



FUNERAL MASS  
FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF  
REVEREND FATHER EDWARD HARTE OAM  
13 MARCH 1933 — 2 JANUARY 2022



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REV. FR. EDWARD HARTE

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**FR EDWARD JOSEPH HARTE OAM**  
13 March 1933 ~ 2 January 2022

**Funeral Mass**  
**Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo**  
**7 January 2022**





*Newly Ordained Fr Ted Harte with his parents Harold and Elsie 23rd July 1966*





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## REV. FR. EDWARD HARTE

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Born on the 13th of March 1933 in Warrnambool, Victoria, the sixth of eight children to Harold and Elsie Harte. Fr Ted went to the State Primary School in Allansford; won a scholarship to, and attended, Technical School Warrnambool; and studied Latin at Assumption College Kilmore. Before he began his studies at Corpus Christi College, he worked with the National Bank and the Department of Civil Aviation.

He was ordained by Bishop Stewart at St Brendan's Church, Shepparton, on Saturday, July 23rd 1966 at the age of 33. Fr Ted served at St Patrick's Wangaratta 1967-1973, St Brendan's Shepparton 1973-1980 and as Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, White Hills 1980-2017. In 1999 and 2001 Fr Harte served for several months as an assistant priest at St John The Evangelist Parish, New York where he said; 'saying Mass in the basement of a nineteen floor skyscraper in New York was just the same as saying Mass in White Hills'.

He served in many hospital chaplaincies with care and compassion, was a distinguished patron, committee member and life member of the Marong Racing Club and Chaplain to the Bendigo Jockey Club - along with an uncanny ability to pick a winner!

Awarded the Order of Australia Medal for services to the Catholic Church and the Community on Australia Day 2018. Fr Edward Joseph Harte died at Mercy Health Bethlehem Home for the Aged on Sunday 2nd January 2022 aged 88.



## CELEBRANTS

Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst  
Most Reverend Les Tomlinson, Bishop Emeritus of Sandhurst  
Rev Brian Boyle Adm Cathedral  
Priests of the Sandhurst Diocese and visiting clergy

## APPOINTMENTS

Ordained 1966 - Shepparton  
Assistant Priest 1967 - Wangaratta  
Assistant Priest 1973 - Shepparton  
Parish Priest 1980 - White Hills  
Pastor Emeritus 2017



ENTRANCE HYMN:

*Please stand*

**HERE I AM LORD** *Dan Schutte*

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? *Refrain ...*

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? *Refrain ...*

Text: Based on Isaiah 6 Daniel Schutte (b. 1947) © 1981 OCP Music: D. Schutte



## GREETING AND INTRODUCTORY RITES

BISHOP: In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Amen.**

BISHOP: Peace be with you.

ALL: **And with your spirit.**

BISHOP: What do you ask on behalf of Father Edward?

ALL: **The Rite of Christian Burial.**

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE - Peter Wright

### PLACING OF CHRISTIAN AND PRIESTLY SYMBOLS

#### LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE - Michael McKenzie

BISHOP: In Baptism, Ted received the light of Christ.  
This light has guided him through his life.

ALL: **May this light now lead him into eternal life.**



#### SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER - ?

BISHOP: In the Waters of Baptism, Ted died with Christ and  
rose with Him into Eternal Life.

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



**PLACING OF WHITE PALL - Peter and John Wright**

**BISHOP:** On the day of his Baptism, Ted was clothed in Christ and given Christian dignity for ever.

**ALL:** **May Christ now enfold him in his love and bring him to eternal life.**



**PLACING OF LIFE SYMBOLS - Great nieces & nephews**

Order of Australia Medal, Book of the Gospels, Stoll, Rosary, Chalice and Paten, Ordination booklet.



**PLACING OF BOOK OF THE GOSPELS**

**BISHOP:** At his diaconate ordination, Ted was presented with the book of the gospels to proclaim the message of salvation.

**ALL:** **May Ted hear the words of everlasting life today.**



**PLACING OF THE STOLE**

**BISHOP:** Fr Ted 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 THE CHALICE AND PATEN**

**BISHOP:** At his priestly ordination, Fr Ted was handed the chalice and paten to offer the mystery of the Lord's cross.

**ALL:** **May Ted enjoy the heavenly feast with all the saints.**



COLLECT PRAYER

*Please stand*

BISHOP SHANE:

Let us pray.  
Hear with favour our prayers  
Which we humbly offer, O Lord  
for the salvation of the soul of Ted  
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.

*Please sit*

**ALL: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

#### A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH 25:6-10

PETER MULQUEEN:

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow.  
Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and byways.  
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. *Refrain ...*

Text: based on Ps 23 (22) © 1981 Brian Boniwell (b. 1949) Tune: B. Boniwell

SECOND READING

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO TIMOTHY 4:6b-8**

CORALIE SOFI:

The time for my departure is near. I have fought the 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 to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The word of the Lord.

