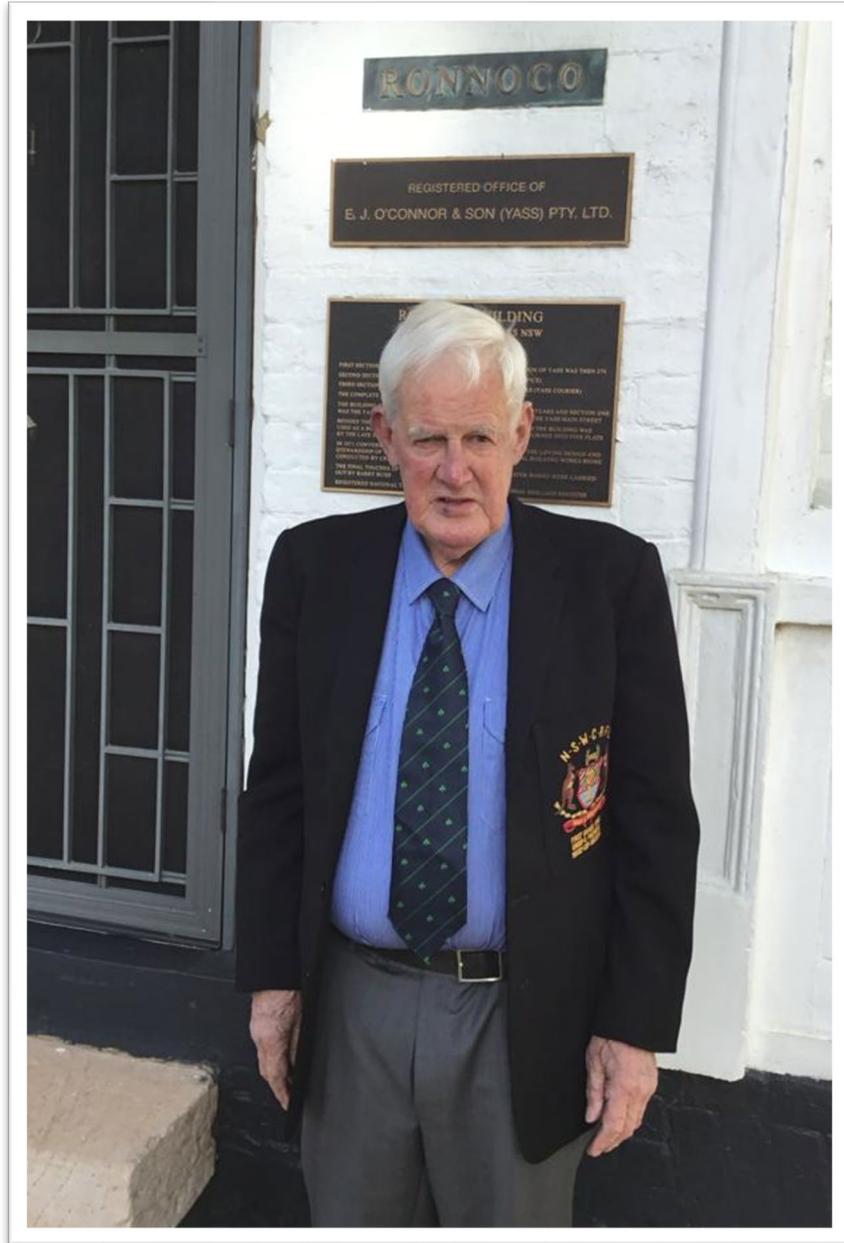


IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BRIAN JOSEPH PATRICK
O'CONNOR

24 SEPTEMBER 1931 – 23 DECEMBER 2023



ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, YASS
WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY, 2024 AT 10AM
FATHER JOSHY KURIEN

PALLBEARERS

PATRICK O'CONNOR
RORY O'CONNOR
PETER O'BRIEN
BENJAMIN O'BRIEN

ENTRANCE HYMN – HERE I AM, LORD, JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT

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***

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?

