Patrick Brophy on
January 27, 1940 in Moreland, Victoria

Ordained:

Diocesan Priest on May 20, 1972 at
at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat

Appointments:

January 1973	Mildura Assistant Priest
January 1977	Warrnambool Assistant Priest
January 1981	Ballarat Cathedral Assistant Priest
1981 - 1985	Episcopal Vicar for Religious
July 1982	Robinvale Administrator
May 1983	Penshurst Parish Priest
January 1989	Terang Parish Priest
May 1998	Sea Lake & Ouyen Parish Priest
1998	Member of the College of Consultors
April 2001	Ballarat North Parish Priest
January 2003	Mildura Parish Priest
June 2011	Hamilton Administrator
January 2012	Wendouree Parish Priest

Retired:

January 17, 2015

Entered Eternal Life:

April 28, 2024

Funeral Mass:

Monday, May 6, 2024 at
St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.00am

Rite of Committal:

Ballarat New Cemetery

Funeral Mass

Main Celebrant: Fr Ed Moloney, Administrator,
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Master of Ceremonies: Fr Greg Tait

Concelebrants: Bishop Emeritus Peter Connors
Fr Marcello Colasante VG
Fr Peter Hudson
Fr John Fitzgerald
Priests of the Diocese of Ballarat

Leader of Song: Dr Susan Crowe

Organist: Geoff Martin

Pall Bearers: Fr Wally Tudor
Fr Matthew Thomas
Fr James Kerr
Fr Neville Stanislaus
Fr Jim McKay
Fr Matthew Restall

Words of Remembrance: Bernie Brophy

Sprinkling with Holy Water: Fr Marcello Colasante VG

Lighting of Paschal Candle: Sonia Walker

Placing of the Pall: Lorraine Brophy & Christine Wilding

Placing of Book of the Gospels: Jenny Sadler

Funeral Mass

**Placing of the
Stole & Chalice:**

Jo & Peter Rix

**Placing of the Breviary
(Divine Office):**

Fr John Monaghan

**Placing of the
Rosary Beads:**

Sr Tautaalefili

First Reading:

Michael Brophy

Second Reading:

John Moore

Gospel & Homily:

Fr Peter Hudson

Prayers of the Faithful:

Fionna Wells
Julianne Quaine
Frank Brophy
Therese Brophy
Kevin Brophy
Liz Window
Tricia Carr
Maureen Quiane

Presentation of Gifts:

Fr Tom's nieces and nephews

Pall Bearers:

Michael Brophy
Kevin Brophy
Bernie Brophy
Frank Brophy
Paul Carr
John Wells
Peter Leyden

Concelebrated Funeral Mass

Entrance Song

Please stand

HERE I AM LORD

D Schutte

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I have made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? *R.*
3. I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send? *R.*

Introductory Rites

Greeting

Fr Ed: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr Ed: The grace and peace of God our Father,
who raised Jesus from the dead,
be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Words of Remembrance

Bernie Brophy

Photo Presentation

Fr Ed: On the day of his baptism, Father Thomas Brophy
was welcomed into the Church,
given new life in Christ,
and clothed with the garment of salvation.

Today we greet his body
and surround him with the Church's prayer.
We commend Fr Tom to the mercy of God
and pray that the promise made to him in baptism
will be fulfilled.

Sprinkling with the waters of Baptism *Fr Marcello Colasante*

Fr Ed: I bless the body of Fr Tom
with the holy water of Baptism
of which St John writes:

All of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death.

In the waters of Baptism Fr Tom died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

All: May he now share with him eternal glory.

The body is sprinkled with the waters of Baptism.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Sonia Walker

Fr Ed: At his baptism, Fr Tom was entrusted with the light of Christ to be kept burning throughout his life.
Enlightened by Christ,
he walked as a child of the light,
keeping the flame of faith alive in his heart.

All: May it now lead him into eternal life.

The Paschal candle is lit.

