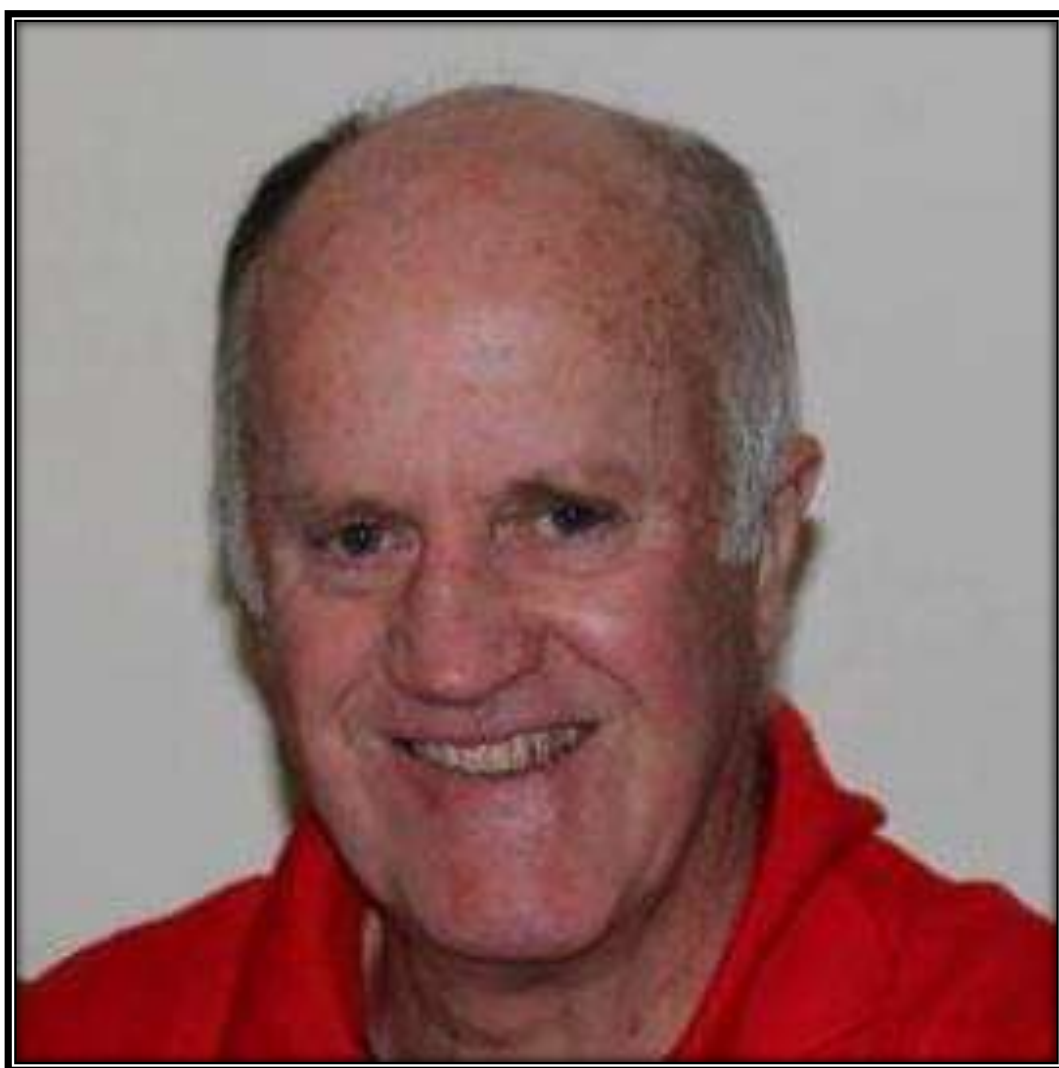


PRAYER SERVICE

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF



Bernard Michael Connellan

30 August 1943 – 5 February 2020

SACRED HEART PARISH

Warrambool Street, GRIFFITH, NSW

12th February 2020 | 1:00 P.M.

Bernard Michael Connellan

Beloved husband of:
Gwen Connellan

Much loved father and father-in-law of:
*Letitia; Kathrine & Michael
Rena*

Cherished grandfather of:
John, Josie, Maraea & Darrell

Loved brother of:
*Robert (deceased), Norma (deceased),
Bevan (deceased),
Narelle (deceased) & Lawrence*

Pall Bearers

*John Moore Russell Tait
Reagan Alvaro Steve Hughes
Clayton Hamilton Paul Curphey
Rena Connellan*

Priest

Fr Jomer Calma

Organist

Belinda Aventi

ENTRANCE HYMN

To Where You are (*Josh Groban*)

PLEASE STAND

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.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: In the waters of baptism, Bernard Michael died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

OPENING PRAYER:

PRIEST: O God, whose nature is always to forgive and to show mercy, we humbly implore you for your servant Bernard Michael, whom you have called to journey to you, and, since he hoped and believed in you, grant that he may be led to our true homeland to delight in its everlasting joys.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

PLEASE SIT

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (15:20-23)

Read by Primrose Rodley

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through a man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The word of the Lord

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PSALM 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6)

RESPONSE: *The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pasture he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
He refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. *(Response)*

2. Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
That give me courage. *(Response)*

3. You spread the table before me
In the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows. *(Response)*

4. Only goodness and kindness follow me
All the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come. *(Response)*





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

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, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

HOMILY

PLEASE SIT

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead;
 with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and
 dead.

READER: For Bernie, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he
 may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Lord, in your mercy,
 hear our prayer.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For our brother Bernie who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life,
 that he may be raised up on the last day. Lord, in your mercy, hear our
 prayer.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them their sins and grant them the fulness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

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

PRIEST & 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.

Reflection Hymn: You raise me up.

EULOGY: *Letitia Connellan, Darrell and Maraea Connellan*

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

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

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN: How Great Thou Art



The Connellan Family would like to extend their thanks and to express their sincere appreciation for your love, support and friendship during this sad time. We invite you to join us for refreshments following the service at the Northside Griffith Leagues Club, Griffith.



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