Refrain

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Fr Joshy: 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

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

All: May he now share eternal life with God in glory

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE: PATRICK O'CONNOR, BRIAN'S SON



YASS MAGPIES PREMIERSHIP TEAM - 1956

OPENING PRAYER

Fr Joshy: Eternal God, you made the union of man and woman a sign of the bond between Christ and the church. Grant mercy and peace to Brian, who has been united with his wife, Susan. May the care and devotion of his life on earth find a lasting reward in heaven. Look kindly on his family as now they turn to your compassion and love. Strengthen their faith and lighten their loss. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Lord, Brian is gone now from this earthly dwelling and has left behind those who mourn his absence. Grant that as we grieve for our brother we may hold his memory dear and live in hope of the eternal kingdom where you will bring us together again. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

CARA MAYEGA, BRIAN'S DAUGHTER

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace

The word of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23

LUCINDA O'BRIEN, BRIAN'S GRAND DAUGHTER

**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

QUIET REFLECTION – AMAZING GRACE, SUSAN BOYLE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

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

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 14:1-6

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: FATHER JOSHY KURIEN

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – AN IRISH BLESSING

MOLLIE O'BRIEN, BRIAN'S DAUGHTER

Fr Joshy: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his son
 from the dead, with confidence we ask him to
 save all of His people living and dead:

O Lord, forgive the soul of our departed loved one, Cleanse them of all their faults and sins. Grant them eternal rest and peace, In the embrace of your loving presence We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

May their soul find solace and tranquillity, As they journey to the eternal realm. May they be welcomed by angels and saints. And find everlasting joy in your heavenly kingdom. We pray to the Lord

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for comfort and strength in our grief, As we mourn the loss of our beloved departed. Grant us the grace to find healing and peace, And to cherish their memory with love and gratitude. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer

O God, grant eternal light and rest to the departed, And grant is, their loved ones, the strength to carry on. In your mercy and love. Hear our prayer. For the soul of our dear departed, now and forever . Amen. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Fr Joshy: 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.

FINAL COMMENDATION

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

Fr Joshy: 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 Joshy: 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 Joshy: 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, Brian, 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 for ever.

All: Amen.

The coffin is sprinkled with baptismal water & incensed in memory of the fact that in life the body was the temple of the Holy Spirit.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC - GOIN' HOME, INSTRUMENTAL

