

Memorial Mass for

Fr John Rate MSC

*Tuesday 22nd September 2020 7pm Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church
420 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach*

Welcome by Commentator: Geraldine O'Reilly

Good evening to you, my name is Geraldine

Just some housekeeping before we begin

Thank you all for cooperating with the welcomers and ushers this evening as we work with the new normal for us at mass. Covid has brought new protocols to ensure a healthy and safe space here in the church.

In the event of an emergency please remain seated and follow the instructions of the ushers who will open all exit pathways and direct you to your nearest exit then into the rear carpark. Please turn your mobile phone off or to silent mode.

Congregational singing is not permitted at the moment. We encourage you to reflect on the words to the songs in prayer silently, as musicians sing the hymns tonight. Thank you

I warmly welcome you all here and welcome those watching online, especially Fr John's family, his MSC brothers and his friends who could not join us due to the Covid19 travel restrictions. Technology will hopefully bridge the gap.

We welcome especially our new Archbishop Patrick O'Regan to our parish. We thank him for celebrating this special mass with our MSC priests and us. It is a great honour to have him with us tonight.

This memorial mass is for the first anniversary of our loved Fr John's passing to eternal life. The gift of Fr John and his ministry is especially remembered by his family in Melbourne, his MSC family in Australia and beyond, the parishes he served in, by this many friends everywhere and especially our Henley Parish community –as Fr John had a talent for humbly tapping into our hearts. Fr John spanned a journey of over 30 year with us here in Henley and his vision invited us to live our faith as missionary disciples, intentionally sharing our gifts with generous love. So tonight, we remember and give thanks for our brother John.

We also remember Fr Frank Perry msc, who also died in the service of our parish. His second anniversary was on September 1.

Please stand for the opening procession

ENTRANCE

Procession: *Cross carried by Anthony, Altar Servers are Aisling and Jordan to assist the Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. Concelebrants: Fr Paul Cashen MSC PP, Fr Paul McCormack MSC, Fr Tan Nguyen MSC, Fr Noel Mansfield and priests of the western deanery.*

Song: *"Open up the heavens"*

Greeting: Archbishop

Penitential Rite: Archbishop

Opening Prayer: Archbishop

Let Us Pray

Grant, O Lord, that the soul of John Rate, your servant and priest, whom you honoured with sacred office while he lived in this world, may exult for ever in the glorious home of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3,6,8. (*Read by Kaitlin McDonnell*)

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
 For the Lord has anointed me.
 The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
 To bind up hearts that are broken.
 To proclaim liberty to captives,
 freedom to those in prison.
 to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
 But you shall be called priests of the Lord,
 You shall be named ministers of our God.
 You shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
 And in their riches, you shall glory.
 For I am the Lord of Justice.
 I hate robbery and wrong-doing.
 I will faithfully give them their recompense,
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
 The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm: Sung by Musicians only

Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd –

2nd Reading Philippians 4:1,4-9. Read by Brian Crichton

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.

And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation *Recited by All:*

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I give you a new commandment says the Lord, love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel: Fr Paul McCormack MSC

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to You O Lord

People, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: Archbishop

Prayers of the Faithful...

Archbishop: As a community of Faith we open our hearts to the graciousness of Our Heavenly Father.

Geraldine

We pray for Pope Francis and Archbishop Patrick and all the clergy, religious and laity, that your spirit will continue to guide and inspire their vocation to create a relevant, inclusive and loving church in our changing world. Lord hear us: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanks for the love, joy and wisdom of Fr John and his brother Fr Frank. Lord hear us: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

On this his first anniversary we pray for John's family and many friends. May the Spirit of the loving God continue to bring them the love and joy that John gave in abundance to all around him. Lord hear us: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that the spirit of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Antioch, Alpha and Men Alive. These movements so dear to John's heart, continue to enrich the lives of couples, our young people, individuals and families. Lord hear us: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who called, inspired, loved and nurtured John into being the priest he became: the influence of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, his family, the parishes in which he served, the missionary outreach to the people in New Guinea, and especially the parish of Henley Beach. Lord hear us: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Our prayers reach out to those in isolation who feel burdened and worried by the outfall of the pandemic across our country and the world: they remind us of Christ's call to support and care for each other. Lord hear us. All: **Lord, hear out prayer**

In this memorial mass we remember to seek God's blessings and intercession for all who suffer ill-health at this time. We pray for all our loved ones who have died, conscious of our faith that we will be reunited in your loving and joyfully embrace. Lord hear us: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Archbishop: Lord Jesus Christ you call us all to ministry, help us respond to the challenges we have as we face our world today. May we be guided by those who are deeply imbedded with the Spirit of Love and Service. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- **Bread and wine prepared at the altar**
- **Offertory Music-** instrumental music
- **Pray my Sisters and Brothers.....**

Prayer over the Offerings:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that through these holy mysteries John and Frank your servants and priests, may behold with clarity for ever what they faithfully ministered here. Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface for the deceased

Holy Holy Holy: said

Acclamation of Faith: said

Holy Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer: said

Lamb of God: said

Distribution of Holy Communion

Commentator

(Please stay in your seats and stand to receive Holy Communion. Please hold our your hands or if you wish to receive a blessing remain seated.)

Spiritual Holy Communion

*For those of you at home, during Holy Communion,
I ask that you bow your head and reflect...as we pray together...*

***Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you.***

Come spiritually into my heart and soul and remain there with me forever. Amen

Songs during the distribution of Holy Communion: *A New Commandment, Christ is Enough, Broken Vessels*

Prayer after Communion:

Let us Pray

Having received the sacrament of salvation, we implore your kindness, O God, for John and Frank, your servants and Priests, that, as you made them stewards of your mysteries on earth, so you may bring them to be nourished by their truth and reality as unveiled in heaven.

Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

Comments from Archbishop

Thank you: Fr Paul Cashen MSC

Commentator: Instructions on leaving the church

Because of the restrictions of social distancing the Archbishop to return to the parish house and will not be able to meet the people at this time – there isn't the room to do this safely. The pastoral council was introduced to the Archbishop before mass and once the covid19 regulations permit they have invited him back to meet the parish.

At the end of the Recessional Song please remain seated and remain seated until the ushers indicate that it is your turn to leave. To conclude, there will be a slideshow of pictures of John's time at Henley at the end of mass during the recessional hymn

Final Blessing: Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

Recessional Hymn: *10,000 Reasons*