Placing of the Pall

*Lorraine Brophy &
Christine Wilding*

Fr Ed: On the day of his baptism,
Fr Tom was clothed in Christ
and given Christian dignity for ever.

**All: May Christ now enfold him in his love
and bring him to eternal life.**

The Pall is placed on the coffin.

Placing of the Book of the Gospels

Jenny Sadler

Fr Ed: In life Fr Tom cherished the Word of God and proclaimed the Gospel of salvation to God's people.

All: May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life: "Come blessed of my Father."

The Book of the Gospels is now placed on the coffin.

Placing of the Stole & Chalice

Jo & Peter Rix

Fr Ed: Fr Tom was called to minister the Sacraments to the People of God. He faithfully fulfilled his ministry to God's people.

All: May he receive the reward of his labours.

The Stole & Chalice are now placed on the coffin.

The Breviary (Divine Office) & Rosary Beads are now placed on the coffin.

Fr John Monaghan & Sr Tautaalefili

Opening Prayer

Fr Ed: Lord God,
you chose our brother Tom
to serve your people as a priest
and to share the joys and burdens of their lives.
Look with mercy on him
and give him the reward of his labours,
the fullness of life promised
to those who preach your holy Gospel.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First Reading

Apocalypse 21:1-8

Michael Brophy

Michael: A reading from the Book of the Revelation.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among people. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God. His name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new' he said. 'Write this: that what I am saying is sure and will come and will come true.' And then he said, 'It is already done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 23 - THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie.
In pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
Een for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forever more
my dwelling place shall be.

Second Reading:

1 John 3:1-6

John Moore

John: A reading from the book of Timothy.
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are!

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

CELTIC ALLELUIA

F O'Carroll & C Walker



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below this staff as well.

Gospel:

Matthew 25:31-40

Fr Peter Hudson

Fr Peter: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Peter: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Fr Peter: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

Then the King will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, saying,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit

Homily

Fr Peter Hudson

Please stand

Prayers of the Faithful

Please sit

Fr Ed: In full trust of God's love and goodness,
we place our prayers in faith.

***The response to the Prayers of the Faithful is,
"Lord, hear our prayer."***

Fionna Wells:

We pray for Fr Tom who served the Church as a priest for 52 years with pastoral kindness, prayerfulness and commitment. His generous love for those in need and for those who were sick was experienced by many, be they parishioners, family or friends. May he enjoy his eternal reward. Lord, hear us.

Julianne Quaine:

For Pope Francis, Bishop Paul and all Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese. May they continue to serve the Church in humility and love to bring light to the world. Lord, hear us.

Frank Brophy:

We pray for Tom's family and all those whose lives he touched. We mourn the loss of the one we love who was such a valued part of our lives; may we be comforted in our sorrow, knowing Tom is now at peace with his heavenly Father. Lord, hear us

Therese Brophy:

We pray for all who cared for and supported Tom during his retirement and illness; especially the staff at Nazareth House Ballarat, the Austin Hospital and Justin Villa. May God bless them for their kindness and expertise in caring for those who are ill. Lord, hear us.

Kevin Brophy:

We pray especially for Sonia Walker, (Clergy Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator). Sonia showed great compassion when caring for Tom and we ask God to continue to bless her as she carries out her important work. Lord, hear us.

Liz Window:

We pray for all who are gathered here in faith today, including those online, to farewell our uncle, Tom. Tom was always interested in the lives of his nieces and nephews. We give thanks for many happy memories. Lord, hear us.

Tricia Carr:

We pray for all Asylum Seekers. Once Tom retired from parish commitments he visited those who were incarcerated at the Broadmeadows Detention Centre on a fortnightly basis. May we learn from his example and welcome all who seek refuge in our country. Lord, hear us.

