

Mass to celebrate the life of

*Charlie William  
Shi En Tiang*

24th March 2016 ~ 20th August 2023





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## Church

St. Monica's Catholic Church  
820 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds  
2nd September 2023, 11am

## Celebrant

Fr Tony Doran

## Musicians

Sarah Hollibone (Soloist)  
Jeff Mifsud (Musician)

## Committal

Northern Memorial Park - Henty lawn  
56 Box Forest Road, Glenroy

## Words of Remembrance

Prayer for Charlie Given by Peter Moore  
Pia Tiang, Rachel Tiang, Thomas Tiang

## Pall Bearers

Alan Sundblom, Ross Stephens,  
Warren Caspersz, Leo Hatton





## PRAYER FOR CHARLIE

*Given by Peter Moore*

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*Pia Tiang, Rachel Tiang and Thomas Tiang*

## SYMBOLS OF CHARLIE'S LIFE

*Louis Tiang – Brother*

*Archie Stephens – Cousin*

*Flynn Gangell – Friend*

*Miles Baker – Friend*

*Donna Sundblom – Grandmother*

## REFLECTION

*Charlie's life through photos and music*

### Entrance Hymn

*Here I Am Lord sung by Jeff Mifsud*

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone.  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.*

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
All Amen.

## GREETING

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
All And with your Spirit.



*Whom shall I send?  
I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?*

## SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Celebrant In the waters of baptism, Charlie died with Christ and rose with Him to a new life. May he now share with Him in eternal glory.  
All Amen.

## LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE *Jennifer Tiang*

Celebrant In baptism, Charlie received the light of Christ. That light has guided him throughout his life. May he now enjoy the risen life with his risen Lord.  
All Amen.

## PLACING OF WHITE PALL *Donna Sundblom & Christina Tiang*

Celebrant At his baptism, Charlie received a white garment, symbol of his dignity as a child of God. We now cover his coffin with a white cloth in recognition of his fidelity to God throughout his life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that he may have done during his life, but rather look upon his faithfulness to his God and his love for his family and friends.  
All Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant To you, O Lord, we humbly entrust this child, so precious in your sight. Take him into your arms and welcome him into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.  
All Amen. (Please sit)

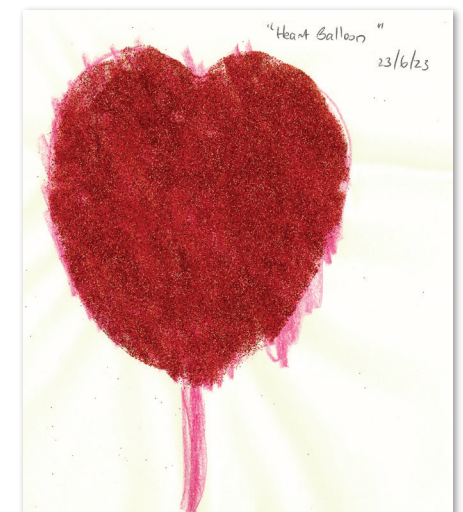
## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Jennifer Tiang*

### A reading from the letter of Saint 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 that 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.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *The Lord is my Shepherd* sung by Jeff Mifsud

*The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow.  
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,  
Valleys and highways he's waiting for me.*

**R:** *I want to go to meet him there,  
To lay myself down in his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow  
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

*And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me. /R*



## ACCLAMATION

**All** **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to  
little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
**All And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (10:13-16).  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Celebrant People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The  
disciples scolded them, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to  
them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such  
as these that the kingdom of God belongs. In truth I tell you, anyone who  
does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'  
Then he embraced them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

(sit)

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant My dear friends, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "I am the  
resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, shall never die".

Molly Caspersz

We gather here as Charlie's family and friends and in our grief, we turn to  
you, Loving God. We entrust Charlie to your loving care for all eternity  
and pray that you will count him among the angels and saints. We pray to  
the Lord.

**All**

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Poppy Stephens

We pray for Charlie's family, especially Louis, Pia, Tom and Rachel, that  
they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and  
grief. May we be courageous in our support of Charlie's family and show  
them that no grief is so deep that your love is not deeper still. We pray to  
the Lord.

