

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF



WARRANT OFFICER CLASS 2  
ANTHONY GERARD HAGERTY  
*“Tony”*

20 OCTOBER 1959 - 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, YASS  
WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024  
FR DAMIAN STYLES OFFICIATING



## ENTRANCE HYMN – *Here I am Lord*

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Fr Damian:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**EULOGIES:** *Service - Colonel Ruth Weir, CSC*  
*Family - Erin-Louise Hagerty*

### OPENING PRAYER

**Fr Damian:** Lord, in our grief we turn to you. Are you not the God of love always ready to hear our cries? Listen to our prayers for your servant Anthony whom you have called out of this world: lead him to your kingdom of light and peace and count her among the saints in glory.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **First Reading – Emma-Lee Davis**

#### **A reading from the Book of Wisdom 4:7-15**

The Righteous, though they die early, will be at rest.

For old age is not honoured for length of time, or measured by number of years; but understanding is grey hair for anyone, and a blameless life is ripe old age.

There were some who pleased God and were loved by him, and while living among sinners were taken up.

They were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding or guile deceive their souls.

For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind.

Being perfected in a short time, he fulfilled long years.

For his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he took him quickly from the midst of wickedness.

Yet the people saw and did not understand, nor take such a thing to heart, that God's grace and mercy are with his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 23

**Read by Elizabeth Hagerty**

**Response: *The Lord Is My Shepherd; there Is Nothing I Shall Want.***

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. **Response**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. **Response**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **Response**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. **Response**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

May the love of God give us comfort always.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 14:1-6

The Lord be with you.

**All:           And also with you.**

A reading from the holy gospel from according to John.

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 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 – FR DAMIAN

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Read by Leah Hagerty and Belle Trevaskis**

We pray for Tony, whose faith helped him during his life, that he may be welcomed by the saints with love and joy. We pray to the Lord.

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

We pray for Rhonda, Elizabeth, Luke & Naomi, Erin-Louise, Emma-Lee & Kristopher that the Holy Spirit helps them find hope in their grief.

We pray to the Lord.

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

We pray for Tony's extended family may they be given peace and find comfort in the memories they have of him. We pray to the Lord.

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

We pray for all who care for the sick and dying especially those working with Melanoma patients may God grant them strength to continue their work. We pray to the Lord.

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

We pray for all those who have died especially Tony's parents Gladys and Tony, his sisters Margaret and Mary-Anne. May all Tony's deceased family enjoy eternal life in heaven. We pray to the Lord.

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

We pray for all members of the Australian Defence Force, serving and retired may they be kept safe from all harm. We pray to the Lord.

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

**Fr Damian:** 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.



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The liturgy of the eucharist now continues as normal.

### OFFERTORY

The gifts are brought forward by Leah, Jesse and Teddy Hagerty,  
Belle Trevaskis & Joseph Davis

### OFFERTORY HYMN – *Prayer of St Francis*

*(Make me a Chanel of your peace)*

### COMMUNION HYMN – *One Bread, One Body*

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**Fr Damian:** Lord God, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we celebrate in this eucharist, bring our brother Anthony, the peace of your eternal home. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:**           **Amen.**

### REFLECTION SONG – *The Last Goodbye*

### FINAL COMMENDATION

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

*The coffin is incensed in memory of the fact that in life  
the body was the temple of the Holy Spirit.*

## SONG OF FAREWELL

**Fr Damian:** 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 Damian:** 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 Damian:** 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.**

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

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.

**All:** **Amen**

## RECESSIONAL SONG – *Strong and Constant*

*The pallbearers may now come forward  
and escort Tony from the Church*



*The service will continue at the  
Yass Lawn Cemetery.*



## *Psalm 18:1-6*

*I love you, Lord, my strength.  
The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

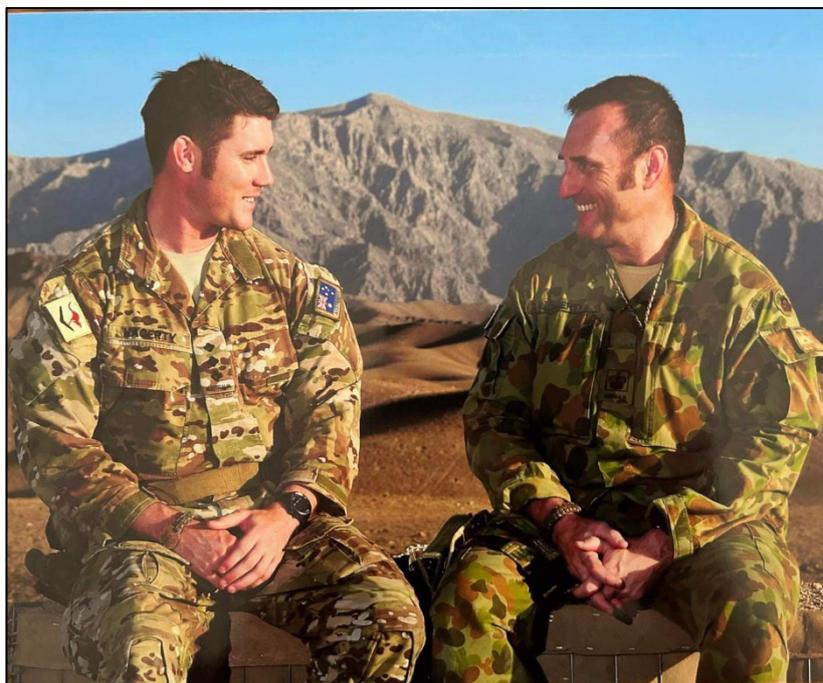
*I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,  
and I have been saved from my enemies.*

*The cords of death entangled me;  
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.*

*The cords of the grave coiled around me;  
the snares of death confronted me.*

*In my distress I called to the Lord;  
I cried to my God for help.*

*From his temple he heard my voice;  
my cry came before him, into his ears.*







# Thank You

*The Hagerty family wish to sincerely thank you for your presence here today, and for your prayers, love and support.*



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