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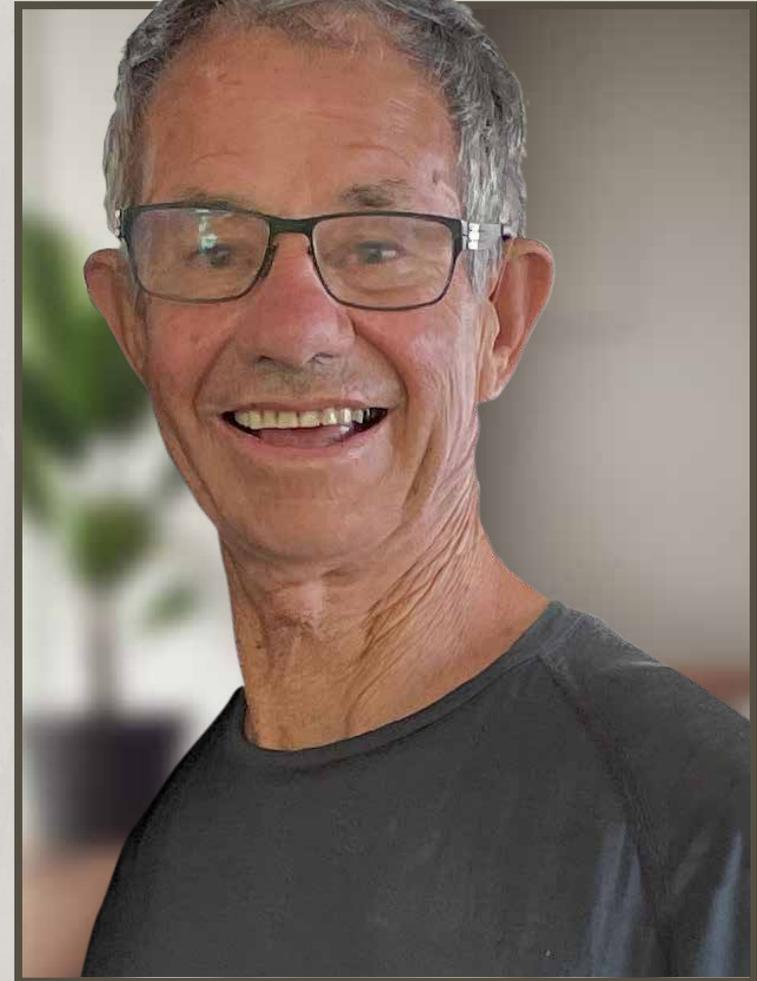
After Mass, you are warmly invited to join us at St John's Anglican Church Hall, 91 George Street for refreshments and sharing of stories.

There will be a private cremation.

Please sign the Memorial Book as a record of attendance. Donations to St Vincent de Paul Society may also be left in the box in the foyer.



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A REQUIEM MASS TO CELEBRATE
THE LIFE OF

John Douglas Brier

5 August 1949 – 12 November 2022

**St Patrick's Catholic Church, Te Awamutu
Friday 18th November at 11.30am**

Celebrant
Fr Joe Stack

Musician
Theresa Goulding

Pallbearers into the Church

Megan Henderson, Chloe Henderson, Ronan Brier, Niamh Brier
Angus Brier, Emily Brier, Sofia Brier, and Georgia Brier

Pallbearers out of the Church

Kelly Henderson, Gerard Brier, Daniel Brier, Robert Brier
Veronica Briggs, and Josh Henderson



John will arrive to "Here Comes The Sun" sung by the Beatles.

Opening 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?

*Refrain: Here I am Lord, is it I Lord? I have you heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord, if you lead me; I will hold your people in my heart.*

Please be seated.

Holy Communion

If it is not your usual practice to receive Communion in the Catholic Church you are very welcome to come forward and ask for a blessing if you wish to do so.

Minister of Holy Communion: Allan MacManus

Communion Hymns

He is Lord

He is Lord. He is Lord.
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bend, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Strong and Constant

I will be your God who walks with you, you will be always within my hand.
Take your heart and give it all to me. Strong and constant is my love (x2).

Should you wander far away from me, I will search for you in every land.
Should you call then you will truly know. Strong and constant is my love (x2).

When you know sorrow within your life I will come, I will embrace your heart
Through your pain you will discover me. Strong and constant is my love (x2).

Final Commendation

Response: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

*As John is carried from the Church, we listen to
'Going Home: Theme of the Local Hero' by Mark Knopfler.*



Holy Holy

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.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your death O Lord,
and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Amen

Please stand.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

(Pause)

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God

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 be seated or kneel.

Prayer before Communion

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

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? *Refrain...*

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? *Refrain...*

Opening Prayer: Fr Joe Stack

Tribute in memory of John: Gerard Brier and Dan Brier

Special Things

*Jordie Briggs, Connor Briggs, Zara Briggs, Reuben Brier, Grace Brier,
and Mia Brier will present some things that were special to John.*

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Read by Rob Brier

Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You will see the face of God and live.
Be not afraid, I go before you always,
Come—follow Me, and I will give you rest.

Liturgy Of Eucharist

If you pass through raging waters in the sea: you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.
Be not afraid, I go before you always,
Come—follow Me, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn for one day you shall laugh.
And if others shame, insult and hate you all because of Me,
Blessed, blessed are you.
Be not afraid, I go before you always,
Come—follow me, and I will give you rest.

Second Reading: St Paul's letter to the Corinthians 5:1-6

Read by Veronica Briggs

Response: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to greet the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-10 'The Beatitudes'

Proclaimed by Fr Joe

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Fr Joe Stack

Prayers of the Faithful

Luke Brier, Mia Brier, Grace Brier, Reuben Brier, Zara Briggs,
and Connor Briggs

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presentation of the Gifts

Evan Brier and Maree O'Brien will bring forward the bread and wine to be consecrated at Eucharist.

Offertory Hymn: Gentle as Silence

Oh the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth
All the beauty I see, He has given to me
And His giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
Has been blessed by the strength of His love
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side
And His touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence
And I've walked other paths other ways
But I've called on His name, In the dark of my shame
And His mercy was gentle as silence.

Prayers during Eucharist

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.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.