**ALL:      Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand*

**SUNG: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord,  
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation  
of the world.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 5:1-12**

DEACON JACKSON SAUNDERS

The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went onto the mountain And when he was seated his disciples came to him, Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: How blessed are the poor in spirit: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs. Blessed are the gentle: they shall have the earth as inheritance. Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness: they shall have their fill. Blessed are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God: Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be recognised as children of God, Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs. Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



HOMILY

*Please sit*

REV FR. ANDREW FEWINGS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

BISHOP:

Let 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.

DANAE NAPIER:

In baptism Uncle Ted received the light of Christ. Let us pray that God will now scatter the darkness and lead him over the waters of death. We pray that his example of love, selflessness & generosity lives on in all who loved and knew him. Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

LUKE SOFI:

Lord we give thanks and pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Shane, our fellow priests and all religious people, who devote their lives to spreading the Gospel message. May they continue to serve God's people through their ministry. Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer,**

KAREN BRYANT:

That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life, especially Uncle Ted's parents Harold and Elsie, his brothers Harold Jnr, Kevin, Ray, Ian & Allan. Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

BARRY STEVENS:

That the Lord Jesus that blesses those who mourn and are in pain



will look upon Ted's family, especially his sisters Mary & Margaret, his brother priests, his parishioners and all relatives & friends who gather around him today. Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

CAROLYN HARTE:

We pray for the doctors, nurses and carers from the Bendigo Health Hospital and Mercy Heath Bethlehem Aged Care, who have cared for Uncle Ted during his time of illness. Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

MAXINE CHIPPENDALE:

We pray for peace in our lives and in our world. May our coming together today in honour of Uncle Ted, strengthen our commitment to peace & justice. Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

BISHOP:

God our Father, we ask You to receive our prayers in faith, hope and love for Ted as he comes to share in the joy of the Resurrection, hear the prayers we offer for Fr Ted and for all our departed brothers and sisters. Grant them peace and the fullness of redemption through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

**THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE**

presented by - MARIE FLYNN AND MAUREEN SYMONS

COMMUNION HYMN

**AS GENTLE AS SILENCE**

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence



of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see has been given to me,  
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment  
has been blessed by the strength of his love.  
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,  
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence  
and I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame,  
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

Text & melody: Estelle White (1925-2011) © McCrimmon Publishing

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREFACE

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

BISHOP: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

BISHOP: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right and just.**

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**SUNG: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



## ACCLAMATION OF FAITH

BISHOP: The Mystery of Faith

**SUNG: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

**Great Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BISHOP: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church,  
And graciously grant her peace and unity  
In accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

BISHOP: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

BISHOP: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## 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.



## COMMUNION HYMN

### I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father beckons.

*Refrain:* And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live for ever,  
you shall live for ever.? *Refrain ...*

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you. *Refrain ...*

I am the resurrection,  
I am the life,  
if you believe in me,  
even though you die,  
you shall live for ever. *Refrain ...*

Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come  
into the world. *Refrain ...*



## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

### **ISAIAH 49: I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU**

I will never forget you, my people;  
I have carved you on the palm of my hand.  
I will never forget you;  
I will not leave you orphaned.  
I will never forget my own.

Does a mother forget her baby?  
Or a woman the child within her womb?  
Yet even if these forget,  
yes, even if these forget,  
I will never forget my own.

Text and Music: Carey Landry © 1975 C. Landry and New Dawn Music

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please 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 Ted, your servant and priest,  
Who faithfully ministered in your Church  
May exult for ever in your sight,  
Through Christ our Lord..

**All: Amen.**

## RITE OF COMMENDATION

### COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

**BISHOP:** Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Father Frank 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 him 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.

## SONG OF FAREWELL

### **SAINTS OF GOD**

CANTOR: Saints of God, come to his aid!  
Come to mee him, angels of the Lord!

**ALL: Refrain: 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. *Refrain*

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

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## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

BISHOP: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend Ted 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 on Ted 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 with our brother for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**



## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain ...*

and when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain ...*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *Refrain ...*

Text: Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989) Verses 1-3 based on Carl Gustaf Boberg (1859-1941)  
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## POSTLUDE

### FUGUE IN EB (BWV 552II) BY J. S. BACH (1685-1750)

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## HYMN AT THE CEMETERY

All are asked to gather at the hearse at the White Hills Memorial Cemetery, Corner of Holdsworth Road and Plumridge Street, White Hills where the following hymn will be sung, led by the Priests of Sandhurst:

### **SALVE REGINA**

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 Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,  
Nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.  
O Clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.



*Following interment at the White Hill Memorial Cemetery,  
you are invited to refreshments at the  
Botanical Hotel Bendigo, 555 Napier Street, White Hills.*





“I have tried to give a good example in everything – that’s the most you can do.”

*Rev. Fr. Ted Harte*

*On receiving his Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the Catholic Church in Australia, and to the community, 2018.*







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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST

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