

REG STEVENS

6 May 1933 – 21 May 2026



*St Augustine's Catholic Church, Yass
Friday, 29 May 2026, 1.00 pm
Father Peter My Officiating*

Gathering music

Introductory Rites

Entrance song: Amazing Grace

Greeting

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

All: *And with your spirit.*

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Fr. Peter: In the waters of Baptism, Reg died with Christ and rose with him into Eternal Life.

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

Words of Remembrance:

Tony and Jeremy Stevens

Poem: Ava Muscat, Chanell O'Donnel & Stephanie Tai

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Peter: God of all consolation, open our hearts to your word, so that, listening to it, we may comfort one another, finding light in time of darkness and faith in time of doubt.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

All: *Amen*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Apocalypse 21:1-7 Tiffany Rowsell

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth;
Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne,
'You see this city? Here God lives among his people,
and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them.
He will wipe away all tears from their eyes;

there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke:
'Now I am making the whole creation new,'
he said 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the Beginning and the End.

I will give water from the well of life free to
anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance
of the one who proves victorious;
and I will be his God and he a son to me.'
The Word of the Lord

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm - Kristopher Dowell

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; There is nothing I shall want.

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

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

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

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 Rebecca Stevens

A reading from the first Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians (13: 1-13)

If I speak in tongues of men and of angels, but have not love,
I am only a resounding gong or a clanging symbol.

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries
and all knowledge and if I have faith that can move mountains,
but have not love, I am nothing.

Love is patient and kind. It does not envy or boast; it is not proud.
It is not rude or self-seeking, it hopes and perseveres.
Love never fails.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child,
I responded like a child. As I became an adult,
I put my childish ways behind me.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love –
but the greatest of these is Love.

The Word of the Lord

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation:

All: Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
Let them rest from their labours,
For their good deeds go with them. Alleluia.

Gospel.

Fr. Peter: The Lord be with you

All: *And with your spirit*

Fr. Peter: A reading from The Holy Gospel according to John 14: 1-6

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

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 to prepare a place for you
and after I have gone and prepared a place,
I shall return and 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

Prayers of the Faithful:

Fr. Peter: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and
Sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his
Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust
In the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Abi Dear God, we love poppy so much and we
Stevens give thanks that he had a great life with nanny
and we pray he is looked after in heaven. Lord hear us.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Harry Dear God, may poppy receive the happiness
Stevens of eternal life. We pray he will be welcomed
into his new home with God, Lord hear us.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lincoln We pray for all members of Poppy's family who
Stevens have died. May they all be joyfully united in the
presence of God. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bobby Stevens
All We pray for all those present who need your comfort and strength, especially all family and friends. Lord hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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

All: **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Fr. Peter: At the Saviour's 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 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 every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

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.

Signs of Farewell

THE SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER AND INCENSING OF THE COFFIN

Song of Farewell

SPRINKLING OF THE COFFIN WITH HOLY WATER

Fr. Peter: Saints of God, come to his aid! Come 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: 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, Reg, 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 Reg 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 Reg forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen!*

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

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

Recessional Song – On Eagles Wings (Michael Joncas)



THANK YOU

Reg's Family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy during this time.

In lieu of flowers, any donations to the Bookham Fire Brigade would be appreciated.

You are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments at the Yass Soldiers Club after the service.