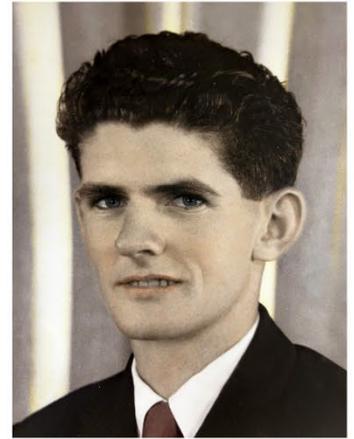




IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICHAEL JOHN O'BRIEN

10 APRIL 1938 – 4 JULY 2025

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, YASS
FRIDAY 18 JULY 2025, AT 1.00PM
FR PETER MY OFFICIATING



GATHERING MUSIC

Don't take your guns to town, Jonny Cash

ENTRANCE MUSIC

Peace in the Valley, Randy Travis

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Fr Peter: May the Father of mercies, the god of all consolation, be with you

All: **And with your spirit.**

Fr Peter: In Baptism, Michael received the light of Christ. This light has guided him throughout his life.

All: **May it now lead him into eternal life.**

Fr Peter now sprinkles the coffin with baptismal water:

Fr Peter: In the waters of Baptism, Michael died with Christ and rose with him into eternal life.

All: **May he now share eternal life with him in Glory.**

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS: *Placed by Lucy and Ryan*

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE: *Rebecca Cahill*

PHOTO TRIBUTE: *Looking Forward, Looking back, Slim Dusty*

OPENING PRAYER

Fr Peter: God of mercy, look kindly on your servant Michael. Who has set down the burden of his years. As he served you faithfully throughout his life, may you give him fullness of your peace and joy. We give thanks for the long life of Michael, now caught up in your eternal love. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus who is our risen Lord now and for ever.

All: **Thanks be to God**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 read by Kerry Lynne Kirk

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every purpose 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 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.

There is a season for all things,
and a time for every purpose under heavens:

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God



Responsorial Psalm – Read by Fr Peter

The Lord is my shepherd,
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures,
Where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
To revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path,
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness,
No evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort.
You have prepared a banquet for me,
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil,
My cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me,
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell,
Forever and ever.

Second Reading – Read by Delys Lloyd

Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

We know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home made by human hands in the heaven.

We are always full of confidence, then, when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight—we are full of confidence, I say, and want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord.

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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

Father Peter

John 14:1-6

Fr Peter: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Fr Peter: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr Peter: God, the all mighty father, raise Christ his son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead;

Father, we give thank today for the life of Michael and for all that he has meant to each one of us. May he rest in your eternal peace. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, be with Michael's family. May their knowledge of his love and kindness sustain them in their loss. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray in thanksgiving for the staff at Thomas Eccles who cared for Michael. Continue to bless and support them in the work they do. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of Michael, that they may be consoled in their grief by the lord. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Offerings: *Ella Hart and Ava Hart*

Offertory Hymn: *Hallelujah, KD Lang*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Fr Peter: At the saviours command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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 on our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.**

Fr Peter: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from the evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming from our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever.**

Communion Hymn: *Amazing Grace, Guy Penrod*

Prayer after Communion

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

All: 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 Michael, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet Michael again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

The coffin is once more sprinkled with baptismal water and 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 Abraham's side.

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.**

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, Michael will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Michael in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of your fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of your paradise to your servant and help us to remain to comfort one another with assurance of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and our brother for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

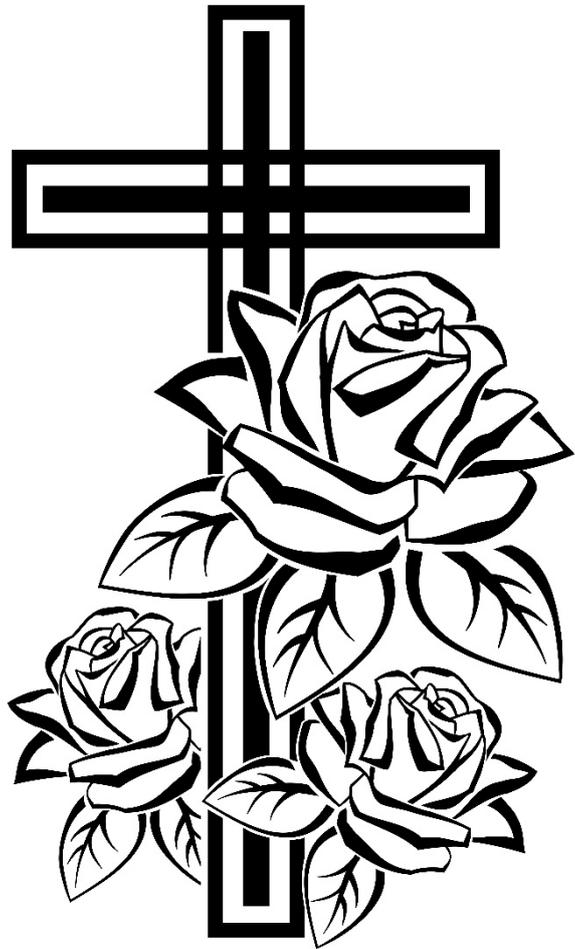
RECESSIONAL SONG: *We'll meet again, Johnny Cash*

