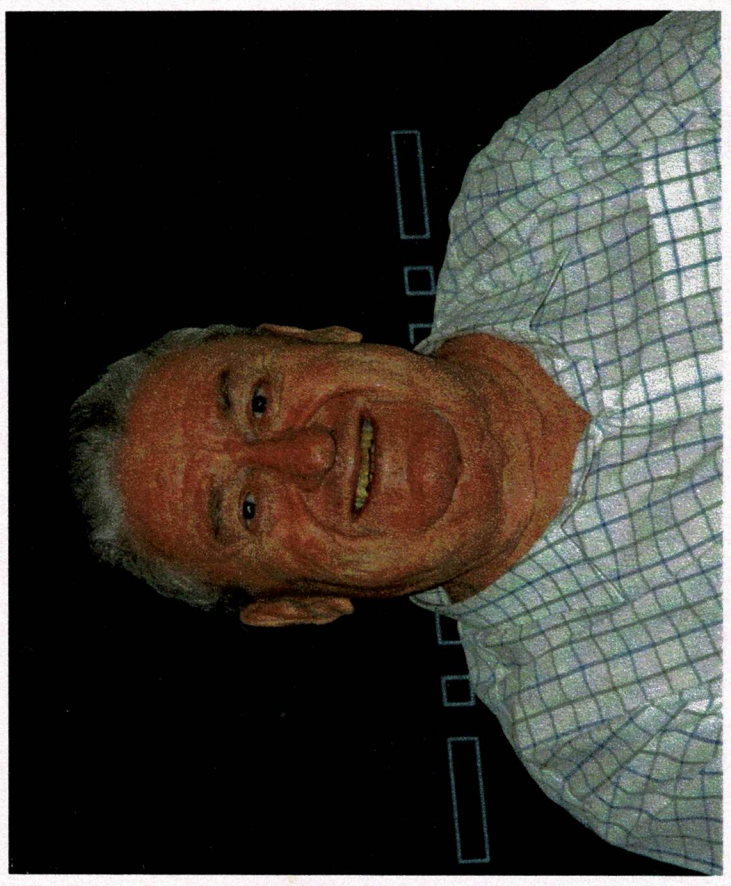


**REQUIEM MASS**  
to celebrate the life of



**PETER LEMON**

30 November 1936 – 14 March 2025  
Church of the Sacred Heart, Murwillumbah  
Thursday 20 March 2025

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Anthony Lemon



*Peter's family thank you for your prayers,  
your expressions of sympathy,  
for your love, support and presence today.*



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*Opening Hymn:* **STRONG AND CONSTANT** Frank Andersen MSC

I will be God who walks with you!  
You will be always within my hand!  
Take your heart and give it all to me!

**Refrain:**

**Strong and constant is my love!**  
**Strong and constant is my love!**

Should you wander far away from me,  
I will search for you in every land!

Should you call, then you will truly know: **R.**

When you know sorrow within your life,  
I will come! I will embrace your heart!

Through your pain you will discover me! **R.**

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### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Greeting*

*Sprinkling of Holy Water & Placing of Christian Symbols*

*Opening Prayer*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

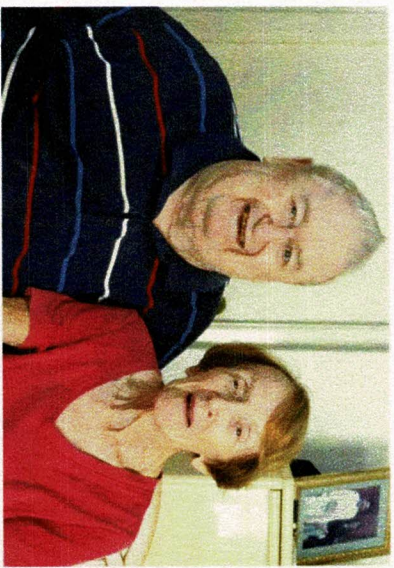
*First Reading*

*A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (3:20-21)*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

The word of the Lord.

*All respond:* **Thanks be to God.**





## THE COMMUNION RITE

*The Lord's Prayer*

*The Sign of Peace*

*The Lamb of God*

**Communion Hymn: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE** Suzanne Toolan SM

I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger,

He who believes in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

**Refrain: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,**

**And I will raise him up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,

And he who eats of this bread,

He shall live forever, he shall live forever. **R.**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the son of Man,

And drink of His blood, and drink of His blood,

You shall not have life within you. **R.**

I am the resurrection, I am the life;

He who believes in me, even if he die, he shall live forever. **R.**

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## THE FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

*Invitation to Prayer*

*Incensation and Sprinkling with Holy Water*

**Song of Farewell** SONG OF FAREWELL Ernest Sands

**Refrain: May the choirs of angels come to greet you.**

**May they speed you to paradise.**

**May the Lord enfold you in His mercy.**

**May you find eternal life.**

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**Response (all): Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.**

*Prayer of Commendation*

*Procession to the place of Committal*

**Recessional Hymn: CATCH A FALLING STAR** Perry Como

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 114 & 115 (116)**

**Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts;

I was helpless so he saved me! **R.**

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

and when I said in my alarm:

'No man can be trusted.' **R.**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;

you have loosed my bonds. **R.**

## **Second Reading**

**A reading from the first letter of St John (3:1-2)**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;

and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed

we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

**All respond: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation – all**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Happy are those who have died in the Lord;

let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.

**Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



## *Gospel*

### *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)*

Jesus said to the 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 respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## *Homily*

### *The Prayer of the Faithful*

**Celebrant:**

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

1. We pray for Peter, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he now be admitted to the company of the saints – Lord, in your mercy.

**Response (all): Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for Peter whose faith sustained him throughout his life - Lord, in your mercy. **Response.**

3. We pray for the family and friends of our brother Peter, that they may find comfort in this time of loss and grief - Lord, in your mercy. **Response.**

4. We pray for the nurses, doctors and carers, and the many who met and loved our dad, we give thanks for your wonderful service and kindness. Lord, in your mercy. **Response.**

5. We pray for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, especially Peter's mum, Clara, whom he never got to know, may they now be reunited in God's love. Lord, in your mercy. **Response.**

6. We pray for all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord, in your mercy.

**Response.**

**Celebrant:**

**God, our shelter and our strength,  
you listen in love to the cry of your people;  
hear the prayers we offer for Peter.  
Bless him with the fullness of life.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Procession:**

**HERE I AM LORD** Dan Schutte SJ

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 who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain: 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 snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **R.**

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## *Preparation of the Gifts*

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Eucharistic Prayer**