

A Funeral Service
In Loving Memory of



**Ronald
Turnell**

26th April 1936 ~ 6th January 2025

The Cathedral Church of St Alban the Martyr, Griffith

Wednesday 15th January 2025 | 10:00am



Ronald Turnell

Dearly loved husband of
Janet Turnell

Loving father and father-in-law of
Barry & Yvonne
Peter & Meredith
David & Alison

Adored Grandad of
Holly, Michael, Kieran, Nick, Ruby and Jack

Great Grandad of
Aiden

Celebrant
Fr Thomas Leslie

Organist
Joan Paterson

Soloist
Alyce Woodward





Throughout the service, please join in the responses marked in **bold type**.

INTRODUCTION

Entrance Hymn: *'The Old Rugged Cross'*

**1. On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*Chorus: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
'till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
and exchange it some day for a crown*

**2. Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God, left his Glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.**

Chorus

**3. In the old rugged cross, stain'd with blood so divine
a wondrous beauty I see;
for the dear Lamb of God, left his Glory above
to pardon and sanctify me**

Chorus

**4. To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true
its shame and reproach gladly bear
then He'll call me some day to my home far away
where his glory forever I'll share**

Chorus

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Fr Thomas offers words of introduction and welcome.

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8.38-9*

Let us pray.

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.

May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.

In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.

Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Eulogy: read by Michael

Reflection Item: A Slideshow of photographs celebrating Ron's life

Poem: Christina Rossetti – 'Miss Me, But Let me Go', read by Holly

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of a greater plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me, but let me go.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm: *Psalm 23 is read together by alternate lines, as marked.*

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore I shall not want.

**He will make me to lie down in green pastures;
and lead me beside still waters**

He will refresh my soul:

and lead me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of all those who trouble me:

You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and loving kindness will follow me

all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Bible Reading: *John 14.1-6*

Read by Kieran

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

The Homily: Fr Cyprian Onuorah

Hymn:

‘Jesus Shall Reign’

**1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5 Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud ‘Amen’.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of Thanksgiving: Fr Thomas

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,**

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE RITE OF FAREWELL

Ron's coffin is sprinkled with holy water as a symbol of the hope of eternal life beyond Death we inherit in our Baptism.

Let us entrust our brother Ron to the love and mercy of God:

**Heavenly and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.
We entrust Ron now to your merciful keeping
in the faith of Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have given us a sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life.
In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.
We here commit the mortal body of our brother Ron to the refining fire:
ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour
who shall change our mortal body
that it might become like his glorious body.

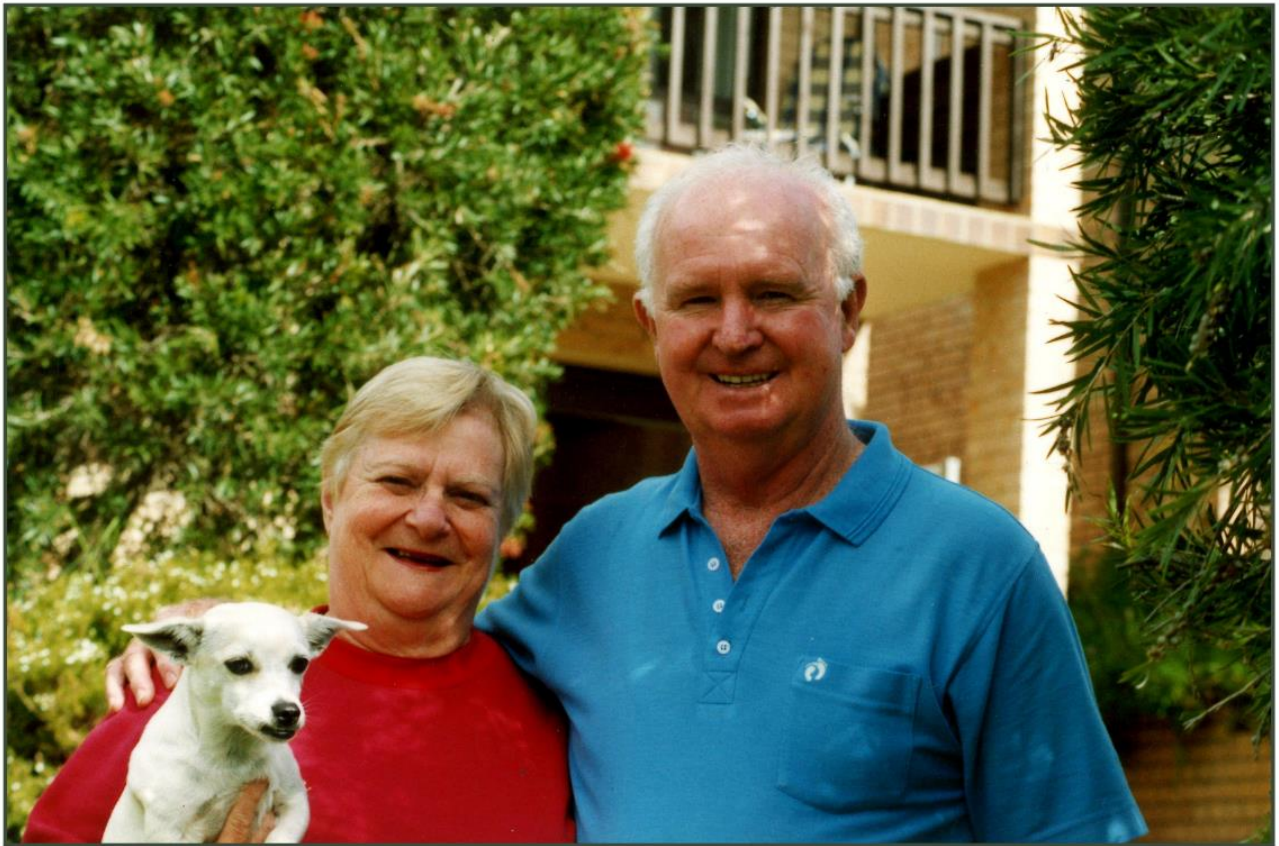
Blessed are those who die in the Lord
for they rest from all their labours. Amen.

