Pontifical Requiem Mass for
Rev Fr Eric Edward Burton
24TH OCTOBER 1925 – 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018

TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2018
Christ the King Church, North Rocks

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA
**Principal Celebrant**  
Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv  
*Bishop of Parramatta*

**Concelebrants**  
Most Reverend Bede Heather  
*Bishop Emeritus of Parramatta*

Priests of the Diocese of Parramatta  
& other visiting clergy

**Deacon**  
Reverend Mr Tony Hoban

**Master of Ceremonies**  
Mr Christopher Ohlsen  
*Diocesan Master of Ceremonies*

**Servers**  
Dave Collins  
Ron Ruskin
1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
   Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
   Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
   Waking of sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
   I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord,
   Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
   Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3. Be thou my battle shield, my sword for the fight
   Be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
   Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r:
   Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
   Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
   Thou and thou only the first in my heart;
   High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
   May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
   Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
   Still be my vision, O ruler of all.
THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

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

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Bishop: Let us pray;
Grant, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of Eric, 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 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Proclaimed by: Ann Gately
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 2:1-9

When you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for testing. Set your heart right and be steadfast, and do not be impetuous in time of calamity. Cling to him and do not depart, so that your last days may be prosperous.

Accept whatever befalls you, and in times of humiliation be patient. For gold is tested in the fire, and those found acceptable, in the furnace of humiliation. In sickness and poverty put your trust in him. Trust in him, and he will help you; make your ways straight, and hope in him.

You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; do not stray, or else you may fall. You who fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not be lost. You who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy. For his reward is an everlasting gift with joy.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God
THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Setting by Colin D Smith

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I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. How gracious is the Lord and just.
Our God has compassion.
The lord protects the simple hearts.
I was helpless so he saved me. ℟

2. I trusted, when I said:
“I am sorely afflicted.”
And when I said in my alarm,
“No-one can be trusted.” ℟

3. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
Is the death of his faithful.
Your servant Lord, your servant am I.
You have loosened my bonds. ℟

THE SECOND READING

Proclaimed by: John DeCourcy
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God
THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours for their good deeds
go with them.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:11-15

Jesus said “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.


All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOMILY

Reverend Ian McGinnity PP
Parish Priest of Christ the King Parish, North Rocks
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Bishop: My 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.

Reader: In baptism Fr Eric received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him over the waters of death. Lord hear us:

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: Fr Eric was nourished at the table of the Saviour. Welcome him into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord hear us:

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: Fr Eric shared in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, leading God’s people in prayer and worship. Bring him into your presence where he will take his place in the heavenly liturgy. Lord hear us:

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: For the family, friends and former parishioners of Fr Eric; that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.
Reader: We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for Fr Eric. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son’s coming.
Lord hear us:

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Bishop: Lord God, you chose our brother Eric to serve your people as a priest and to share the joys and burdens of their lives. Look with mercy on him and give him the reward of his labours, the fullness of life promised to those who preach your holy Gospel. We ask this through Chris our Lord.

All: Amen.
LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
And gathers the lambs in his arms,
Holding them carefully close to his heart,
Leading them home.

1. Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top,
Lift your voice;
Jerusalem here is your God.

2. I myself will shepherd them,
For others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them giving them rest.

3. Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
And take my yoke upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Bishop: Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that through these holy mysteries
Eric, your servant and Priest,
may behold with clarity for ever
what he faithfully ministered here.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.
COMMUNION RITE

Bishop: 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. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Bishop: 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 pow’r, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Bishop: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
Bishop: 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 HYMN

SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Traditional, William Joseph Maher

1. Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;  
   body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;  
   blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
   Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

2. Strength and protection may thy Passion be;  
   O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
   deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;  
   so shall I never, never part from thee.

3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign;  
   in death’s dread moments make me only thine;  
   call me and bid me come to thee on high,  
   when I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.
THANKSGIVING HYMN

O BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

1. O breathe on me, Breath of God,
   Fill me with life anew;
   That I may love what thou dost love
   And do what thou wouldst do.

2. O breathe on me, Breath of God,
   Til my heart is pure:
   Until with thee I have one will
   To do and to endure.

3. O breathe on me, Breath of God,
   Till I am wholly thine,
   Until this earthly part of me
   Glows with thy fire divine.

4. O breathe on me, Breath of God,
   So shall I never die,
   But live with thee the perfect life
   Of thine eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop: Let us pray;
   Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
   we implore your kindness, O God,
   for Eric, your servant and Priest,
   that, as you made him a steward of your mysteries on earth,
   so you may bring him to be nourished
   by their truth and reality as unveiled in heaven.
   Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.
Bishop: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Eric 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 Eric 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.

BLESSING AND INCENSING THE COFFIN

SONG OF FAREWELL  

Dennis Smolarski

1. (Cantors) Come to his aid, O saints of God;  
   Come meet him, angels of the Lord.

Refrain (All) Receive his soul, O holy ones;  
   Present him now to God Most High.

2. (Cantors) May Christ who called you, take you home,  
   And angels lead you to Abraham.

Refrain (All) Receive his soul, O holy ones;  
   Present him now to God Most High.

3. (Cantors) Give him eternal rest, O Lord.  
   May light unending shine on him.

Refrain (All) Receive his soul, O holy ones;  
   Present him now to God Most High.

4. (Cantors) I know that my Redeemer lives;  
   The last day I shall rise again.

Refrain (All) Receive his soul, O holy ones;  
   Present him now to God Most High.
Bishop: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Eric 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 thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Eric in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn towards 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 Eric for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Traditional, John Lingard

1. Hail Queen of Heav’n, the ocean star,  
   Guide of the wand’rer here below,  
   Thrown on life’s surge, we claim your care:  
   Save us from peril and from woe.  
   Mother of Christ, star of the sea,  
   Pray for the wand’rer, pray for me.

2. O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,  
   From sin’s domain God kept you free,  
   Plead with your Son,  
   For he has paid the price of our iniquity.  
   Virgin most pure, star of the sea,  
   Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

3. And while to him who reigns above,  
   In Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
   the source of life, of grace, of love,  
   homage we pay on bended knee.  
   Mother and Queen, star of the sea,  
   Pray for your children, pray for me.
Please join Fr Eric’s relatives, friends and fellow clergy for light refreshments in the Mary MacKillop Hall after the conclusion of the funeral Mass today. The funeral cortege will depart for Rookwood Cemetery at 1.45pm.
REVEREND FATHER ERIC EDWARD BURTON
24th October 1925 – 5th September 2018

Seminary
St. Patrick's College, Manly

Ordained to the Priesthood:
22nd July 1950 at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney
by His Eminence Norman Thomas Cardinal Gilroy

Appointments

Assistant Priest
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield December 1950 – January 1951

Assistant Priest
Former St Joseph's Parish, Rockdale January 1951 – August 1956

Assistant Priest
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Earlwood August 1956 – December 1959

Assistant Priest
St Kevin’s Parish, Dee Why December 1959 – December 1961

Assistant Priest
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney December 1961 – July 1969

Administrator
St Cecilia’s Parish, Balgowlah July 1969 – February 1970

Founding Parish Priest
Christ the King Parish, North Rocks February 1970 – February 2011

Awarded the ‘Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice’
by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2011