

Funeral Mass for the Repose of the Soul of

Fr Paul Purcell

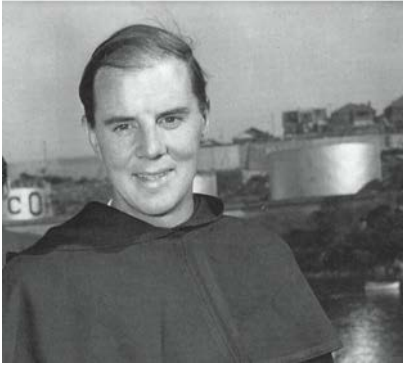
John (Jack) Frederick Purcell

Born 3 March 1927 ~ Died 29 August 2021



St Kilian's Church, Bendigo
3 September 2021

Celebrant: Bishop Shane Mackinlay



Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn:

Here I Am Lord

Stand

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Greeting and Introduction

Bishop Shane Mackinlay

Eulogy: Clare O'Brien (niece)

Sit

Placing of Christian and Priestly Symbols

Lighting the Paschal Candle by Clare O'Brien

Bishop: In baptism, Paul, received the light of Christ. This light has guided him through his life.

All: May this light now lead him into eternal life.

Sprinkling of Holy Water by Fr Kevin Toomey OP

Bishop: In the waters of baptism, Paul died with Christ and rose with him to eternal life.

All: May he now share life with Christ in glory.

Placing White Pall by Trish Mudge and Marie Flynn

Bishop: On the day of his baptism, Paul was clothed in Christ and given a Christian dignity forever.

All: May Christ enfold him in love and bring him to eternal life.

Placing of the Flowers by Peter and Margaret Harris

Placing of Book of the Gospels by Mgr Frank Marriott

Bishop: At his diaconate ordination, Paul was presented with the book of the gospels to proclaim the message of salvation.

All: May Paul hear the words of everlasting life today.

Placing of the Stole by Fr Peter Murnane OP

Bishop: Fr Paul was given the stole as a sign of his priestly office. The Bishop instructed him to live fully his apostolic life

All: May his good deeds go before him into eternal life

Placing of Chalice and Paten by Fr Andrew Fewings

Bishop: At his priestly ordination, Fr Paul was handed the chalice and paten to offer the mystery of the Lord's cross

All: May Paul enjoy the heavenly feast with all the saints.

Collect Prayer

Stand

Bishop: Let us pray
Hear with favour our prayers
Which we humbly offer, O Lord
for the salvation of the soul of Paul
your servant and priest,
that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name,
may rejoice in the perpetual company of your saints.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading by Rosie Purcell

Sit

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (17:1,5-6,8)

The Lord God said: A great eagle, with great wings took a seed from the land, placed it in fertile soil; a plant by abundant waters, he set it like a willow twig. It sprouted and became a vine spreading out, but low; its branches turned toward him, its roots remained where it stood. So it became a vine; it brought forth branches, put forth foliage. It was transplanted to good soil by abundant waters, so that it might produce branches and bear fruit and become a noble vine.
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (1:1-5) (Sung)

Response: Happy are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the one
who follows not the counsel of the wicked
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorers,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.

Response: Happy are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.
Not so are the wicked, not so!

Response: Happy are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Response: Happy are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading by Adrian Purcell

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3:14-19)

This is what I, Paul, pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name:

Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation (Sung)

Stand

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel read by Fr Junray Rayna

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (4:35-41)

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.' The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Homily by Fr Rom Hayes

Sit



Prayers of the Faithful

Stand

Bishop: Brothers and sister, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead 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.

Trish: We pray for the Church, for Pope Francis, Bishop Shane and all the clergy, that they will continue to lead the Church, spreading the gospel message and standing for the voiceless and those lacking basic human rights. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Trish: We pray for the Dominican Order and Sandhurst Diocese that they will continue to foster the Gospel message of love, hope and unity. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Marie: We pray for all those in Wodonga and Bendigo who welcomed Jack into their hearts and homes, that they will continue to be blessed in their lives. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Marie: We pray for Trish and Marie for the dedicated love and care they showed Jack/Fr Paul in the later stages on his life. May God continue to bless them in their work. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Helen: We pray for all of us who were touched by Jack/Fr Paul in our lives. That we will continue to follow his example of gentle love, and in the words of Jack, enjoy “exceptionally good health”. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Helen: We pray for those family members who have gone before Jack, his parents Alma and George, his siblings, Dave, Madge, Molly, Joan & Fred, his nephew Tony and all those who have been influential in Jack's, now reunited and at peace in God's loving embrace. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop: God, our shelter in our storms and our strength in our needs, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for Fr Paul and for all our departed brothers and sisters. Grant them peace and the fullness of redemption through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Sit

Hymn Take Our Bread (Joe Wise)

