

FUNERAL PRAYERS FOR



Allan Robert Malcolm Webster 'Bob'

2nd March 1933 ~ 29th March 2025

*St Joseph's Catholic Church, Beechworth
Wednesday 9th April 2025, commencing at 1:00pm
Clergy ~ Monsignor Cris Manongas*

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Hallelujah ~Lucy Thomas

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Father: In the Name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
All: Amen.

GREETING

Father: The grace and peace of God our Father,
who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.
All: And with your spirit.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE ~BY DEBBIE

Father: In Baptism Allan received the light of Christ.
The light has guided him through his life.
All: May Christ's light, now lead him into eternal life.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Father: In the waters of baptism, Allan
died with Christ and rose with him to new life.
All: May he now share with Him eternal life in glory.

PLACING OF THE WHITE PALL ~BY GREG

Father: On the day of his Baptism Allan received the new garment,
and was asked to wear it spotlessly throughout his life.
May the Lord not look on any wrong that he may have done during his life,
but rather look upon his faithfulness to his God and his love for his family
and friends.
All: Amen.

PLACING OF SYMBOLS ~BY ANDREW & MICHELLE

Flag, Cap, Bowls and Gum Leaves.

EULOGY

Read by Robert

BOB'S LIFE IN PICTURES

I'll See You Again ~Westlife & Always on My Mind ~Willie Nelson

Father: Opening Prayer

O God, almighty Father,

our faith professes that your Allan died and rose again;
mercifully grant, that through his mystery
your servant Allan who has fallen asleep in Christ,
may rejoice to rise through him.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Read by Dianne

First Reading

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future
has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

Dianne ~The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- The Lord is My Shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

R: 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 water he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

R: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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.

R: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

R: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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 come to life,

it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and the living.

The word of the Lord.

PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory
I am the light of the world, whoever follows me
will never walk in darkness.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

Father: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit

A Reading from the holy gospel according to John

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you,
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love.
Just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in His
love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you,
and your joy complete.

I call you friends, because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you!

And I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will
last! And then the Father will give you anything you ask in my
name. What I command you is love one another!

Father: The Gospel of Our Salvation

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Father: Brothers and Sisters, Jesus Christ has risen and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Read by Clinton & Danielle

Lord we ask your blessing for the nurses and doctors who looked after Allan and we thank you for the friends who visited and supported Allan throughout his illness.

Lord Hear Us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Lord welcome Allan into your love and Peace.
May his life now be completed and fulfilled in your presence forever.

Lord Hear Us

All: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are gathered here today.
We thank you for those who touched Allan's life
and supported him through his joys and sorrows.

Lord Hear Us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Lord we give thanks for Allan's life for the ideals
he cherished and values he held so dear.

We thank him for the gifts he shared with us and
the lessons he taught us. Each of us is richer for
his presence in our lives.

Lord Hear Us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Lord we pray for those who cared for Allan with
great understanding, patience and love.

Lord Hear Us

All: Lord hear our prayer

Thank you Lord for Allan who shared his life
with us all in some way.

May we always be surrounded by his love and
gentleness. We will never forget him.

Lord hear us

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Poem
Read by Lindy

*You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come
back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live
yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of
yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he is gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back or you can do what he
would want,
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

THE LORDS PRAYER

*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.*

All: Amen.

FATHER: INVITATION TO PRAYER

Before we go our separate ways,
let us take leave of our brother Allan.
May our farewell express our affection for him;
may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.
One day we shall joyfully greet him,
when the love of Christ,
which conquers all things,
destroys even death itself.

SILENCE

SONG OF FAREWELL

Father: Saints of God, come to his aid!
Hasten to meet him, angels fo the Lord!

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

Father: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

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

Father: 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.



PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

We give thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Allan 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 assurance of faith, until we meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother for ever.

ALL: AMEN.

