

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



# David Cassidy

A LIFE WELL LIVED. FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

7 June 1947 - 24 September 2025

St Augustine's Catholic Church, Yass  
1pm, Friday 3 October 2025



## ENTRANCE MUSIC

Danny Boy – Elvis Presley; Danny Boy – Eva Cassidy

## GREETING

**Fr. Peter:** 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.*

*Sprinkling with holy water*

**Fr. Peter:** In the waters of Baptism, David died with Christ and rose with Him into Eternal Life.

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

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Recalled by Nicole Barnett, Lauren Barnett & Simon Cassidy

## OPENING PRAYER

**Fr. Peter** 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 David whom you have called out of this world: lead him to your kingdom of light and peace and count him among the saints in glory. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**All:** *Amen*



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING – Read by Ella Cassidy

### A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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 – Psalm 22

Read by London Barnett, Imogen Cassidy, Jada O'Brien & Zayden Cassidy

**Response: *The Lord is My Shepherd; There is Nothing I Shall Want.***

**London:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives my repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

**Response**

**Imogen:** 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**

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

**Response**

**Zayden:** Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

**Response**



## **SECOND READING - Romans 14:7-9 – Read by Brock O’Brien**

### **A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans**

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 of the living.

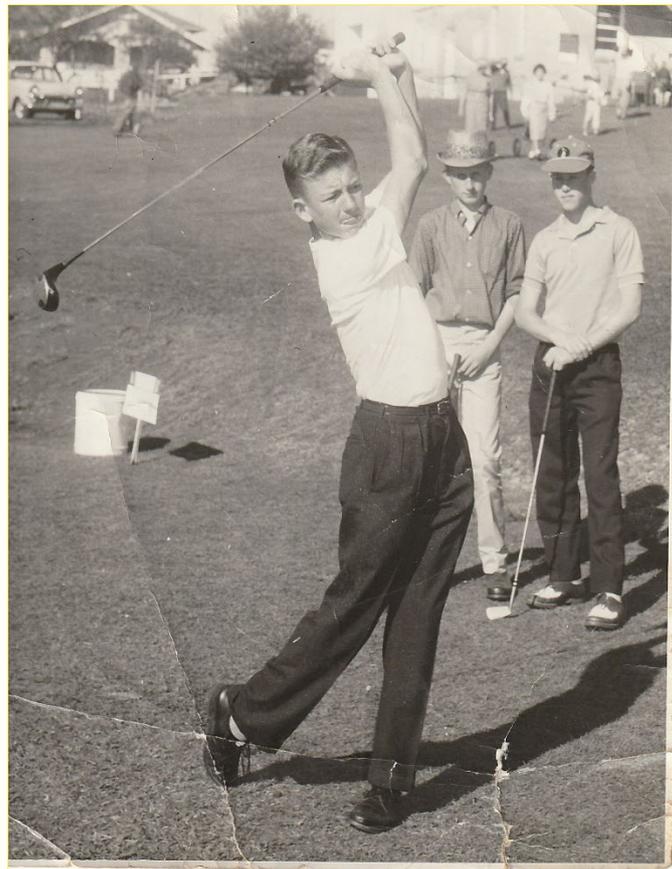
The Word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God***

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

***All: 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

Matthew 5: 1-12

**Fr. Peter:** The Lord be with you

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

**Fr. Peter:** A reading from Matthew 5: 1-12

**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'.

Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn, they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right, they shall be satisfied.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy 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 be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY – FR PETER

# PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Read by Jada O'Brien, Mayah Cassidy, Seth Cassidy, Jax Cassidy, Knox Barnett & Caelan Cassidy**

**Fr. Peter:** Let us come to our loving Father asking him to give eternal rest to the departed and comfort and hope to the living:

**Jada:** Today we entrust Pop into your loving care. We thank you for the gift of his life, his love for all of us and the piece of himself that he has left behind in each of us. Please welcome him into your heavenly home where he will enjoy peace and happiness forever. Lord hear us:

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

**Mayah:** For Poppy, who loved us so much and always made us feel special. Lord hear us:

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

**Seth:** We pray for all Pop's family who he so loved. May they be strengthened by your presence in their sorrow. Lord hear us:

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

**Jax:** May we always remember Pop and live a full life and remember the happy times; just like he taught us. Lord hear us.

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

**Knox:** We pray in thanksgiving for the staff at Thomas Eccles Gardens and Yass District Hospital who cared for Pop. Continue to bless and support them in the work they do. Lord hear us.

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

**Caelan:** We pray for all our deceased relatives and friends, especially Auntie Robyn and Uncle Mark. We pray in faith that they may all be united in your eternal love. Lord hear us.

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

**Fr. Peter:** God of our salvation, you reward the just and console those who mourn. Hear our prayers in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**All: Amen**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The liturgy of the eucharist now continues as normal*

**OFFERTORY – Brought forward by Harper O'Brien, Eli Cassidy & Lily Cassidy**

**OFFERTORY HYMN – Hallelujah – KD Lang**

**COMMUNION HYMN - The Prayer - Celine Dion & Andrea Bocelli**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (stand)**

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

**All: Amen.**

**PHOTO REFLECTION – Flower On The Water – John Williamson**

**FINAL COMMENDATION**

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

*Sprinkling of the coffin with Holy Water*

**Fr. Peter:** Saints of God, come to his aid! Come to meet his 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:** Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on him for ever.

**All:** Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

**Fr. Peter:** Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother David, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon him in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. 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 David forever.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Fr. Peter:** In peace let us take our brother David, to his place of rest.

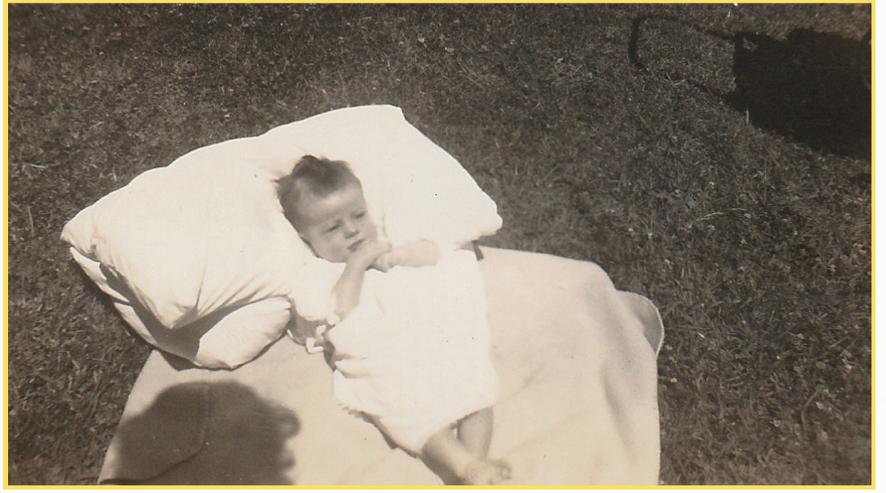
## **PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL**

**RECESSIONAL SONG** - Time To Say Goodbye – by Andrea Bocelli



## **PALLBEARERS**

Nicole Barnett, Simon Cassidy, Justin Cassidy,  
Lauren Barnett, Ryan Cassidy, Tara Cassidy





## ***“A Life Well Lived”***

Thank you for joining us today to celebrate the life of a true legend.

Our family deeply appreciates your kind thoughts, love, and support during this time.

Please join us at the Yass Bowling Club following this service as we continue to honour his memory, share stories, and reflect on the many good times together.

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David will be privately cremated