Maureen Quaine:

We pray for our deceased family members, especially Tom's parents, Tom and Gertie Brophy and his sisters Margaret and Kathleen. May Tom be reunited with his family, friends, fellow clergy and all the saints in the heavenly kingdom. Lord, hear us.

Fr Ed: We bring these prayers and those within the silence of our own heart before our God of faithfulness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts

Fr Tom's nieces and nephews

Instrumental music

Invitation to Prayer

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

Please stand

**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

Fr Ed: Faithful God, we ask your mercy for Fr Tom, your servant and priest, who worked so generously to spread the Good News. May the sacrifice we offer bring him safely to your promised land. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Preface I for Christian Death

Fr Ed: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Ed: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Ed: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the second line of lyrics, including a triplet of eighth notes for 'est. Bless-ed'. The third staff contains the final line of lyrics, including a descending eighth-note scale for 'est.'.

Eucharistic Prayer III

Please kneel

Memorial Acclamation 3

The my - ste-ry of faith Save us Sa-viour of the world, for by your
Cross and Re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the second line of lyrics.

Amen

Through Him.... A - men, A - men, A - men.

The musical score is written on one staff in G major and 4/4 time. It features a descending eighth-note scale for the final 'men'.

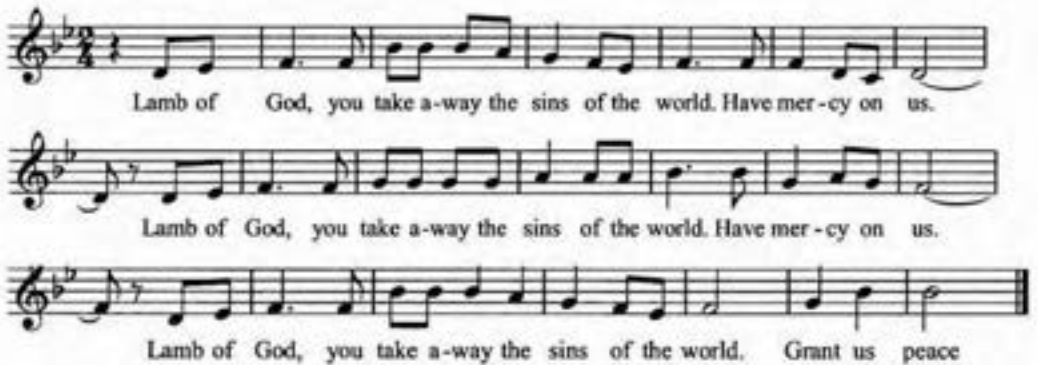
Please stand

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Grant us peace

Breaking of the Bread

Please kneel

Fr Ed: 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

Please sit

Communion Hymn

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

J Foley

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

- 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more. R.**
- 2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. R.**
- 3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. R.**

Communion Reflection

PIE JESU

Maureen Quaine

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Fr Ed: Let us pray.
Lord, hear the prayers of those you renew
with the food of life at your holy table.
By the power of this sacrifice
may Fr Tom, your servant and priest
who served you faithfully in your Church,
rejoice in your presence for ever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Final Commendation

Fr John Fitzgerald

Invitation to Prayer

Fr John: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Fr Tom and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see him again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of the kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

All pray in silence.

Song and Signs of Farewell

The body is now sprinkled with holy water and incensed. The holy water is a reminder of the waters of Baptism and the incense is a mark of respect for the body, which is destined for a sharing in the resurrection of Christ.

During the sprinkling and incensing, the following is sung:

Hymn

SONG OF FAREWELL

E Sands

**Refrain: May the choirs of angels come to greet you.
May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.
May you find eternal life.**

Prayer of Commendation

Fr John: Into your hands, God of mercy,
we commend our brother, Fr Tom,
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 Fr Tom in this life:
they are signs to us of your goodness
and of our unity with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord,
turn towards us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to your servant
and help us who remain to comfort one
another with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ
and are with you and our brother for ever.

All: Amen.

Fr John: Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.

