



IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF
PETER PHILLIPS-REES



16 FEBRUARY 1941 – 19 JULY 2026
12.00PM - THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING

HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness

TRIBUTES

Susan Phillips-Rees

Anthony Gunter

Richard Laney

A LIFE IN PHOTOS

READINGS

Psalm 23

Gospel of Saint John

THE HOMILY

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

'Clair de Lune' by Claude Debussy

PARTING

An Irish Blessing

REFLECTION

'Pie Jesu' by Gabriel Fauré

HYMN

Now thank we all our God

GATHERING

Please stand as the bells ring.

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation be with you.
And also with you.

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS



Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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*Susan Phillips-Rees
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A LIFE IN PICTURES

A photographic tribute to a life well-lived.

READINGS

Psalm 23

Read by Susan Freeman

The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not want.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me forth beside still waters.

He shall convert my soul, * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely¹ thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Gospel of Saint John

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

Gospel of St. John 14:1-4, 27

The Homily

By The Reverend Father John Baldock, Vicar of Christ Church, South Yarra.

THE PRAYERS

A Commendation

In thanksgiving

For those who mourn

Ourselves

The Lord's 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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome to share Communion today.

An Irish Blessing

Read by Lynne Phillips-Rees

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home
And may the hand of a friend always be near.

May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the skies above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.

REFLECTION

'Pie Jesu' by Gabriel Fauré sung by Lily Flynn

The coffin is sprinkled with water as a reminder that Peter was washed clean in baptism and then censured with incense, as our prayers and thoughts of Peter rise to the heavens.

REMEMBERING

Please join in the response..

We will remember him.

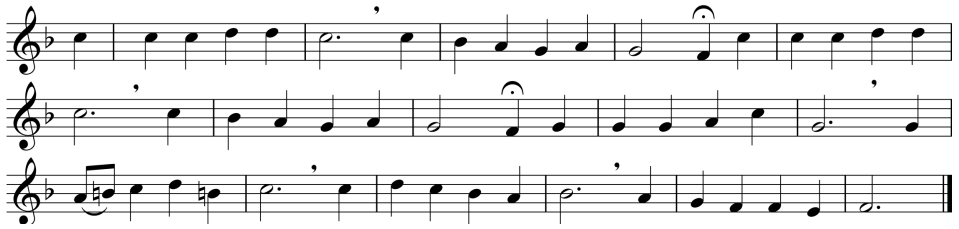
The Blessing

May Christ the good shepherd
enfold you with love, fill you with peace,
and lead you in hope, to the end of your days;
and the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to Peter, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon him.

† And may the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy and love of God, rest in peace,
and rise in glory. **Amen.**

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD



Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Holy Ghost,
one Lord in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

With thanks to

Fr. John Baldock - *Celebrant*

Lily Flynn - *Soloist*

Yi-Shuen Chan – *Organ and piano*

You are all invited to join for a wake in The Old Vicarage to celebrate Peter's life.



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