ANTONIN SVORAK, YO YO MA, KATHRYN STOTT

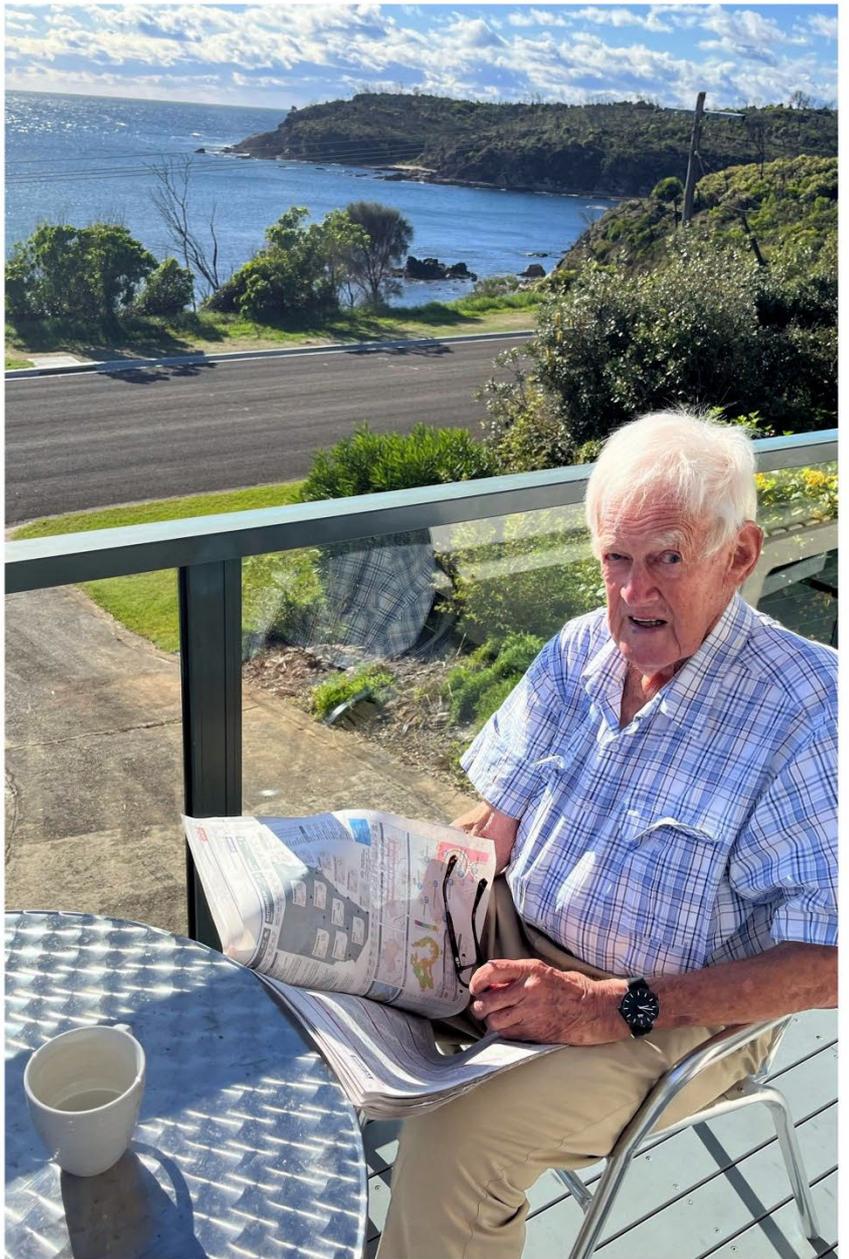
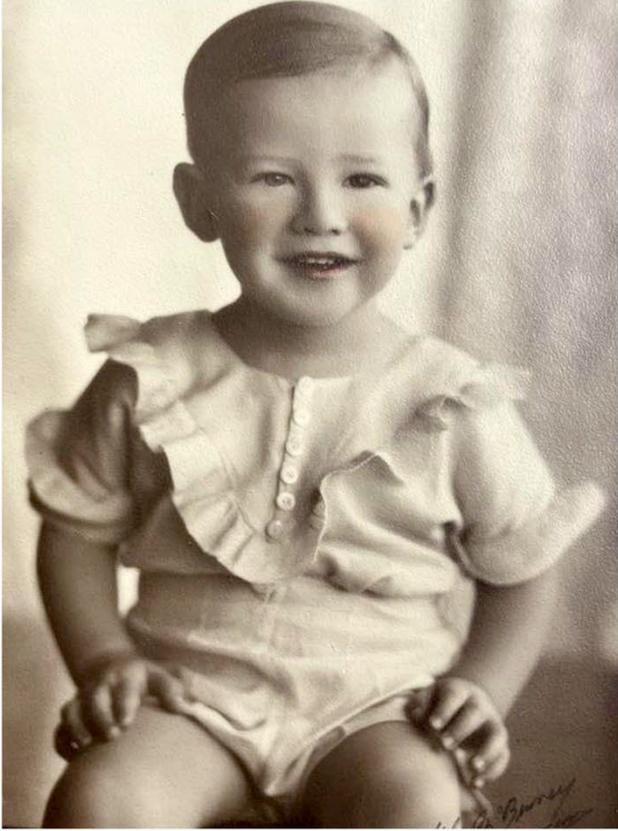
THE PALLBEARERS MAY NOW COME FORWARD
AND ESCORT BRIAN FROM THE CHURCH



PRIVATE CREMATION



YASS MAGPIES PREMIERSHIP TEAM - 1954





Mollie, Patrick, Cara and their families wish to thank you for the many messages and expressions of sympathy, love and support we have already received during this time.

Please join us at the Clubhouse Hotel to celebrate Brian with some light refreshments.



“Que Sera Sera”

In lieu of floral tributes, a donation to Yass Spin Foundation would be greatly appreciated.