



THE REQUIEM SERVICE  
AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL OF

TERRENCE (TERRY) RONALD  
MATTHEWS

9 APRIL 1941 – 5 JULY 2025

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL, MANUKA  
TUESDAY 15 JULY, 2025



## ENTRANCE SONG: THE MAN HE SEE'S IN ME, LUKE COMBS

### WELCOME

Fr Rofin: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Fr Rofin: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr Rofin: Holy Water - In the cleansing waters of Baptism Terry died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

**All: May he now share new life with God in glory.**

### WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE - Tracey and Belinda

### OPENING PRAYER

Fr Rofin: God of our ancestors in Faith, by the covenant made on Mount Sinai you taught your people to strengthen the bonds of Family through faith, honour, and love. Look kindly upon Terry, a father who sought to bind his children to you. Bring him one day to our heavenly home where the saints' dwell in blessedness and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

### FIRST READING – read by Vinn

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. (5:5-11)

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful people. It is not easy to die even for a good person – though of course for someone really worthy, someone might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he will now fail to save us?

When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely, we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with a joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM – read by Chace

Chase: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

**All: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

Chase: 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.

**Response.**

Chase: 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.

**Response.**

Chase: You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **Response.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - said by all

**All: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Fr Rofin: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr Rofin: A reading from the holy gospel according to  
St. Matthew (5:1-12a)

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Blessed those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Blessed those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Blessed the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Blessed the pure in heart: they shall see God. Blessed the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Blessed those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY - Fr Rofin

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFULL – read by Tahiti

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

We pray for, and thank the staff from home base palliative care and Clare Holland house for the comfort given. We pray to the Lord:

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

Terry loved his family and was loved by them. May they realise that his love for them remains strong and be consoled in their sorrow.

We pray to the Lord:

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

For Terry, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord:

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

For our deceased relatives and friends, in a special way we remember and pray for late Richard, Ray and Brian, and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord in your mercy:

**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 in your mercy:

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

For the mourners: For the family and friends of our brother Terry, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Lord in your mercy:

**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 in your mercy:

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

Fr Rofin: 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 - said by all

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come; your 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. Amen.

## FINAL COMMENDATION

## SPRINKLING AND INCENSE

## SONG OF FAREWELL

Fr Rofin: 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 Rofin: 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 Rofin: 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 Rofin: In peace, let us take our brother to his place of rest.  
May the angels lead you into paradise;  
may the martyrs come to welcome you to the holy city,  
the new and eternal Jerusalem.

## RECESSIONAL SONG: TUTTI FRUTTI, LITTLE RICHARD

*The pallbearers may come forward and  
escort Terry from the Church.*



Haydn, Joel, Kristin, Rachael, Katelyn and Laekin

*Terry will be laid to rest at the Gungahlin Cemetery.*



Our family would like to thank everyone for their very kind wishes, thoughts and prayers at this time.



Please join us from 4.30pm for light refreshments  
at the 'Howling Moon' Rex Hotel  
150 Northbourne Avenue.