

AN IRISH BLESSING

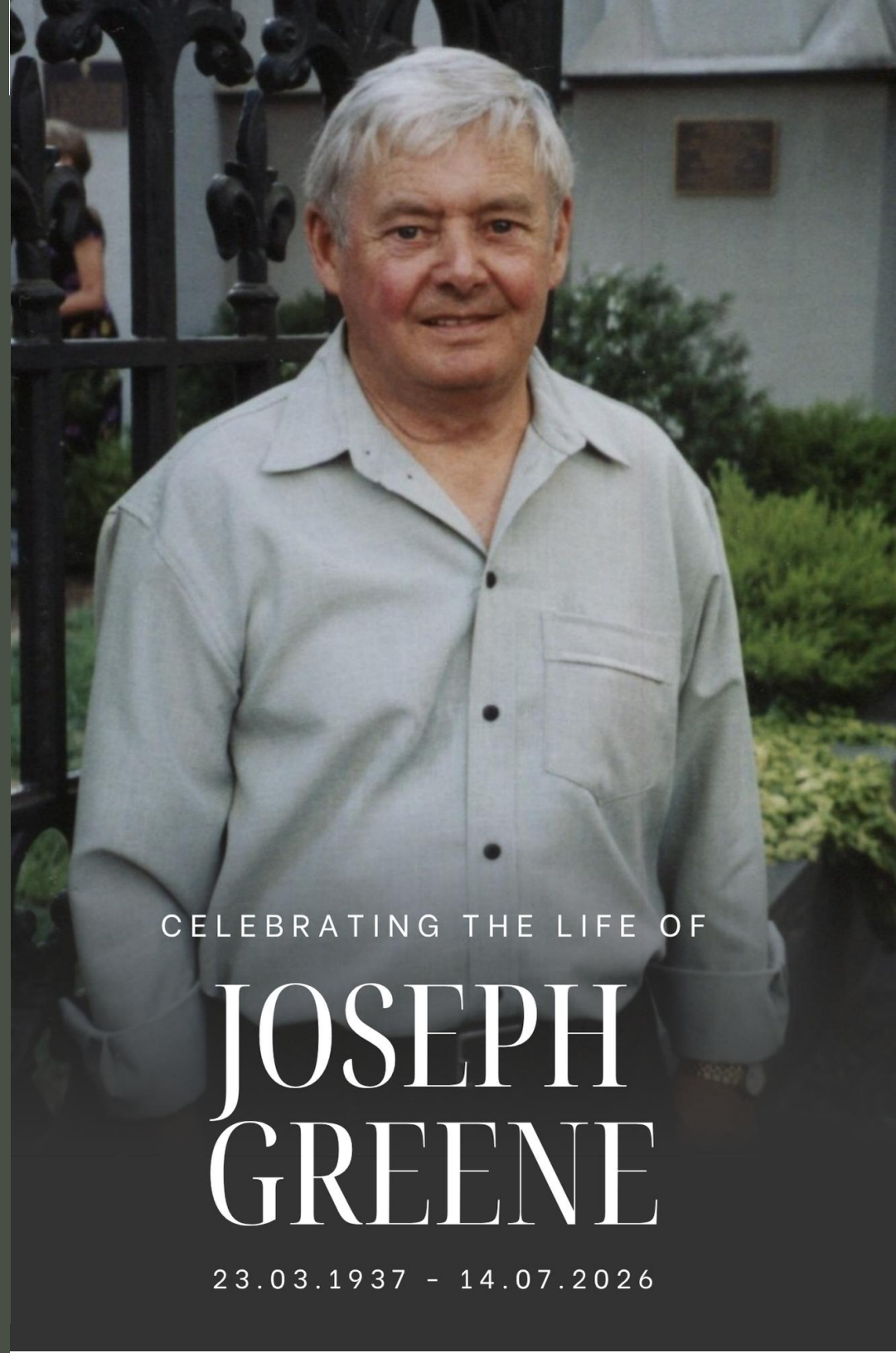
MAY THE ROAD RISE TO
MEET YOU,
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AT YOUR BACK.
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM
UPON YOUR FACE,
THE RAINS FALL SOFT UPON
YOUR FIELDS.
AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,
MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE
HALLOW OF HIS HAND.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

JOSEPH
GREENE

23.03.1937 - 14.07.2026



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come as You Are by Deidre Brown

GREETING

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.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER: Fr. Jacob Alvares

In the waters of baptism, Joseph died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with Him in eternal glory.

