

A Beautiful Life



JOHN (SPEED) MCBETH

13th May 1938 – 8th July 2026

Requiem Mass offered at
St. Mary's Catholic Parish,
Malvern East

Thursday 16 July 2026
2:00pm

Celebrant
Fr. Michael Gallacher

Welcome

Fr Gallacher

Words of Remembrance

Julie McBeth

Photo Reflection

Time To Say Goodbye

– Andrea Bocelli & Sarah Brightman

Entrance Hymn

Panis Angelicus

Samantha Seconnino

Anthony Sonogo *(stand)*

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

All: Amen.

Greeting

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: In the waters of baptism, John died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him in eternal glory. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant that through this mystery your servant John, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen. (sit)

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 25: 6-9
Cheryl Adams

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Andrew McBeth

All: The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.

Andrew: 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.

All: The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.

Andrew: 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.

All: The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.

Andrew: You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of
 my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my
 cup is overflowing.

All: The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.

Andrew: Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all
 the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I
 dwell for ever and ever.

All: The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.

(stand)

Acclamation

John 14: 6

All: Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one
can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14: 1-6

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled;
trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my
Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am
going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and
prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that
where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place
where I am going."

Thomas said: "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so
how can we know the way?"

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can
come to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (sit)

Homily

Father Gallacher

Prayers of the Faithful

(stand)

Celebrant: For our brother John let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Reader: We pray for the nurses and staff at Cabrini in Malvern, whose loving care and support were most appreciated. May they continue to help those who need them. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all those who ministered to, cared for and supported John. May God continue to enrich their love and devotion to others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray that all those here will be granted peace, love, good friends and good health. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For Lorraine and the family, Lord, we pray that they will be comforted and strengthened during this time. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask you this through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

Offertory Procession

Offertory Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Samantha Seconnino

Anthony Sonogo

Preparation of Offerings

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, 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. (*stand*)

Prayer Over The Offerings

Celebrant: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant John, 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.

Preface

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

Celebrant: 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, and 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. *(kneel)*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: 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. *(stand)*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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.

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

All: And with your spirit.

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

Breaking of 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. *(kneel)*

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.

Communion Hymn

Ave Maria
Samantha Seconnino
Anthony Sonego

Prayer After Communion

(stand)

Celebrant: 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 John may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Final Commendation

Celebrant: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. 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.

Song of Farewell

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

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

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother John, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day. Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you into the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us take our brother to his place of rest.

Recessional Song

March of the Bobcats
Bob Crosby

Acknowledgment

The family sincerely thank you for your prayers,
love and support during this time.

Your presence here today is a great comfort
and is deeply appreciated.

Following the service, you are
warmly invited to join the family
for light refreshments at the
East Malvern RSL Club & Bistro,
Stanley Grose Dr, Malvern East.



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