



John Charles Thomas Nimmo

2nd February 1950 - 29th April 2024

St Mary's Catholic Church
Lockhart

Tuesday, 7th May 2024

Celebrant: *Fr Doug George*

Special Minister: *Robert Nimmo*

Soloist: *Tess Bubear*

Entrance Hymn

How Great Thou Art

O 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 Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. *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:*

Greeting and Welcome

Fr Doug George:

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

All: Amen.

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.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

by Lachlan Raccanello

Words of Remembrance

Read by Matt Nimmo, Natalie Raccanello,

Lauren Francis, and Lana Williams

Photo Memories

Forever Country

By Artists Then, Now, and Forever

Opening Prayer

Lord, in our grief we turn to you.

Are you not the God of Love
always ready to hear our cries?

Listen to our prayers for your servant John,
whom you have called out to this world:
lead him to your kingdom of light and peace
and count him among the saints in glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

First Reading

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah, read by Lily Nimmo

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. 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 God 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

Read by Bridie Nimmo, and Harry Francis

Response: The Lord is Kind and Merciful

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. *Response:*

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remember that we are dust. *Response:*

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flowers like the flower of the field;
the wind blows and he is gone,
and his place never sees him again. *Response:*

But the love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth. *Response:*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Fr Doug George: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Doug George: 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.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Read by Olivia Raccanello, Henry Williams, Charlie Francis, Zara Williams, and Jasmine Ali

Fr Doug George: We offer our prayers to our loving Father.

For our dear John, who in baptism was given the promise of eternal life, that he now receives a place in the company of the saints.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all of our family and friends, in our grief, may we all find comfort and consolation in togetherness.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our Nana Ros, may she find strength and solace in faith, knowing that our Poppy is now safe in Heaven.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those who cared for Pop, especially all the doctors and nurses, may they feel our deep gratitude and appreciation.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the church, may it continue to proclaim that Jesus Christ gives eternal life to the faithful.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Fr Doug George: Heavenly Father, grant these prayers we make. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Procession

Patrick Williams, George Francis, Joe Ali, and Jake Ali

Offertory Hymn

Here I Am Lord

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?

*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,
Till 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.*

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord,
So that your departed servant John.
may be taken up into glory with your Son,
in whose great mystery of love we are all united.
Through Christ our Lord.

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

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.

For as one alone he accepted death, so that we might all escape from dying;
as one man he chose to die,
so that in your sight we all might live forever.
And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

**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.**

Mystery of Faith

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

One Bread, One Body

*Chorus: One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord*

Gentile or Jew, Servant or free
Woman or man, No more. *Chorus:*

Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord, of all. *Chorus:*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all. *Chorus:*

The Prayer
By Anthony Callea

Prayer after Communion

May the sacrifice of your Church, we pray, O Lord,
benefit the soul of your servant John.

so that he, who received
the Sacrament of Christ's mercy,
may enter his company, together with your Saints.
Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Prayer of Commendation

Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our brother John,
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 bestowed upon John in this life:
they are signs to us of your goodness
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord,
turn towards 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 again in Christ
and are with you and with our brother for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Song of Farewell

Saints of God, come to his aid,
come 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 Abraham's side!

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.

Recessional Hymn

Ave Maria

Pallbearers

*Matt Nimmo, Tom Nimmo, Paul Francis,
Justin Williams, Gavin Raccanello, and Samuel Raccanello*



John's family Ros, Matt, Natalie, Lauren and Lana would like to thank you all for your kindness and expressions of sympathy during this very sad time.

Following the service, please join the family at the Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club, Green Street for light refreshments and sharing of memories you have of John.