

Mass of Christian Burial

# Robert Oliver McMeekin



**17th January 1926 - 26th October 2021**

St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga  
Thursday 4th November 2021

Celebrants: Fr Paddy Sykes and Fr Kevin O'Reilly

## Entrance Hymn: Come As You Are

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

**All: Amen**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**All: And with your Spirit**

**Sprinkling with Holy Water** *Peter McMeekin*

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle:** *Peter McMeekin*

**Words of Remembrance:** *Tim McMeekin*

**Photo Tribute ‘When I Get Where I Am Going’ (Brad Paisley)**

**Opening Prayer**



**First Reading:** *Bridget McMeekin*

*A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11*

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:

A time for giving birth, a time for dying;  
a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.

A time for killing, a time for healing;  
a time for knocking down, a time for building.

A time for tears, a time for laughter;  
a time for mourning, a time for dancing.

A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up;  
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.

A time for searching, a time for losing;  
a time for keeping, a time for throwing away.

A time for tearing, a time for sewing;  
a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.

A time for loving, a time for hating;  
a time for war, a time for peace.

What does a person gain for the efforts that they make? I contemplate the task that God gives people to labour at. All that they do is apt for its time; but though God has permitted them to consider time in its wholeness, they cannot comprehend the work of God from beginning to end.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## Responsorial Psalm: The Lord Is My Shepherd

### Second Reading *Rosemary McMeekin*

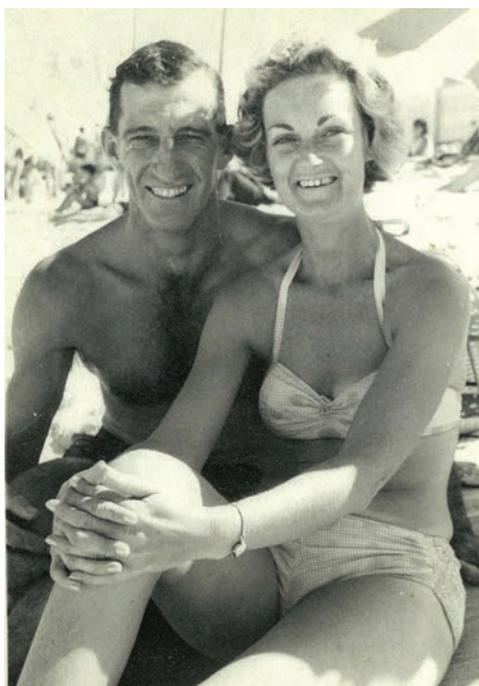
*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*

My life is already being 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, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation - John 6:39

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Come, you whom my father has blessed, says the Lord;  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation  
of the world.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

“How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

# Homily

**Prayers of the Faithful** *read by Josh and Jessica McMeekin*

*Priest:* God, our Father raised Jesus from the dead and He will give life to our mortal bodies. We pray to him in faith:

For Bobby, that he may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for eternity. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

That all of us, Bobby's family and friends may be comforted in our grief. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**



For the doctors, hospital staff, Baptist Care nurses and palliative care nurses who devotedly cared for Bobby, that their works of service may be richly blessed. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who cannot find hope and who live in the darkness of despair. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Priest:* Loving Father, You govern all things wisely and with great love. Listen to our prayers and lead us through your Spirit to complete joy and communion with you. We make this prayer through Christ your Son.

**All: Amen.**



## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

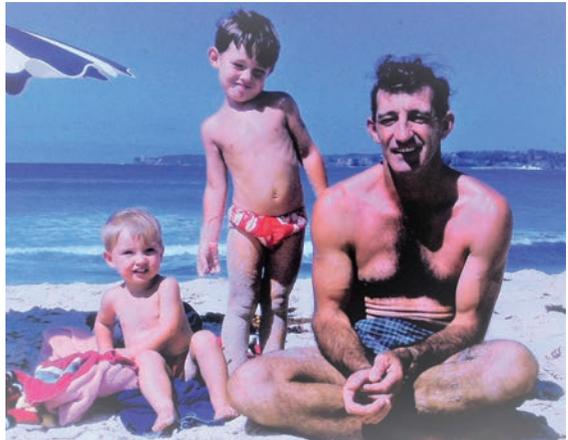
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

**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.**

## **Mystery of Faith**

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**



# The Lord's Prayer

Behold the lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who called 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: Make Me A Channel of Your Peace**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Prayers of Commendation**



## Song of Farewell

**Priest:**

Saints of God, come to his aid, come 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 Abraham's side!

**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.**

## Recessional Hymn: Eagle's Wings

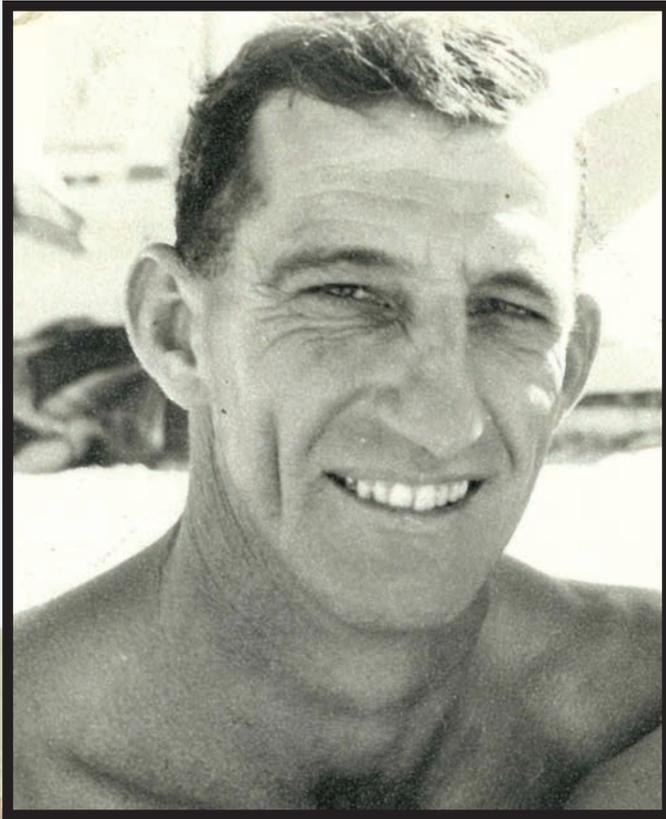




We sincerely thank everyone for joining us here today.

Following the service at the Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery all are invited to join us for light refreshments and the continued sharing of memories at the Riverine Club, Sturt Street, Wagga Wagga.





## **Pall Bearers**

Peter McMeekin  
Tim McMeekin  
Mark McMeekin  
Mark Golden  
Susan Porter  
Jane Yates