

# Funeral Mass and Celebration of the Life of



*Kevin Francis Clark*

Born 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1960 - Died 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2024

St Peter's Catholic Church  
Coleambally NSW

23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2024

Priest presider: Father Cyprian Onuorah

*"They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now  
wherever we are."*

-St. John Chrysostom.



# Kevin Francis Clark

Dearly loved husband of

*Kim*

Much loved father and father-in-law of

*Jemma & Dean Pound, Brianna & Paul Blumer  
and Todd & Acacia Clark*

Adored Pop of

*Willow, Harper, Judd, Blake, Jasper,  
Henry, Patrick and Sadie*

Loved son of

*The Late John & Trish Clark*

Brother and brother-in-law of

*Anthony, Margaret & Darrell,  
Phillip & Janine and Darrell & Kym*

Pall Bearers

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| <i>Todd Clark</i>  | <i>Anthony Clark</i> |
| <i>Dean Pound</i>  | <i>Darrell Clark</i> |
| <i>Paul Blumer</i> | <i>Phillip Clark</i> |

## FUNERAL SERVICE - INTRODUCTORY RITES

### FAMILY WELCOME:

**IMAGES OF REMEMBRANCE OF KEVIN'S LIFE:** *'Simply The Best' - Billiane*

*(Please stand)*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** *Amazing Grace Sung by Samantha Jade*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

### GREETING:

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

**ALL: Amen**

Fr Cyprian: 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.**

*(Please sit)*

### PLACING OF SYMBOLS:

*Placing the white pall on the casket:* Jemma and Brianna

Fr Cyprian: At Kevin's baptism he was clothed with Christ symbolized in this white cloth.

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



*Placing sample of produce:* Kim and Todd

Fr Cyprian: Kevin was a good steward of God's creation.

**All: May God the Creator now welcome him home to heaven.**

*Lighting the Paschal Candle:* Acacia

Fr Cyprian: In Baptism Kevin received the light of Christ. This Light illumined his Path and guided him through Life.

**All: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome Kevin into the Kingdom of eternal light and peace.**

*The sprinkling with holy water, a reminder of the waters of baptism:* Anthony

Fr Cyprian: In the waters of baptism Kevin died with Christ and rose with him in glory.

**All: May Kevin now share eternal life with Him in glory.**

OPENING PRAYER: (Fr Cyprian)

*(please stand)*

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother Kevin. In this life you embraced him with your tender love; deliver him now from every evil and bid him enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome Kevin 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 for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*(please sit)*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** Margaret Naseby

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9)

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 people 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;  
God has tested them like gold in a furnace,  
and accepted them as a holocaust.

When the time comes for God's 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 God will understand the truth,  
those who are faithful will live with God in love;  
for grace and mercy await those God has chosen.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE** *Be Still, My Soul* Song by Jean Sibelius - Sung by David Archuleta

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future, as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(please stand)*

**All: Alleluia, alleluia,**

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:**

**whoever believes in me will not die for ever.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** (John. 11:17-27)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

On arriving at Bethany, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come, she went to meet him.

Mary remained sitting in the house.

Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.'

'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.'

Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*(please sit)*

**HOMILY:** Fr Cyprian

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** (Read by Myree, Chris, Tara, Robert, Stephen, Justin)

**Fr Cyprian:** My dear friends, we know that nothing can ever come between us, and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord, so let us pray to our loving God for our needs at this time.

**READER:** For Kevin, our brother and friend. We thank you Lord for Kevin's life, for his love, generosity, strength, kindness, and humour. Reward him for his many gifts to us. May you hold him securely in Your loving embrace, now and for all eternity.

*(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

**ALL** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**READER:** For all of us who grieve the loss of Kevin. We pray especially Kim, Jemma & Dean, Brianna & Paul, Todd and Acacia, Kevin's brothers and sister, the extended family and his many friends. May we be comforted in our grief and strengthened by our faith in the God of life. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

**ALL** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**READER:** For all those family members and friends who have offered tireless and generous support and care for our families during this time of sadness, grief and loss. May they be rewarded with peace and consolation for their service. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

**ALL** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**READER:** For all those who serve the community in times of emergency, paramedics, health professionals, fire fighters and police and emergency services. May all these people be blessed in their service of healing, caregiving, or protection. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

**ALL** Lord, hear our prayer.

**READER:** For seasonable weather, good growth, and bountiful yields for all primary producers. May there be abundant harvests to contribute to the common good of all, and feeding the hungry. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

**ALL** Lord, hear our prayer.

**READER:** For all those we know who have completed this earthly pilgrimage and entered eternal life marked with the sign of faith, especially those of Kevin and Kim's family; Edna, Trish, and John. May they all experience the fullness of eternal life and rise again in glory. *(pause)* We pray to the Lord:

**ALL** Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please stand)*

Fr Cyprian:

With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us offer our prayer to the Father:

**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.  
Amen.

**Fr Cyprian:** Loving God, your Son Jesus has given us the hope of eternal life in you. Hear the prayers we offer for Kevin and grant him your lasting peace. Comfort us in our sadness and give us renewed hope. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**ALL** Amen.

*(Please sit)*

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE:** Read by Darrell Clark and Anthony Clark





## INVITATION TO PRAYER

*(Please stand)*

Fr Cyprian: Before we go our separate ways, let us take our leave of brother Kevin. 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.

SIGNS OF FAREWELL: *(Kevin's coffin is now be sprinkled with holy water and incensed)*

## PRAYER OF FAREWELL

Fr Cyprian: 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

Fr Cyprian: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Kevin,

In the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ,

he will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you have bestowed upon Kevin in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant Kevin 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 forever.

**All: Amen!**

## PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Fr Cyprian: In peace let us take our brother Kevin to his place of rest.

**RECESSIONAL SONG – ‘You Raise Me Up’**











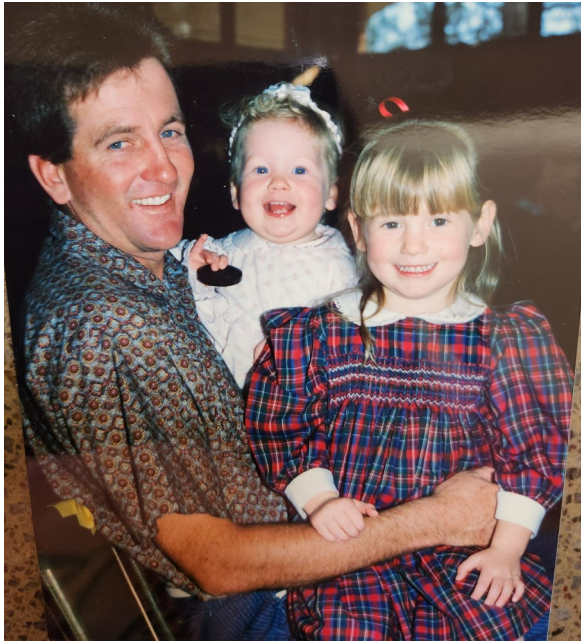




















## THANK YOU

*We would like to sincerely thank every one of you for your presence here and for the love and sympathy you have offered us.*

*Please join the family in sharing memories of Kevin and for light refreshments and drinks at the Coleambally Community Club,  
3 Falcon Rd, Coleambally.*

