

Funeral Prayers in Thanksgiving
for the life of

Stanley Joseph Graham

17th June 1942 ~ 10th September 2026



St. Patrick's Catholic Church,
Dalny Road, Murrumbena

Tuesday 22nd September 2026
12.00 pm

Rev'd Fr. Siby John SAC

Order of Service

Introductory Rites

Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Priest: In the waters of baptism Stanley died with Christ
and rose with him to new life. May he now share
with him eternal glory.

Lighting of Pascal Candle Tandra Osborne

Fr Siby: In Baptism, Stanley received the light of Christ.
This light had guided him through his life.

All: **May it now lead him into eternal life.**

Placing of The Pall Matthew and Rohan Graham

Priest: On the day of his Baptism Stanley was clothed in
Christ and given a Christian dignity forever.

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

Invitation to Prayer

Priest: My brothers and sisters, we have come together to renew our trust in Christ who, by dying on the cross, has freed us from eternal death and, by rising, has opened for us the gates of heaven. Let us pray for our brother, that he may share in Christ's victory, and let us pray for ourselves, that the Lord may grant us the gift of his loving consolation.

Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Grant that through this mystery your servant Stanley, who has gone to his rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: Eternal God, you made the union of man and woman a sign of the bond between Christ and the Church. Grant mercy and peace to Stanley, who was united in love with his wife. May the care and devotion of his life on earth find a lasting reward in heaven. Look kindly on his family as now they turn to your compassion and love. Strengthen their faith and lighten their loss.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of The Word

First Reading

Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9

Sue Graham

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

You have been taught that when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd,
 there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures; where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me; to revive my drooping spirit.

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd,
 there is nothing I shall want.

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.

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd,
 there is nothing I shall want.

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

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.

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.

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

All: Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia,
I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord,
He who believes in Me will not die forever.
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

There are many rooms in my father's house. 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.

Homily

General Intercessions

Nicholas Graham

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader: For Stanley who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our brother who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the mourners: For the family and friends of our brother Stanley, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God, our shelter, and our strength, you listen in love 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 this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Priest: 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 again when the Love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Eulogy

Kirra Warren

Photo Tribute

Silence

All pray in silence.

Signs of Farewell

The coffin may now be sprinkled with holy water and incensed.

Song of Farewell

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.**

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.**

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

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our brother Stanley 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 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.

Procession to the place of Committal

Priest: 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

Conclusion – Prayer over the People

Priest: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.
Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the
sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the
humble. Hear your people who cry out to you in
their need and strengthen their hope in your lasting
goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

All: **And let perpetual light shine upon him.**

Priest: May he rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: May his soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: May the peace of God, which is beyond all
understanding, keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father,
and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

The Graham family wish to thank you
most sincerely for your
attendance here today.

Your expressions of sympathy
and support have been a great
comfort to them at this time.

If able please join the family
for refreshments at Fabrica
1 / 16 Charlton Avenue, Cheltenham,
after Stanley's burial.



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