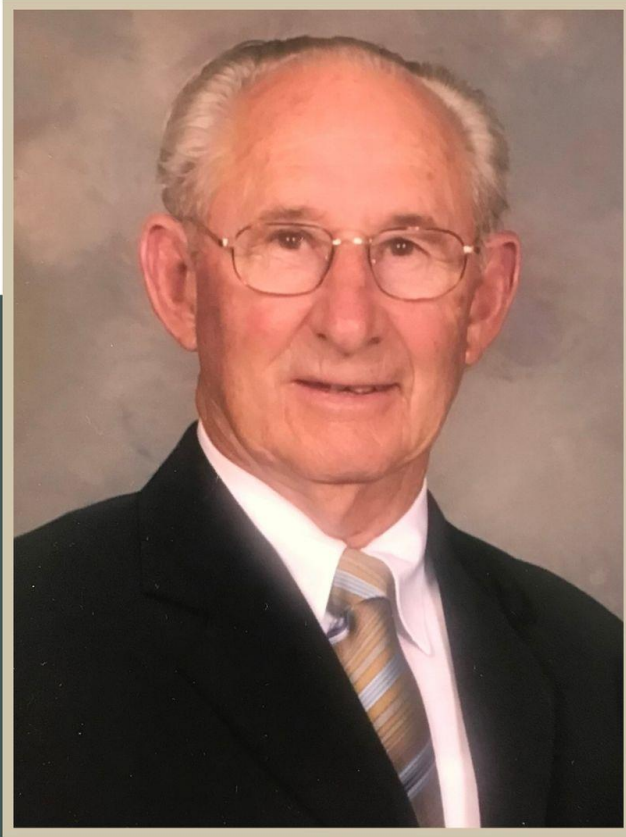


Funeral Mass Celebrating The Life and
Praying for The Repose of The Soul of

Paul O'Connor
"Barney"



3rd August, 1932 - 15th September, 2022
Aged 90 Years

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Cessnock
23rd September 2022 at 11am
Presider: Fr. James Lunn
Conducted by C.R. Smyth & Son Funeral Services

Gathering Rites

Family to Enter in Silence

Welcome

Catherine

Entrance Hymn: “Come As You Are”

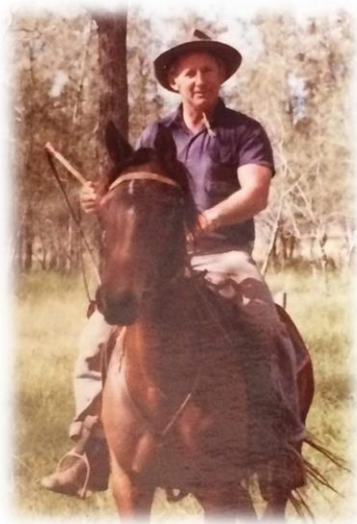
D. Browne

Come as you are, that’s how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home,
Close to My heart, loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don’t run away, shamed, and disheartened.
Rest in My love, trust Me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by My promise,
why do you think I’d love you the less?

Come as you are, that’s how I love you.
Come as you are, trust Me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.



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Christian Symbols

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Nicholas/Dawn

Fr James: In Baptism, Paul received the light of Christ.

All: May he now live in the fullness of that light.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Fr James: In the waters of Baptism, Paul died with Christ and rose with Him to new life.

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

Placing of the Pall*Kate, Laura, Ellie, Annabelle***Fr James:** In Baptism, Paul was clothed in Christ.**All:** May he now enjoy the fullness of His presence.**Placing of the Crucifix***Matthew***Fr James:** In Baptism, Paul was signed with the Cross.**All:** May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.**Placing of Missal***Oscar***Fr James:** In Baptism, Paul received the Gospel, the Word of Life.**All:** May Christ now welcome him with words of eternal life.**Placing of Rosary Beads***Liam***Fr James:** With love and reverence, we place these rosary beads as a reminder of Paul's devotion to Our Lady, as we remember the love he shared with his family.**All:** May his soul now rest in peace. Amen.**Placing of the Lilies***Alexander*

With love and reverence, we place these Lilies that are a connection to Paul's Mother and the family farm.

