



Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of

THOMAS FIDELIS HAWKINS

3 July 1929 – 12 September 2025

Requiem Mass offered at
St Scholastica's Catholic Church
348 Burwood Hwy, Bennettswood



23 September 2025



Celebrant
Father Viknesh Thanislaus MGL

Musician and Vocalist
Music For Funerals

Entrance Hymn

(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 have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

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 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
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

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

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

All: Amen.

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 Father Viknesh

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

Lighting of the Paschal Candle Bethany Blake

Placing of the Pall

David, Stephen, Janet
and Tom Hawkins

Eulogy

David and Tom Hawkins

Opening Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, in whom all find shelter we trust in the power of your endless love; take Tom 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 forever and ever.

All: Amen. (Sit)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 25: 6–9

Lisa Somerville

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
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

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial psalm

Psalm 26(27): 1, 4, 7–9, 13–14

Michele Hawkins

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help.

whom shall, I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life.

before whom shall I shrink?

Response

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,

for this I long,

to live in the house of the Lord,

all the days of my life,

to savour the sweetness of the Lord,

to behold his temple.

Response

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;

have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:

‘Seek his face.’

Response

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;

hide not your face.

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness

in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

Response

Second Reading

Romans 6: 3–9

Kathy Hawkins

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

Do you not realise that all of us who were baptised into Christ
Jesus were baptised into his death?

By our baptism into his death we were buried with him,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory,
we too might live a new life.

If we have been joined to him by dying a death like his,
so we shall be by a resurrection like his.

Our old self was crucified with him
so that the sinful body might be destroyed,
and we might be freed from the slavery of sin.

When a person dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

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 anymore.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Stand)

Sung: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
 I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
 whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
 Alleluia, alleluia, 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 Viknesh

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: For our brother Tom 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.

Russell We pray for Tom, who in baptism was given the
Hawkins: pledge of eternal life: scatter the darkness and lead
 him over the waters of death so that he now be
 admitted to the company of the saints. Lord hear us,
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Russell Tom lived for those he loved and lived his life to
Hawkins: the full. Please let the wonderful memories we
 have of Tom sustain us all in the times ahead.
 Lord hear us,
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Patrick We pray for Tom's family and their partners. His
Hawkins: grandchildren and their partners and great
 grandchildren: that they will grow in the strength
 of love, optimism, generosity and compassion that
 were Tom's life. Lord hear us,
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Patrick We pray for the family and friends of Tom who
Hawkins: mourn, that they may be consoled in their grief by
 the Lord who wept at the death of his friend
 Lazarus. Lord hear us,
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Joseph Tom is now reunited with Margaret and family
Hawkins: who have gone before him. May they and all the
 faithful departed rest in peace. Lord hear us,
All: **Lord hear our prayer**

Joseph Lord, we pray for all the medical staff that looked
Hawkins: after Tom and those like him in in their final days
 that they will continue in their selfless dedication
 to easing pain and providing comfort to those in
 need. 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.

Offertory Procession

Stephen Hawkins and
Jock Alexander

Offertory Hymn

‘How Great Thou Art’

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

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 shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art
Refrain

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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 my 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.

(Please stand)

Prayer over the Offerings

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

We now kneel in prayer and worship as God becomes present on the Altar in the Eucharist. If you are unable to kneel, please sit.

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dew fall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Celebrant: The mystery of faith:

Sung: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again, until you come again.

Celebrant: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Leo our Pope and Peter our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Tom, whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that she who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you will throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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. *(Please stand)*

Communion Rite

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 us 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 forever.

Sign of Peace

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you 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.

We respectfully bow to those around us.

Communion

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. *(Please kneel or sit)*

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.

If you are not a practicing Catholic, we encourage you to still come forward for a blessing. You can indicate this by placing your hand on your heart.

Communion Hymns

Nearer My God To Thee
Amazing Grace

Prayer After Communion

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 Tom 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.

Blessing and Incensing of the Body:

Fragrant incense is used to show reverence to Tom's body, a temple of the Holy Spirit. Our prayers for Tom rise like the incense before God.

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 Tom, 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 forever.

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.

Recessional Hymn

You'll Never Walk Alone - Gerry and the Pacemakers

Pall Bearers

David Hawkins
Stephen Hawkins
Tom Hawkins
Russell Hawkins
Jock Alexander
Ryan Smith

Thank you for attending and helping us
celebrate Tom's / Dad's / Poppy's life.

The burial will be held at Springvale Botanical Cemetery,
and you are all welcome to attend,
with refreshments following at the
Clarence Reardon Function Centre at the cemetery.



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