



DESMOND NORMAN LESLIE
CONNORS

12 JULY 1985 – 7 AUGUST 2024



ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, YASS
THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT 1.00PM
FR PETER MY OFFICIATING
INTERMENT – YASS LAWN CEMETERY



ENTRANCE SONG: *You are the Reason, Callum Scott*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE: *Dwayne Connors*

SLIDESHOW: *Viva Forever, The Spice Girls*
 The World's Greatest, R Kelly
 Mama, The Spice Girls

OPENING PRAYER

Let us continue our celebration.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Let us pray, God of loving kindness, listen to our prayers:

Strengthen our belief that your Son has risen from the dead; and our hope that your servant Desmond will also rise again. We ask this through Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others, if we live, we live for the Lord. And if we die, we die for the Lord. So alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord, both of the dead and the living.

The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23 (read)

The Lord is my shepherd

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.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 up on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-6

Fr Peter: 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 Peter*

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God, the Almighty Father raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

For Desmond, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of our Lord. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *read by 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine be the kingdom, the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Fr Peter: 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.

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.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Fr Peter: 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 Peter: 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 Peter: 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.**

To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of Desmond, your servant.
In the sight of this world, he is now dead; in your sight, may he
live forever. Forgive whatever sins he committed through human
weakness and in your goodness, grant him everlasting peace.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All: Amen

RECESSIONAL MUSIC: *You are the Reason, Callum Scott*

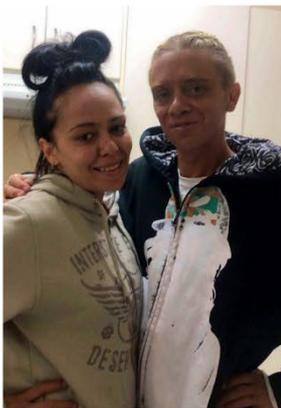
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AND ESCORT DESMOND FROM THE CHURCH

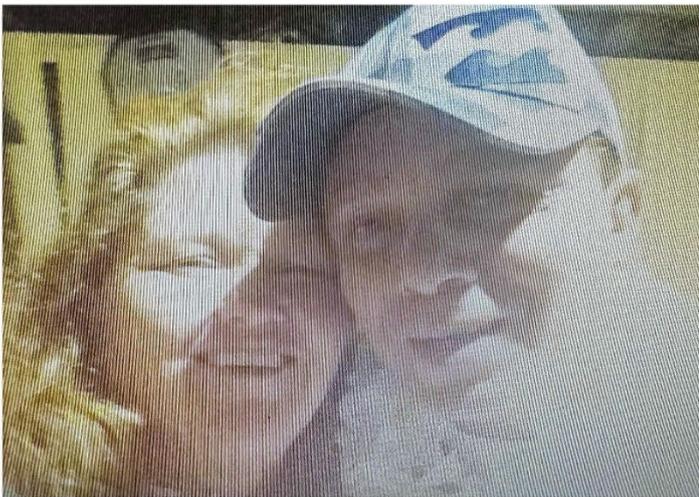
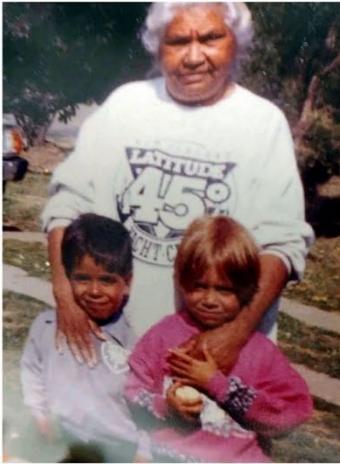
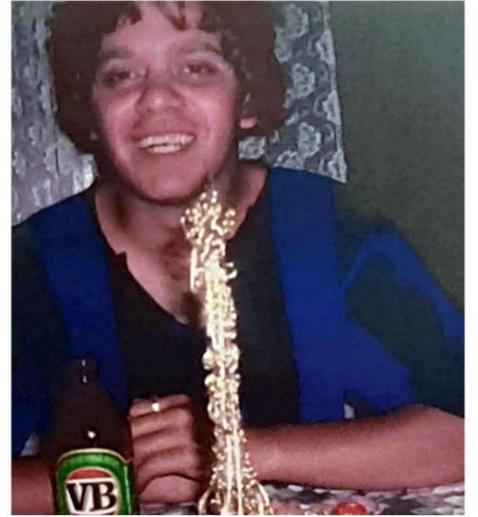


