

REQUIEM MASS
FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF



KEVIN JOHN
DONOHUE

17.08.1932 ~ 10.06.2025



Singer and guitarist: Dianne Donohue-Hutchinson
Pall bearers: Stephen, Chris, Kyle, Shane, David, Nic, Ross, Andrej & Tim
Elliot carrying his Pa's photo

Entrance hymn: *The fullness of God*

*Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give.
May your hidden self grow strong and may you live,
Strong in faith and built on love, until you know –
How high and long, how wide and deep, the fullness of God*

*May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
Fill your minds that you may see, deep in your heart
What hope his call now holds for you,
His promise true, to fill your hearts with power to live, the fullness of God.*

*Know the way you learned from Christ, to live life anew
Let your hearts be drawn to Him, let Christ renew,
The hope in you, to grow into. – goodness and truth
And living so you'll come to know, the fullness of God coda
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Priest: In the name of the Father an the Son and the Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

GREETING

Priest: 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.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE Andrej Mitrevski

Priest: The burning candle was given to Kevin in his baptism, to be kept burning brightly. May he now find Christ waiting for him in heaven.

All: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light now welcome him into the kingdom of light and peace.

SPRINKLING OF THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

Priest: In the waters of baptism Kevin died with Christ and rose with him to a new life.

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

PLACING OF THE WHITE PALL Chris Donohue and Kyle Donohue

Priest: At his baptism Kevin was clothed with Christ. The Pall placed over the coffin is a reminder of the baptismal garment of Kevin, a sign of his Christian dignity.

All: May Christ now enfold Kevin in his love and bring him to eternal life.

SYMBOLS OF LIFE

*Shane - Geelong scarf
Brittannie - Holy Communion certificate
Elliot - Pa's tablet*

PLACING OF FLOWERS

Cassandra Hutchinson and Emilie Hutchinson

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Lynne Donohue, Victoria Hume, Dianne Donohue-Hutchinson

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned through my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sister, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Priest: Lord have mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Christ have mercy.
All: Christ have mercy.

Priest: Lord have mercy.
All: Lord ave mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray. O God, who has set a limit to this present life, so as to open up an entry into eternity, we humbly beseech you, that by the grace of your mercy you may command the name of your servant Kevin to be inscribed in the book of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever,

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Book of Wisdom 3:1-6,9

Lynne Donohue: But the souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust.

They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *The Lord is my Shepherd*

*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.*

Refrain: *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.
(Refrain)*

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SECOND READING 2nd letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8

Victoria Hume: As for me, my life is already poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith;

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give to me on that day; and not only to me but to all who have longed for his appearing.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.
ACCLAMATION

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me, Alleluia.**

GOSPEL John 14:1-6

Father Peter: 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 now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to 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.'

HOMILY *Fr Chinua*

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

Cassandra: For Papa, who loved deeply and quietly, and whose strength, humour, and hugs will remain forever in our hearts. May God welcome him into eternal peace and reward him for a life lived with steadfast love and quiet devotion. Lord, hear us.

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

Brittannie: For Fay, his beloved wife of 70 years, who walked beside him through every joy and hardship. May she be comforted in knowing their love endures beyond this life, and may she feel Papa's presence in every memory they shared. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Emilie: For all of us who knew Papa—his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, and friends. May we carry forward his example of gentle kindness, stubborn strength, and deep love for family. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Simone: For the volunteers and community at St Vincent de Paul, where Papa and Nan gave so much of their time and heart. May their service inspire others, and may their generosity be remembered as a quiet but powerful force of goodness. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Shane: For those who cared for Papa in his final months—medical staff and carers at Glenroy Terrace, Royal Melbourne Hospital and St Vincent's Hospital and those who supported him with compassion. May God bless them for the comfort they gave him, and may their kindness not be forgotten. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Elliot: For all who have gone before us in faith, especially those Papa loved and missed. May they be waiting to welcome him home, and may their reunion be one of peace, joy, and eternal life. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *Lynne, Victoria, Stephen, Dianne*

Offertory hymn: *Here I am Lord*

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?

Refrain: 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. Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

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 Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be accept God, the almighty Father.

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

Priest: Lord, receive the gifts we offer for the salvation of Kevin. May Christ be merciful in judging him as he believed in Jesus Christ. May he be raised up into your gentle, loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PREFACE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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.**

ACCLAMATION

All: **We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.**

COMMUNION RITE *(Please stand)*

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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 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 forever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your church, and graciously grant us the peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Priest: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

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, your take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Priest: 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 *Special Minister; Sr Audrey*

Communion song: *A journey remembered*

Refrain: *O praise the Lord, my soul. My God, how great you are. My heart and my soul sing out your praise. My God, how great you are.*

You have carried me within your arms whenever I've known fear.

You have waited patiently for me, then you drew me near.

You have run beside me even when I didn't want to know that you are my home and my joy.

(Refrain)

In the doubting times you touch'd my hope and showed me how to be.

In the hours of fear and hopelessness your truth set me free.

In the memory of family I learnt to know your name,

learn that you are my home and my joy

(Refrain)

Lord, bless the place where I was born and those who carried me.

Lord, bless the many smiles, who have kindly set me free.

Lord, bless the many little ones who've shown your face to me:

you are my home and my joy

(Refrain)

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Communion song: *You are mine*

I will come to you in the silence. I will lift you from all your fear

You will hear My voice I claim you as My choice Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless I am eyes for all who long to see

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, Come and rest in Me

Refrain: *Do not be afraid, I am with you I have called you each by name*

Come and follow Me I will bring you home

I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing Healing for the ones who dwell in shame

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free And all will know My name.

(Refrain)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom I am the peace the world cannot give

I will call your name, embracing all your pain Stand up, now, walk, and live.

(Refrain)

David Haas

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the Journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our brother Kevin may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

SHANE'S POEM

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FINAL COMMENDATION

Priest: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Kevin and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Kevin again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORY (the coffin is sprinkled with holy water & incensed)

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Kevin in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him.

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 for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Priest: In peace let us take our brother Kevin to his place of rest.

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

May choirs of angels welcome you and lead you to the bosom of Abraham; and where Lazarus is poor no longer may you find eternal rest.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him.

All: Rest in peace, Amen.

Recessional song: *Goodnight Sweetheart - Al Boley*



*Known as Donna to many, Bamps to few
You fought off death time after time
This time Grandpa, you couldn't pull through*

*Today you make your heaven debut
Enjoy your drink from Jesus' wine
Known as Donna to many, Bamps to few*

*For 70 years you were our nans boo
Together creating our beautiful bloodline
This time Grandpa, you couldn't pull through*

*4 children, 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren grew
A provider, A gentleman, you are now defined
Known as Donna to many, Bamps to few*

*You made a vow to our nan, that you proved to be true
You achieved all, leaving nothing behind
This time Grandpa, you couldn't pull through*

*While you look down upon us, enjoy your view
You conquered the world, your true God design
Known as Donna to many, Bamps to few
This time Grandpa, you couldn't pull through*

(Shane Rose, 2025)

