











In Loving Memory of

# Thomas 'Tom' Hayes

Born: 26 February 1947

Born into Eternal Life: 2 March 2025

Little Flower Church

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10am

# Order of Service

## Opening Music

'Pie Jesu' by Andrew Lloyd Webber

## Welcome

Fr Michael Grace

## Eulogy

Michael Hayes, Bridget Hayes,  
Gabrielle Hayes, Steph Hayes, and  
Sarah Matsuda (on behalf of Robyn Bauer)

## Photo Presentation

'Benedictus' by Karl Jenkins

## Opening Rites

Fr: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
All: Amen.

Fr: The Lord be with you.  
All: And with your spirit.

## Remembrance of Baptism

*The priest sprinkles the coffin with holy water and a  
white pall is placed over it to remind us that Tom has been  
baptised in Christ and has died with Him into eternal life.*

## Placing of the Pall

Helen Hayes, Steph Hayes  
and Felix Hayes

Fr: In the waters of baptism Tom died with Christ and rose with Him to  
new life. May he now share with Him eternal glory.

## Placing of Symbols

Harriet Mahoney, Juliette Matsuda,  
and Jasper Scott

*Tom's love of reading, gardening, cooking, playing bowls,  
and ceramic sculpture are represented by symbolic objects  
as well as paintings done by his grandchildren.*



## Opening Prayer

**Fr:** My brothers and sisters, we have come together to renew our trust in Christ who, by dying on the cross, has freed us from eternal death and, by rising, has opened for us the gates of Heaven. Let us pray for our brother Tom, that He may share in Christ's victory, and let us pray for ourselves, that the Lord may grant us the gift of His loving consolation.

**Fr:** Let us pray, 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 Tom, who has gone to his rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## First Reading

Helen Hayes

A Reading from 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 uprooting what has been planted. A time for killing, a time for healing; a time for knocking down, a time for building. A time for tears, a time for laughter; 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 throwing away. A time for tearing, a time for sewing; a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking. A time for loving, a time for hating; a time for war, a time for peace.

What does a man gain for the efforts that he makes? I contemplate the task that God gives mankind to labour at. All that he does is apt for its time; but though he has permitted man to consider time in its wholeness, man cannot comprehend the work of God from beginning to end.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 142**

Michele Bauer

**Response: O Lord, hear my prayer.**

Lord, listen to my prayer:  
turn your ear to my appeal.  
You are faithful, you are just; give answer.  
Do not call your servant to judgment  
for no one is just in your sight. **Response.**

I remember the days that are past:  
I ponder all your works.  
I muse on what your hand has wrought  
and to you I stretch out my hands.  
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you. **Response.**

Lord, make haste and give me answer:  
for my spirit fails within me.  
In the morning let me know your love  
for I put my trust in you. **Response.**

Teach me to do your will  
for you, O Lord, are my God.  
Let your good spirit guide me  
in ways that are level and smooth. **Response.**

*(Please stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in Me will not die for ever. Alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**Fr:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Fr:** A reading from the Holy Gospel

**All:** Glory to You, O Lord.

**Fr:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*(Please be seated)*



Homily

Fr Michael Grace

Reflection Music

'Nimrod from Enigma Variations'  
by Edward Elgar

*(Please stand)*

Prayers of the Faithful

Bridget Hayes, Gabrielle Hayes, Steph Hayes,  
Darcy Andrews, Sarah Matsuda

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

**Reader:** Let us pray for our beloved Tom, who has now journeyed beyond this life. May he find peace, freedom, and rest, embraced by love that knows no end. May his spirit continue to shine in our hearts. We also remember all those we love who have left this world before us, whose love and presence we carry in our hearts. May their light continue to guide us, and may we honour them through the way we live, love, and cherish one another. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all who feel the loss of Tom today. May they find comfort in the memories shared, strength in the love surrounding them, and hope in the belief that the bonds of love are never broken. In this time of sadness, we pray for all who are grieving. May they find peace in the knowledge that love transcends time and space, and may their sorrow be eased by the presence of friends and the warmth of shared remembrance. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Let us take a moment to hold in our hearts all those who are facing illness, pain, or the final moments of their journey. May they be surrounded by love, comfort, and the gentle presence of those who care for them. May their hearts be filled with peace, their burdens be eased, and their spirits find rest. For those nearing the end of life, may they feel the warmth of love that never fades and the deep connection that binds us all, even beyond this life. May we honour them with our presence, our kindness, and our unwavering support. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**



**Reader:** Let us pray for healthcare facilities and hospitals, that they may be places of healing, compassion and care, where the dignity of every person is upheld. We pray for those dedicating their lives and learning to medical research. May they never tire in their quest for knowledge and be allowed to use their tremendous gifts for the benefit of all people regardless of geography, race, gender, politics or financial means.

We pray for nurses, doctors, and every member of medical staff, that they find strength, wisdom and grace to best serve the sick and vulnerable. May they be protected from all harm in order to carry out their vocation to the highest standard. We ask that those working in palliative care where Tom came to spend his final days be forever blessed and supported in all the big and small ways they attend to this profoundly important role in bringing comfort to those facing the end of life. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Let us open our hearts to the world around us, recognizing the deep connection between all living things. We pray for our planet, our shared home, that we may learn to care for it with wisdom, respect, and responsibility. May we find the strength to protect the earth for future generations and restore balance where harm has been done.

We also pray for peace among nations, communities, and individuals. May we set aside division and fear, choosing instead the path of kindness, understanding, and unity. Let our actions be guided by compassion, and may we always strive to build a world where all people can live in dignity and harmony. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

**Fr:** God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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. Amen.



## Final Commendation and Farewell

**Fr:** Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. 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.

**Fr:** 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.**

**Fr:** 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.**

**Fr:** 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.**

**Fr:** Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother, 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 Tom 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 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. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Fr:** In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

## Recessional

'Simple Gifts' by Aaron Copland

### Pallbearers

Darcy Andrews, Brendan Scott, Koji Matsuda,  
Matt Mahoney and Sebastian Mahoney





Thank you for coming and commemorating Tom's rich and wonderful life.

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments after the service.

Please join us in the Kedron Catholic Parish Hall, next to the Church.



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