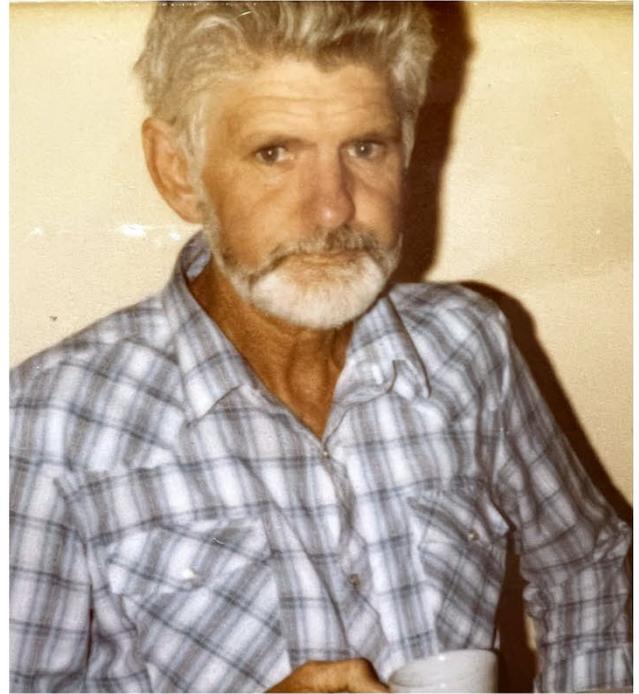
**THE PALLBEARERS MAY NOW COME FORWARD
AND ESCORT MICHAEL FROM THE CHURCH**

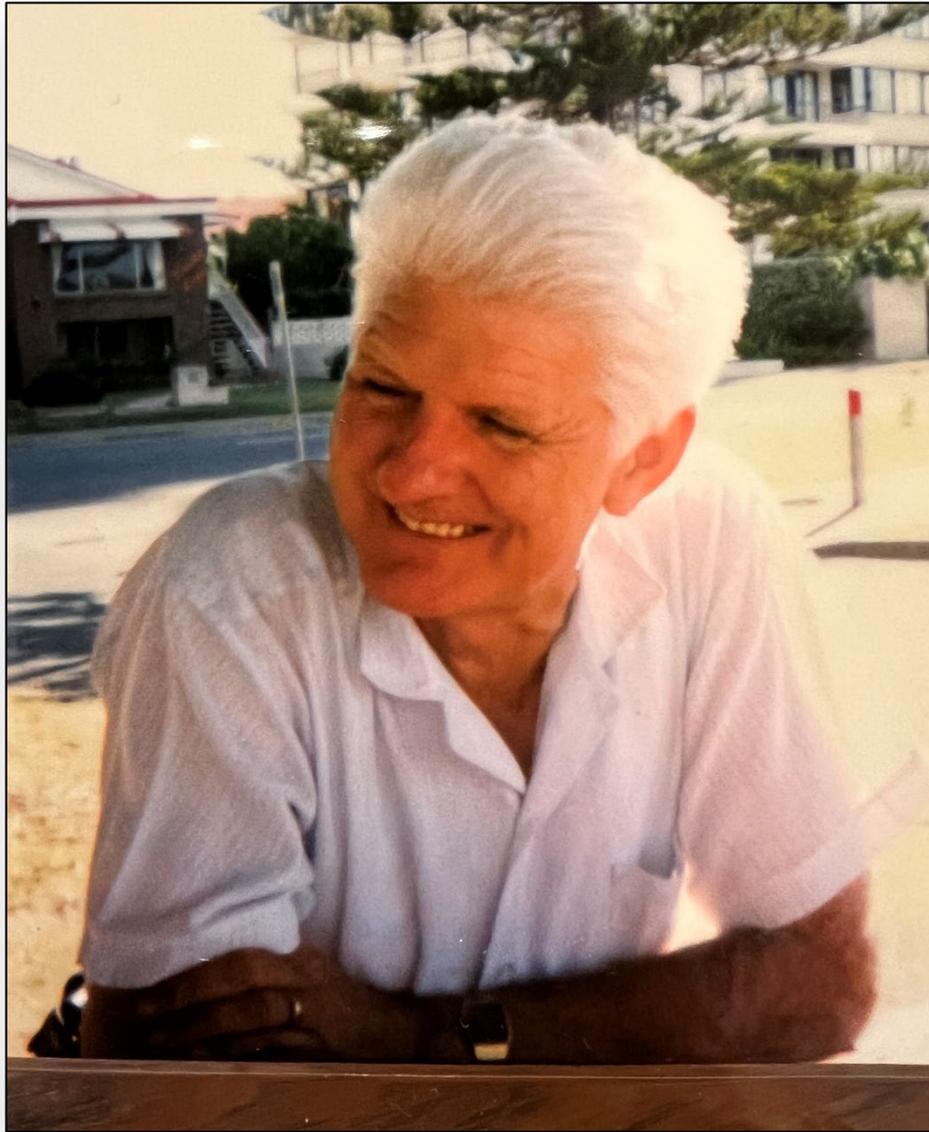
Sean, Ben, John, Zac, Brady, Luka



THE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE AT THE OLD YASS CEMETERY







*Thank you for sharing the celebration
of Michael's life with us today.*



Please join us for light refreshments after
the service at the Yass Golf Club.