PROCESSION TO COMMITTAL

May the angels lead you to paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

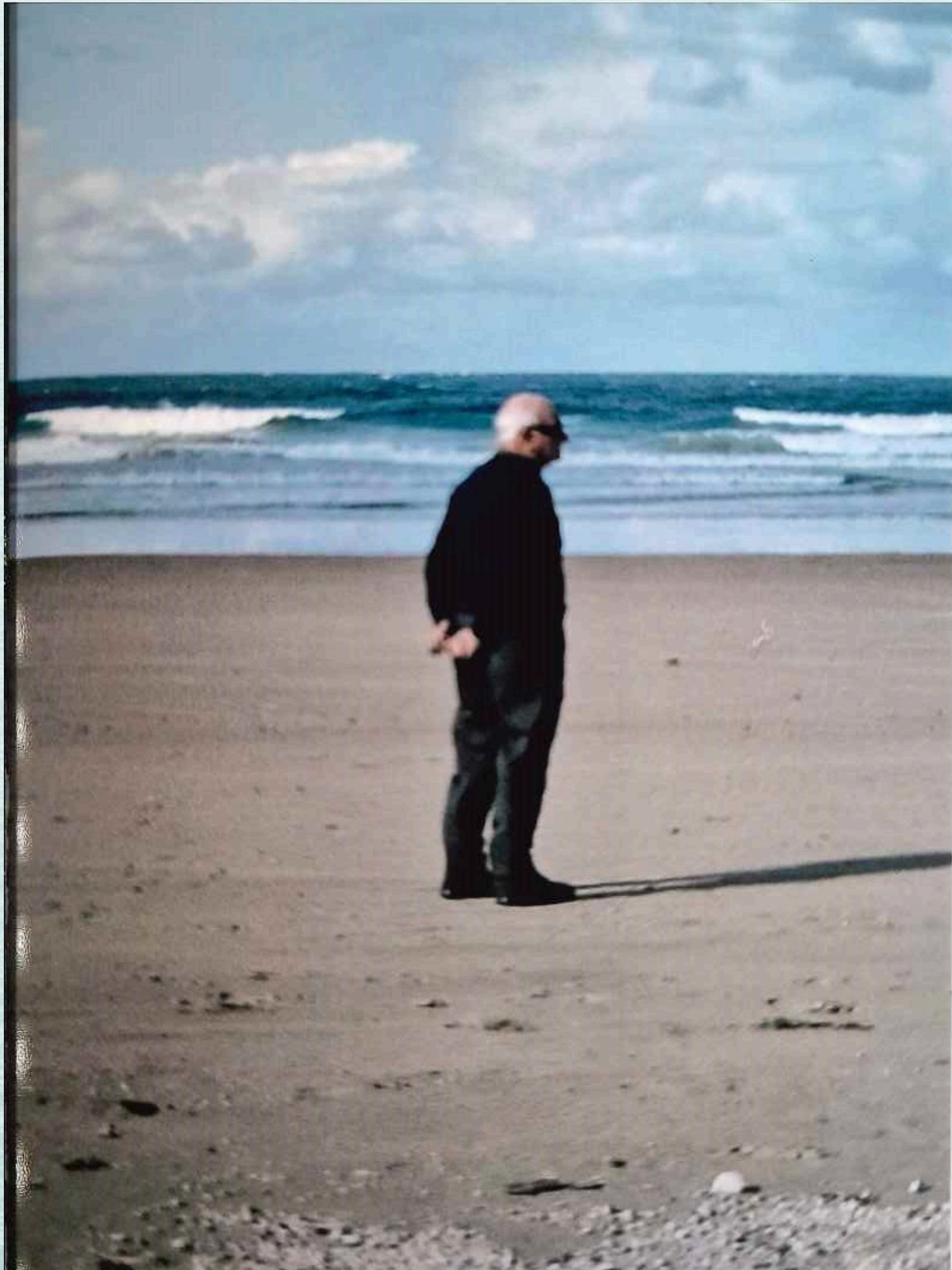
In peace let us take our brother Allan to his place of rest.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Brisbane Theme Song

Leave for Burial at Beechworth Lawn Cemetery

Bob, Forever Cherished



Reunited with the love of his life.

Bob's family thank you for your love and support today, following the burial you are welcome to join them to share memories of Bob at Beechworth Bowls Club, Albert Rd, Beechworth.