**All: And may perpetual light shine on him.
May his soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.**

Fr John: In peace let us now take our brother, Tom,
to his place of rest.
In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Final Procession

As the coffin is taken from the Church, the following is sung:

Hymn

COME SING A SONG OF JOY

**Come, sing a song of joy
for peace shall come, my brother.**

**Sing, sing a song of joy
for men shall love each other.**

**That day will dawn just as sure
as hearts that are pure
are hearts set free.**

**No man must stand along
with outstretched hands before him.**

**Reach out and take them in yours
with love that endures forever more.
Then sing a song of joy
for love and understanding.**

**Come, sing a song of joy
of freedom, tell the story.
Sing, sing a song of joy
for mankind in his glory**

**One mighty voice that will bring
a sound that will ring forever more.
Then sing a song of joy
for love and understanding.**

**Come, sing a song of joy
of freedom, tell the story.
Sing, sing a song of joy
for mankind in his glory.**

One mighty voice that will bring
a sound that will ring forever more,
Then sing a song of joy
for love and understanding.

Sing, sing a song of joy
for mankind in his glory.

*Bishop Paul Bird CSsR
and the priests of the diocese,
together with Fr Tom's family,
thank you for joining us
and for your prayers and support.*

*Burial will follow Mass
at the Ballarat New Cemetery.*

*Following Mass you are warmly invited
to join the family for refreshments
in the Cathedral Hall.*

*Those not attending the burial
are welcome to go straight to the hall
and the family will join you later.*

Rite of Committal

Invitation to Prayer

Fr Ed: Our brother, Father Thomas Brophy,
has gone to his rest in the peace of Christ.
May the Lord now welcome him
to the table of God's children in heaven.
With faith and hope in eternal life,
let us assist him with our prayers.

Let us also pray to the Lord for ourselves.
May we who mourn be reunited one day
with our brother;
together may we meet Christ Jesus
when he appears in glory.

Scripture Verse: *Matthew 25:34*

Fr Ed: Then the king will say to those at his right hand,
'Come, you that are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.

Prayer over the Place of Committal

Fr Ed: Lord Jesus Christ,
by your own three days in the tomb,
you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you
and so made the grave a sign of hope
that promises resurrection
even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that our brother may sleep here in peace
until you awaken him to glory.
for you are the resurrection and the life.

Then he will see you face to face
and in your light will see light
and know the splendour of God,
for you live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Fr Ed: We once again recall Fr Tom's Baptism
as we sprinkle his last resting place with
the waters of Baptism.

The grave is sprinkled.

Committal

Fr Ed: In sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to Almighty God our brother, Tom,
and we commit his body to its resting place:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

**All: The Lord bless him and keep him,
may the Lord's face shine upon him
and be gracious to him,
May the countenance of the Lord
look upon him and give him peace.**

The committal takes place at this time

The Lord's Prayer

Fr Ed: With longing for the coming of God's kingdom,
let us pray:

All: Our Father...

Concluding Prayer

Fr Ed: Listen, O God, to the prayers of your Church on behalf of the faithful departed, and grant your servant Fr Thomas Brophy, whose funeral we have celebrated today, the inheritance promised to all your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer over the People

Fr Ed: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need, and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fr Ed: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Fr Ed: May he rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Fr Ed: May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Fr Ed: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Concluding Hymn

SALVE REGINA

**Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae:
Vita dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.
O clemens: O pia: O dulcis Virgo Maria.**

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Tom's daily prayer for you.....

O Lord,

Help me to remember the people
I enjoy and love.

I hope I neither forget them
when they are gone
nor take them for granted
while they are here.

Those who mean so much to me,
may I mean increasingly more to them.

Bind us together, O Lord,
in such a way that our lives
may share the glory and the pain
that comes to each of us.

Grant that as I walk
in the strength of thee,
ones who are stronger than I,
I may also suffer for the sake
of the ones who are weaker than I.