



Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of

Barry Michael Matthews

1st October 1943 - 23rd July 2022

*Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery
Monday 1st August 2022*

Celebrant: Fr Jomer Calma





OPENING HYMN - COME AS YOU ARE

Fr Jomer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr Jomer: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Jomer: We gather here to commend our brother Barry to God our Father and to commit his body to the earth. In the spirit of faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, let us offer our prayers for Barry.

As our brother Barry has died in the Lord, so may he live with him in glory.

WORDS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING Read by Oscar Matthews

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (14:7-12)

Christ: Lord of living and dead.

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 - Read by Billy Matthews

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)

Surely 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)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Billy Matthews and All:

Alleluia, alleluia.

**I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord:
He who believes in me will not die for ever.**

Alleluia.

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. (John 14:1-6)*

There are many rooms in my Father's house.

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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Fr Jomer: Dear friends, in reverence let us pray to God, the source of all mercies.

Carolyn Matthews: We give thanks and praise for Barry's wonderful life. May he know the fullness of life in God's presence. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lucy Matthews: For Barry's family and friends: watch over them during this time of loss and sorrow. May they grow in strength from his memory and love. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Sam Matthews: For the staff or the Home of Compassion and Dr Jody Colbett who supported Barry with love and care. May God bless them and the work they do. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Shirley Clay: For those gathered today to remember Barry and for those who could not be here. May God's blessing be upon them. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Jane Addison: For the members of Barry's family who have died. May they be

reunited in the fullness of God's love. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Jomer: With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us offer our prayer to the Father.

Fr Jomer & 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.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE -

Shane and Rod Matthews, and Kate Matthews

REFLECTION PRAYER - Ava Matthews

Heavenly Father,

We thank you that You have made each of us in your own image and given us gifts and talents with which to serve You.

We thank you for Barry Matthews, a caring father,

grandfather, friend and more.

We thank you for the years we shared with him,
the good we saw in him and the love we received from him.
Now give us the strength and courage to leave him in your care,
confident in your promise of eternal life.
We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Fr Jomer: Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies. Grant that our brother may sleep here in peace until you awaken him to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then he will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendour of God, for you live and reign for ever and ever.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Fr Jomer: 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.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Fr Jomer: Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, Angels of the Lord!

Response: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Jomer: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may Angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Response: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Jomer: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Fr Jomer: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Barry 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 Barry 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 with our brother for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

COMMITTAL

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Fr Jomer: Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear your people who cry to you in their need, and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.

All: Amen.

Fr Jomer: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Fr Jomer: May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Fr Jomer: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **All: Amen.**

Fr Jomer: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you for ever. **All: Amen.**

Fr Jomer: Go in the peace of Christ.

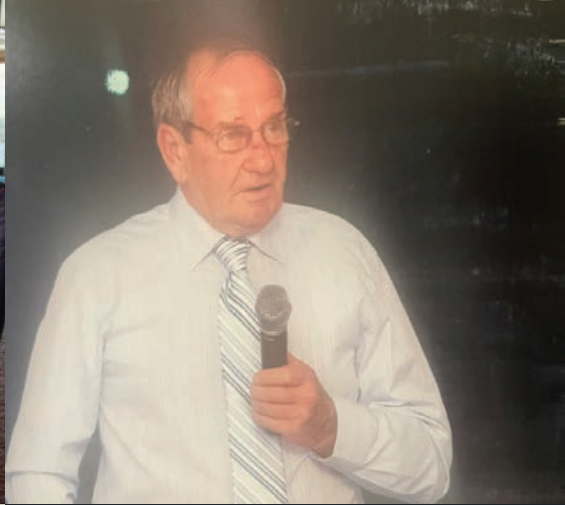
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymns - Amazing Grace and How Great Thou Art

Pall Bearers

Rod Matthews, Shane Matthews, Oscar Matthews
Ava Matthews, Billy Matthews and Lucy Matthews







We sincerely thank everyone for joining us here today.

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