ALL: Amen

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE: Briony Greene

In baptism Joseph received the light of Christ. That light has guided him throughout his life. May it now lead him into eternal life

ALL: Amen

PLACING OF THE PALL: Diane Greene and Wendy Fall

At his baptism Joseph 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 THE SYMBOLS:

- The Irish Flag-*the land of his birth; Bec Greene*
- The Australian Flag-*new opportunities; Lachlan Hill (accompanied by Simon Hill)*
- Western Bulldogs Jumper-*passion for all things sport; Jagger Greene (accompanied by Ashlee Greene)*
- Waverley Blues Life Membership-*community volunteer; Ella Searle*
- Antioch Cross-*parish and church community; Sadie Searle (accompanied by Tash Searle)*
- Family Photograph-*family and friends; Diane Greene*

St. Christophers Catholic Church

Doon Ave, Glen Waverley

Celebrant

Fr Jacob Peter Alvares, SAC

Concelebrant

Fr Pat Jackson, SAC

Undertakers

Selwyn Allen Funerals

EULOGY: Chris and Matthew Greene

OPENING PRAYER

To you, O Lord, we humbly entrust Joseph, so precious in your sight. Take him into your arms and welcome him into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your son and the Holy Spirit, God forever and forever.

ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*)

Read by: Sharon Smith

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:

A time for giving birth, a time for dying;
a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.

A time for killing, a time for healing;
a time for knocking down, a time for building.

A time for tears, a time for laughter;
a time for mourning, a time for dancing.

A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up;
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.

A time for searching, a time for losing;
a time for keeping, a time for throwing away.

A time for tearing, a time for sewing;
a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.

A time for loving, a time for hating;
a time for war, a time for peace.

What does a man gain for the efforts that he makes? I contemplate the task that God gives mankind to labour at.

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Sung)

I have loved you by Michael Joncas

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand to welcome the Gospel:

ALL: 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!

GOSPEL (*Matthew 5:1-12*)

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 up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you 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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant:

My dear friends, God is tender and merciful. Let us turn to the Lord who hears the cry of those in need.

Amy Greene:

For Joe: may he be held in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. We pray to the Lord:

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Tom Greene:

For all of us, Joe's family and friends: may we be comforted in our grief as we continue to support each other as we share memories of him.

We pray to the Lord:

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Melissa Searle:

Grandpa led a life full of love, giving and compassion for others. May his generosity of spirit and selflessness inspire us in our own lives.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Autumn Greene:

For those who care for others: that they may be given your strength and patience and be blessed for their kindness and compassion. We pray to the Lord:

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ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Erin Smith:

For the parish community of St Christopher's, which was such a cherished and significant part of Joe's life, that as they continue to do God's work, they may be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

We pray to the Lord:

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Paul Smith:

For those who suffer pain in mind or body: may they never feel alone.

We pray to the Lord:

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Caitlin Smith:

For all who have completed this earthly journey and entered eternal life: may they see Christ face to face in glory. We pray to the Lord:

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Loving God, your Son Jesus has given us the hope of eternal life in you. Hear the prayers we offer for Joseph and grant him your lasting peace. Comfort us in our sadness and give us renewed hope. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Our gifts are brought forward to the altar by Samantha Searle and Peter Tonkes

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Here I am Lord* by Dan Schutte

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Joseph Greene, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

DOXOLOGY

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

The Communion Rite

LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

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.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**ALL: 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

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

During Communion, if you are not a Catholic or not receiving Holy Communion, you are most welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your wish by crossing both arms in front of you.

COMMUNION HYMN:

One Bread, One Body by John Foley

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our brother Joseph may come to the eternal table of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

THE FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer

With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of our brother John Cortes to be laid to rest in its human imperfection.

Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things that He will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and company of the saints. May God give him a merciful judgment and forgive him all his sins. May Christ, the good shepherd, lead him safely home to be at peace with God our Father. And may he be happy forever with all the saints in the presence of the eternal King.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our Brother Joseph Greene
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 Joseph 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 forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

In peace let us take Joseph to his place of rest.
May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

RECESSIONAL SONG

Special thanks to Father Jacob, Father Pat, and the St Christopher's community who helped make this such a loving, caring and memorable mass.

You are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments in the church foyer following Mass and then to Waverley Blues Football Netball Club, Charles Street Mount Waverley, to continue sharing memories of Joe.