Refrain Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts,
we love you, take our lives,
Oh Father; we are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set;
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of your life with us yet,
we are yours, we are yours. ***Refrain***

Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food.
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could;
we are yours, we are yours. ***Refrain***

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Sign of Peace

Communion Hymn

Peace Prayer of St Francis (John Foley)

Lord, make me a means of your peace.
Where there's hatred grown, let me sow your love.
Where there's injury, Lord, let forgiveness be my sword.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Lord, make me a means of your peace.
Where there's doubt and fear, let me sow your faith.
In this world's despair, give me hope in you to share.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Lord, make me a means of your peace.
When there's sadness here, let me sow your joy.
When the darkness nears, may your light dispel our fears.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Lord, grant me to seek and to share:
less to be consoled than to help console,
less be understood than to understand your good.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Lord, grant me to seek and to share:
go receive love less than to give love free,
just to give in thee, just receiving from your tree.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Lord, grant me to seek and to share:
to forgive in thee, you've forgiven me:
for to die in thee is eternal life to me.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Reflection: The Deer's Cry by Shaun Davey (Soloist: Sarah Gould)

I arise today
through the strength of heaven
light of sun, radiance of moon,
splendour of fire, speed of lightning,
swiftness of wind, depth of the sea,
stability of earth, firmness of rock.

I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me.
God's eye to look before me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me
from all who shall wish me ill
a-far and a-near,
alone and in multitude.
Against every cruel merciless power
that may oppose my body and soul.

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.
I arise today.

Prayer After Communion

Stand

Bishop: Let us pray
Renewed by food from your heavenly table We humbly
beseech you, O Lord, That by the power of this sacrifice The
soul of Paul, your servant and priest, Who faithfully
ministered in your Church May exult for ever in your sight,
Through Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

Rite of Commendation

Introduction

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Fr Paul and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Paul again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of His kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Sprinkling Holy Water and Incensation

Cantor: 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.

Cantor: 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.

Cantor: Give him eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on him for ever.

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

Prayer of Commendation

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Paul. 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 Paul 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 for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Final Hymn:

Salve, Regina,
mater misericordiae:
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis, post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens: O pia: O dulcis
Virgo Maria.

Processional Music

Easter Hymn from *Cavalleria Rusticana* by Pietro Mascagni

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Fr Paul at the helm of *Salve Regina* the missionary ship which carried supplies and services to remote islands in the Solomons

Born on 3 March 1927 and raised in Yarraville, Victoria

After secondary school started a boiler making apprenticeship

Joined the Orders of Preachers in 1949 as a Dominican brother

Appointed to Pacific Island Missions to skipper *Salve Regina*, mission ship to serve the people of the Solomon Islands delivering supplies

Ordained a priest on 12 July 1980

Served as Parish Priest in parishes in Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane

Joined the Diocese of Sandhurst just before Christmas in 2000

Appointed to Wodonga parish 2001-2012

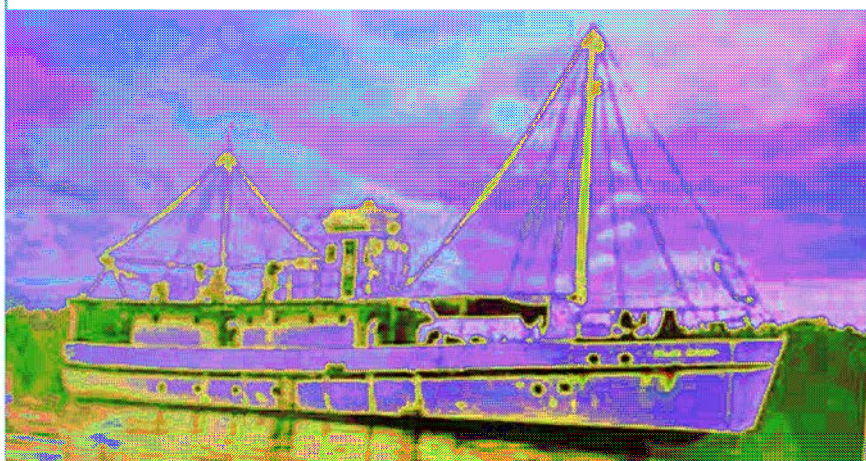
Retired to St Kilian's Parish in Bendigo in 2012 and continued to serve at St Kilian's and Inglewood parishes

Died on Sunday 29 August 2021 aged 94.



Father Paul John Frederick
Purcell

3 March 1927 - 29 August 2021



MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, PRAY FOR US



PSALM 1

*Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

Father Paul was a member of the Dominican Order
for approximately 50 years, serving as captain on the mission
boat 'Salve Regina' in the Solomon Islands
and in Dominican Parishes in Australia.
He subsequently spent 21 years as a Priest
of the Diocese of Sandhurst
serving in the Parishes of Wodonga and St. Kilian's
with distinction.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE