



In Loving Memory



James O'Connor

Better known as "Pud"

9th January 1945 ~ 19th March 2023



Sacred Heart, Griffith

Thursday 23rd March 2023



James (Pud) O'Connor

Beloved husband of

Pam

Much loved father & father in law of
Stacey & Tony, Kim & Brian, Jamie & Michelle

Cherished Poppy of

Katherine & Aaron, Roy, Antonia, Emily, Sarah, Ben, Dane & Serena

Loved Big Pop of

Luna, Serafina & Gioia

Loved brother of

Bill, Terry (dec.), Tony & Poss (dec.)

Pallbearers

Jamie O'Connor

Ben O'Connor

Dane O'Connor

Brian Mannell

Tony Catanzariti

Aaron Sergi

Priest

Fr Grace

Organist

Belinda Aventi

Vocalist

Francine Di Lorenzo

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 communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And with your spirit.

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

OPENING PRAYER

PRIEST: O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and
rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant
James, 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PLEASE SIT

Read by Leanne O'Connor

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM

He accepted them as a holocaust

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation;
but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.
God has put them to the test

and proved them worthy to be with him;
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.

When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out;
as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.

They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,
and the Lord will be their king for ever.

They who trust in him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *The Lord is my shepherd* Ps. 23 **(Sung)**

SECOND READING

Read by Ben O'Connor

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE APOCALYPSE

There will be no more death.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.

Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new,' he said. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.'

The word of the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PLEASE STAND

**ALL: Praise and honour to You Lord Jesus Christ.
I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord:
He who believes in me will not die for ever.
Praise and honour to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

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, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

HOMILY

PLEASE SIT

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.

Sarah: For James who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life; that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.
Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Sarah: For James who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day.
Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Serena: For the family and friends of our brother James that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.
Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Serena: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.
Let us 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.

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

PRIEST & 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.**

Words of Remembrance: *Read by Stacey, Kim & Jamie*

Reflection Hymn & photos: *Go Rest High on That Mountain*

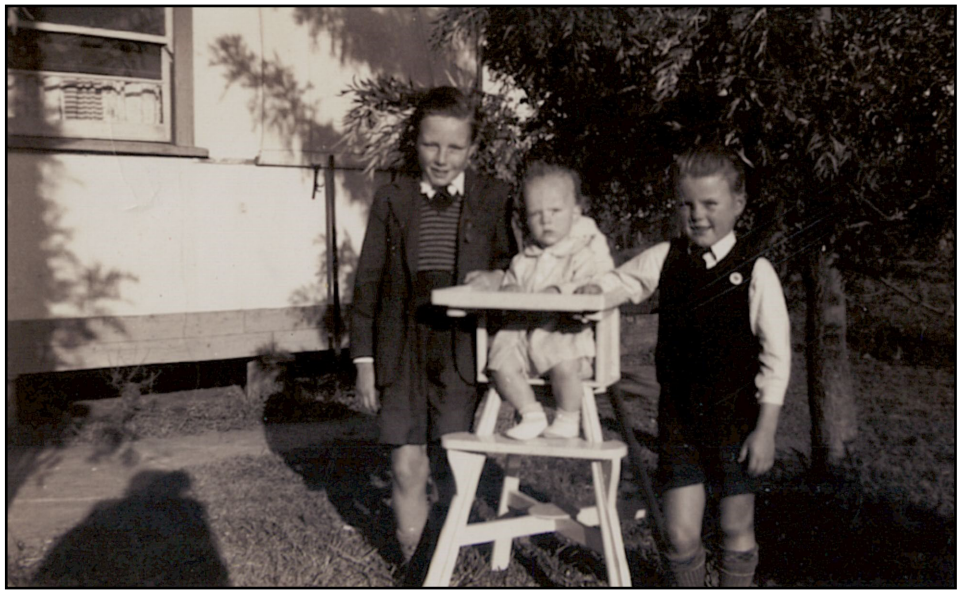
FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jealous of the Angel

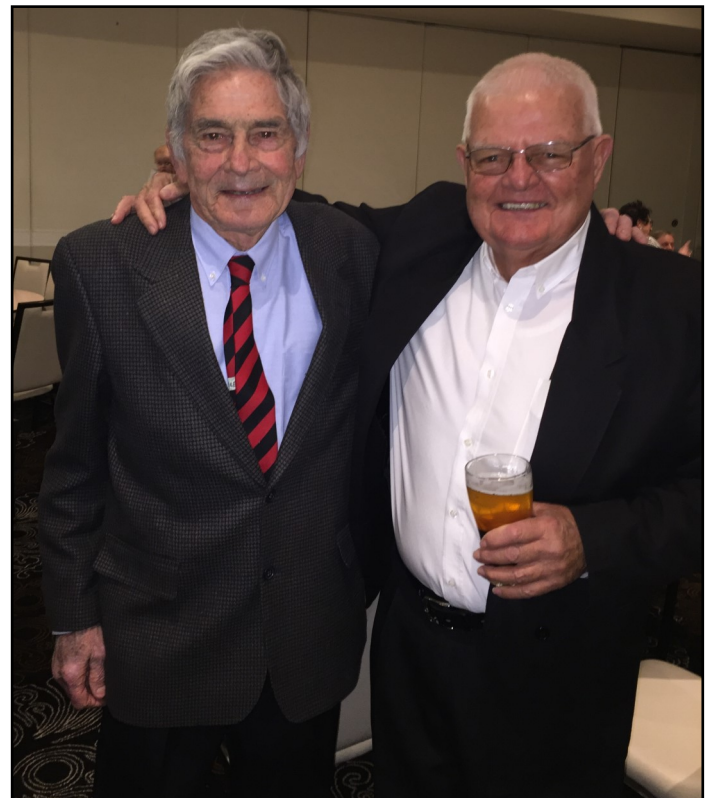
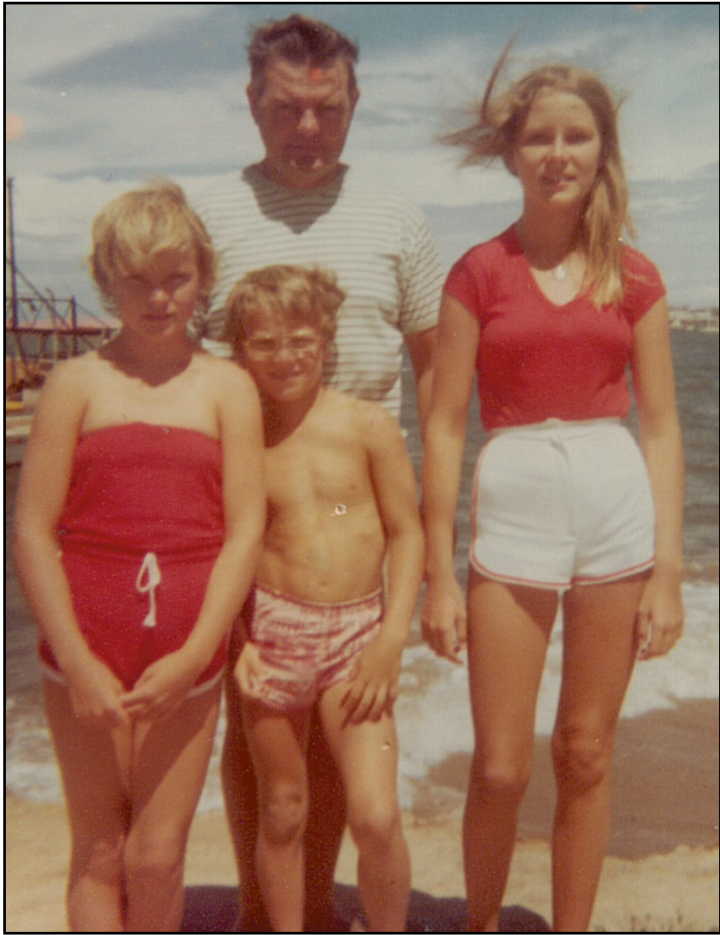


















I pray that I may live to fish...
Until my dying day.
And when it comes
to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray;
When in the Lords great landing
net and peacefully asleep,
That in His mercy I be judged
Big enough to keep.



***The O'Connor Family would like to express their deep gratitude
for your prayers and attendance here today.***

***They would like to invite you to join them for some refreshments
afterwards at the Coro Club.***



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