**All**

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Pia Tiang

We pray for Charlie's friends who enjoyed his loving friendship throughout  
his time at school. We pray also for his teachers who were gifted with his  
joyful spirit and generous heart. Just as Charlie shared his humour and  
warmth with us, may you bring him into the warmth and light of your  
presence for all eternity. We pray to the Lord.

**All**

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Kiera Stephens

We pray for families who grieve over the loss of children, also the many friends  
and members of our families who have passed away. May God grant them an  
everlasting home with Christ. We pray to the Lord.

**All**

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Lauren Caspersz

We pray for the doctors and nurses at the Royal Children's Hospital, in  
particular, Dr Molly Williams, Nurse Consultants Geraldine Callan &  
Simone Kiefel, also the Mercy Palliative Care team, who all cared for  
Charlie with skill, compassion and empathy during his illness. We pray  
that those dedicated to the medical profession will be richly blessed for  
their service. We pray to the Lord.

**All**

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

God, 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 you this through Christ our Lord.

**All**

**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**OFFERTORY** *Rebecca Merrett & Tom Pasley*  
**Offertory Hymn** *Ave Maria* sung by Sarah Hollibone

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Celebrant Blessed are you ...  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant Blessed are you ...  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

(Please stand)

Celebrant Pray, brothers and sisters ...  
**All** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Lord, receive the gifts ... We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**All** **Amen.**

## PREFACE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
**All** **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
**All** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All** **It is right and just.**

Celebrant It is truly right and just  
 ... as without end we acclaim:



## SANCTUS

**All** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

*(Please kneel)*

Celebrant The Mystery of Faith:  
**All** **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

Celebrant ... Through him and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours for ever and ever.

**All** **Amen.** *(Please stand)*

## COMMUNION RITE

### LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Deliver us, Lord ... Jesus Christ.  
**All** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

## SIGN OF PEACE

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ ... for ever and ever.  
**All** **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**All** **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## COMMUNION

**All** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**  
*(Please kneel)*

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All** **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Songs** *River Flow Through by Yiruma*  
*Panis Angelicus sung by Sarah Hollibone*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. May our brother Charlie come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

## FINAL COMMENDATION

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

Celebrant            God in his wisdom knows the span of our days; he has chosen to call to himself this child, whom he adopted as his own in baptism. The body we must now bury will one day rise again to a new and radiant life that will never end.

Our firm belief is that Charlie, because he was baptised, has already entered this new life; our firm hope is that we shall do the same. Let us ask God to comfort his family and friends and to increase our desire for the joys of heaven.

*All pray in silence*

### SIGNS OF FAREWELL

*The coffin is now sprinkled with holy water and incensed*

### SONG OF FAREWELL

Celebrant            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.**

Celebrant            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.**

Celebrant            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.**

**Recessional Songs    *Tjitji Lullaby* by Electric Fields**

***Somewhere Over The Rainbow / What A Wonderful World***  
*by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole*



*When I am gone, do not fear my memory.*

*Do not be afraid to speak my name or look through old photographs.*

*Do not be scared to play old videos so that  
you might hear my voice and see me laughing.*

*Do not be wary of visiting my favourite places or eating  
my favourite foods or singing along to my favourite songs.*

*I know it will hurt. Those memories will remind you that I am gone.*

*They will stab at you like a knife in an open, gaping wound.  
Raw, excruciating pain.*

*But after a while the knife will become less sharp, the wound  
will become less open and the pain will become less raw.*

*And those memories will remind you that I was here.*

*That I lived.*

*Do not reduce my life to my death.*

*Speak my name, hear my voice, sing my favourite songs  
and visit my favourite places.*

*Because that's how I can stay alive a little.*

*Right here with you.*

*Becky Hemsley - "When I Am Gone" 2022*





Words cannot express  
the feeling in our  
hearts. Thank you for  
being with us during  
this difficult time.

Your thoughts,  
prayers and words  
of sympathy will always  
be remembered.

Following the service,  
you are warmly invited  
to join the family for  
refreshments and share  
memories of Charlie at  
St Monica's School Hall.

*In loving memory of Charlie Tiang*



WHITE LADY  
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