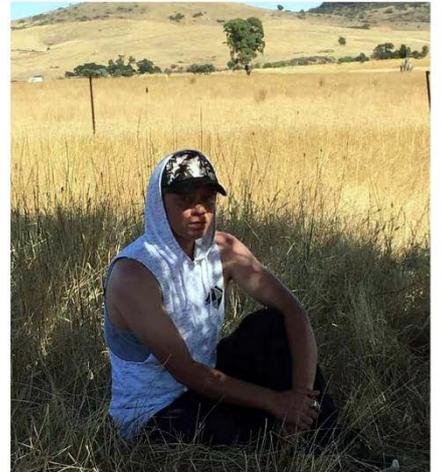
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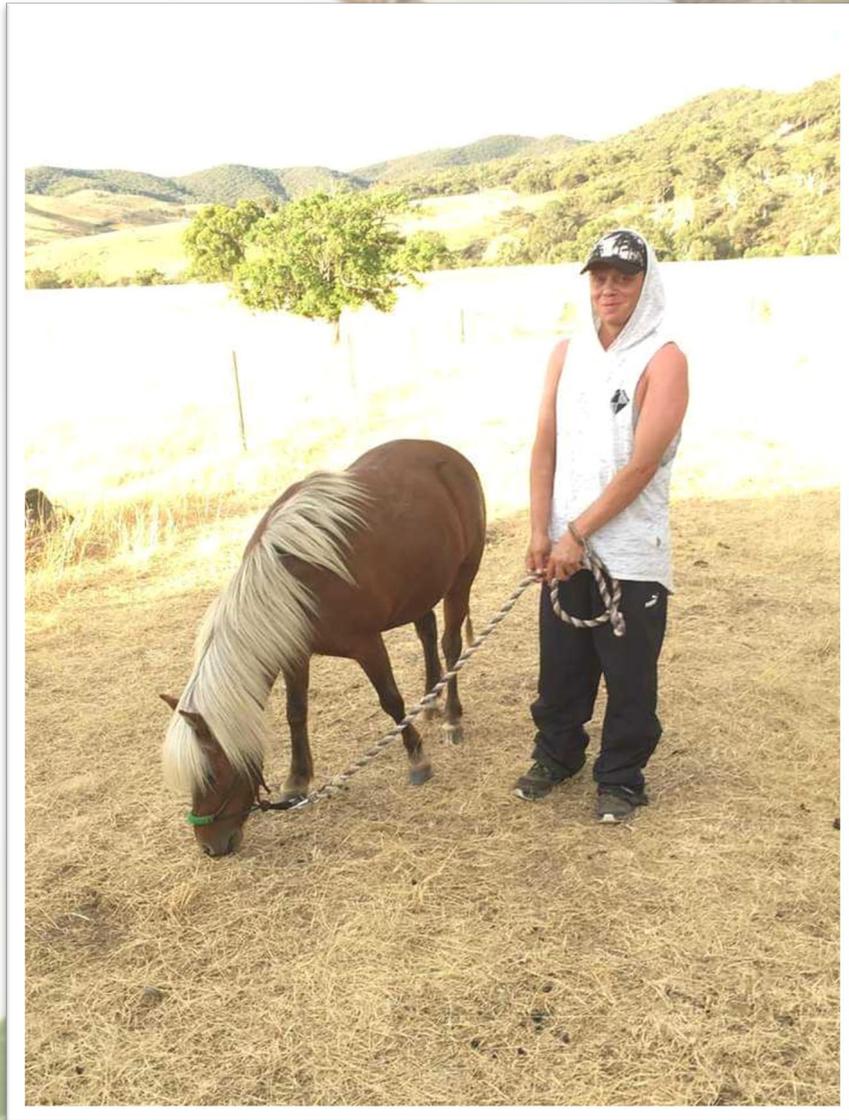
SONGS AT THE CEMETERY:

He ain't heavy, He's my brother, The Hollies
I won't crumble with you if you fall, Tom Jones









We all thank you for the kind thoughts and
messages we have received.



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