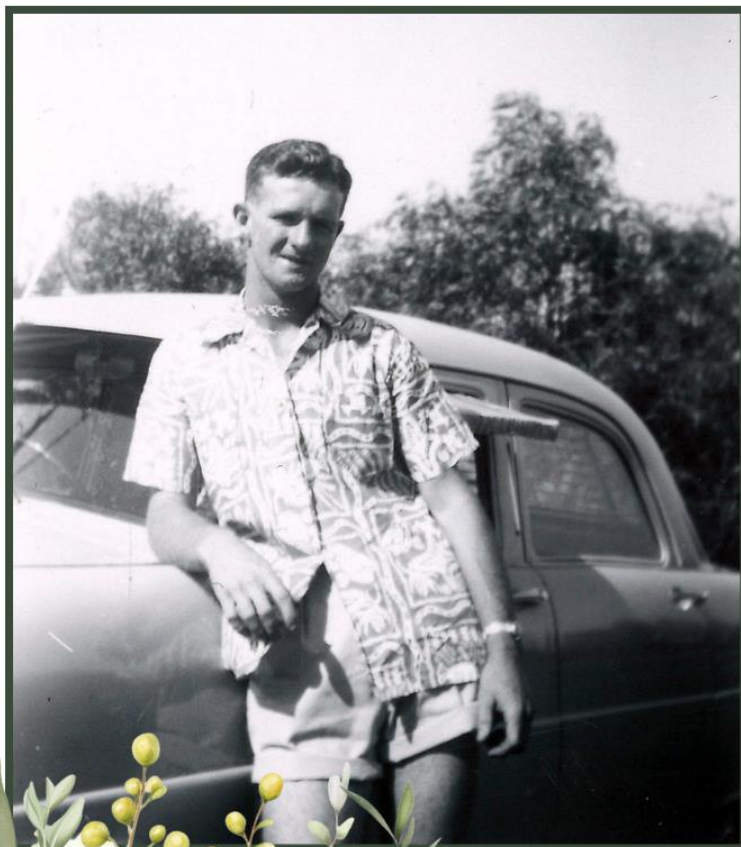
The Blessing: Fr Thomas.

Please remain standing as the coffin is taken from the Church.



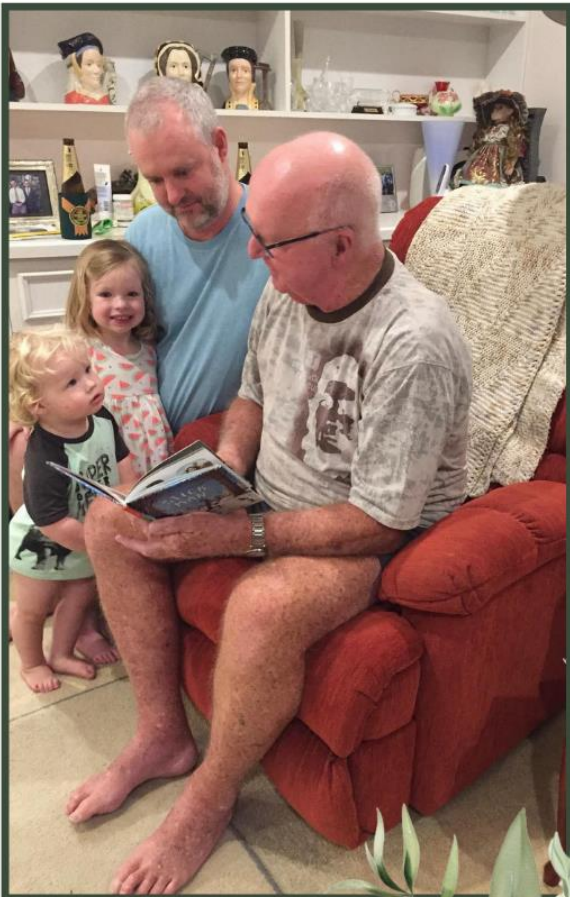














Thank you

for your thoughts, prayers, sympathy and attendance today. It has been of great comfort to us.

Please join with us, following the service, at the Griffith Ex-servicemen's Sports Club for some light refreshments.



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