Eulogy*David***Opening Prayer**

O God, almighty Father,
our faith professes that your Son died and rose again;
mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Paul O'Connor,
who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.*Please be seated*

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Michael

A Reading from the Prophet Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything under the heavens;

A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant;

A time to weep, and a time to mourn and a time to dance;

A time to seek, and a time to lose; A time to be silent, and a time to speak

A time to love, and a time to forgive.

Always recognise there is nothing better than to be glad and well during life.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: “The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Brian Boniwell

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow

wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Over the mountains, the waters and by ways,

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. Ref.

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A Reading from the Second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Angus

I have fought a 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 me on that

day; and not only to me but all those who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

Fr James: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr James: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel According to John 14: 1-6

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



Prayer of the Faithful

John & Tom

Fr James: My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother Paul, but also for the Church, for peace in the world, and for ourselves.

We thank the Lord for the gift of Dad in our lives. May we take comfort in our grief by the knowledge that the time we were given to share with him brought such joy and love into our lives. Lord hear us.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Lord, we remember Dad as a true and loyal friend who was always willing to help those around him whenever he could. Grant him everlasting peace and happiness. Lord hear us.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Lord, we remember Dad for his kind and generous heart, his sense of humour, his good character, his courage, and resilience. Bless all our family with the same joyous gifts you gave to him. Lord hear us.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Lord, we remember Pa for his decency, his innate sense of the right thing to do and for all he gave to his family, friends, church, and community. Lord hear us.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Lord, we pray and give thanks for all those who care for the sick and dying; especially Dr Ken Dobler, and the nurses of the Cessnock Palliative Care team. Lord hear us.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for all those who have gone before us in faith especially for Pa's beloved daughter Mary Therese, parents Elizabeth and John, his brothers and sisters and deceased members of the O'Connor and Frame Families.

May we be strengthened in our sorrow by his courage and example.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear our Prayer.

Fr James: Heavenly Father Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful Grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Bread & Wine

Susan & Anne

Offertory Hymn: “Hosea”

Refrain: Come back to Me
With all your heart,
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend,
Though straight and tall;
So must we to others call
Long have I waited for your
Coming home to Me
And living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you
To your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and Justice
With tenderness you shall know.
Long have I waited for you coming home to Me
And living deeply our new life. **Ref.**

You shall sleep secure with peace,
Faithfulness will be your joy.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life. **Ref.**

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Preparation of the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept this 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: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Paul, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.





Preface

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy

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!

Memorial Acclamation

All: Save us Saviour of the World, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Rite

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.

Fr James: Deliver us Lord from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom the power and glory are yours now and forever.

Lamb of God

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 you take away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are 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: “One Bread One Body”

Refrain: One Bread, one Body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free
woman or man, no more. **Ref.**

Many the gifts, many of the works,
one in the Lord of all. **Ref.**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. **Ref.**

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Thanksgiving Hymn: “We Remember”

M Haugen

Here a million wounded souls are yearning
Just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people
And hold them to your heart.

Refrain: We remember how you loved us to your death,
And still we celebrate, for you are with us here.
And we believe that we will see you
When you come
In your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Christ, the Father’s great “Amen”
To all the hopes and dreams of ev’ry heart.
Peace beyond all telling
And freedom from all fear. **Ref.**

See the face of Christ revealed in ev’ry person
Standing by your side. Gift to one another,
And temples of your love. **Ref.**

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Prayer After Communion

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

Final Commendation

Now that it is time to go from this church let us say our last prayers for Paul. May our prayers today express our love for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. We pray that God will protect him and look after him so that we can joyfully greet him again when the love of Jesus, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God come to his aid! Come to meet him angels of the Lord!

All: Receive his soul and present him to God, present his soul to God Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you home. May angels lead you to our parent's side.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God, present his soul to God Most High.

Give eternal rest, O Lord, and may Your light shine on him forever.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God, present his soul to God Most High.

Prayer of Commendation

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Paul O'Connor, 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 him 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 forever.

Hymn of Farewell: “Nearer My God To Thee”

Katherine Jenkins

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Fr James: In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

Pall Bearers: Michael, Matthew, Kerry, Catherine, John & David.

Graveside Prayers for Family





Thank you

During this time of sorrow, we learn how much our family and friends mean to us. Thank you so much for your support and thoughtfulness at a time when it was much needed and deeply appreciated.



Following the Funeral Mass you are warmly invited to join the family at **Cessnock Leagues Club, 1 Darwin Street, Cessnock** for light refreshments and the opportunity to share your many memories of Paul.