

Anglican Parish of St Peter's by the Lake
Paynesville

Requiem Eucharist commemorating the life of



The Reverend James William Reeves

“Father Jim”

23rd April, 2026

The Right Rev'd Dr Richard Treloar

Rev'd Dennis Webster



60th Anniversary of Priesting
21 December, 2026

Processional and Gathering

During the Processional Hymn, members of Jim's family will light the Paschal Candle, place items that represent Jim's passions on a table, and a colleague in ministry, Fr Mal Crawley, will place symbols of Jim's priestly ministry on the coffin.

*The light of Christ
has come into the world
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Verse 1
We must all be born again
to see the Kingdom of God
The water and the Spirit
bring new life in God's love

Verse 2
God gave up His only Son
out of love for the world
So that all who believe
in Him will live forever

Verse 3
The light of God has come to us
so that we might have salvation
From the darkness of our sins
we walk into glory with Christ Jesus

Bishop Richard begins:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Christ is Risen. Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Rev'd Dennis, as Officiant, continues

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Lord you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

O worthy and eternal Judge,
do not let the pains of death
turn us away from you at our last hour.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

The Bishop:

Almighty God,
whose your Apostle Paul has assured us
that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us
from the love of your Son
in this world or the next:
✠ pardon and forgive the sins of all who are penitent,
cleansing us in newness of life.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

O God, the maker and redeemer of all,
grant us, with your servant Jim
and all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection;
that in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading Romans 8.31 - end Read by Christine

Psalm 116

- 1 I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.
- 2 **The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held.**
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

**10 How shall I repay the Lord
for all the benefits he has given to me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.

**12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.

**14 O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

**16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Gospel The Hon Parish Deacon, Rev'd Sue Newcombe, reads the Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John 14.1-6a
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Family Tribute (Del)

Reflection (Fr Jeff Berger)

The Ministry of Prayer (Kaye Thurbon)

Let us pray.

The response to the bidding, In your mercy, is Hear us through your
Son, we pray: is Hear us, Lord.
Hear us through your Son, we pray:
Hear us, Lord.

At the end of the prayers:

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to
make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in
the midst of them:

**Fulfill now, O Lord,
our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

All stand, and the Bishop addresses the people.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body on the Cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

1 God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!

2 There is a flowing river,
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her —
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at his presence —
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!

3 Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of his deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
uplift him in the nations —
God the Lord of hosts
is with us evermore!

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God of mercy,
accept the worship we offer you this day.
Increase, we pray, our faith,
deepen our hope,
and confirm us in your eternal love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life, and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.

With all your saints

we give you thanks and praise.

Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading.

With all your saints

we give you thanks and praise.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with Jim, together with Margaret and Stephen,
and all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

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.

The prayer continues...

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

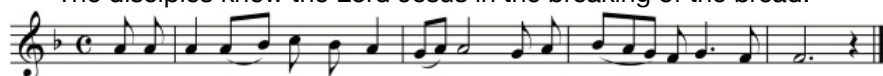
Christ will come again.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,
Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen.

This is the bread which has come down from heaven.
Those who eat this bread will live for ever.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.



The dis - ci - ples — knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,
 is the communion of the body of Christ. *Response*

We are one body, alleluia,
 for though many we share one bread. *Response*

Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:
Grant him, O Lord, rest eternal.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

At St Peter's by the Lake, everyone is welcome to the Lord's table, not just the Church. Bread has been prepared and blessed. If you wish to receive the chalice, move to either side of the celebrant.

Post Communion

Lord of life and death,
 we thank you that in your great love
 you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly banquet
 prepared for all your saints.
 Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death may be to us
 a comfort in affliction,
 a firm assurance of his resurrection,
 and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom
 where death and sorrow are no more,
 but all things are made new. Amen.

At the Censing of the Coffin

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend your servant Jim.
For you are gracious and full of compassion.

A priest of your Church for sixty years,
faithful in your service.

In the Dioceses of Wangaratta, North Queensland, Brisbane and
 Gippsland,
a shepherd among your people.

In places of freedom, and in places of confinement,
a bearer of your light.

At your altar he stood,
to proclaim your Gospel and break the bread of life.

In the company of the poor, the forgotten, and the imprisoned,
he served Christ in them.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
have mercy on your servant.

You called him to follow you,
receive him into your presence.

You sustained him in ministry,
grant him now your rest.

You fed him with your Body and Blood.
Bring him to the table of your kingdom.

For you alone are the resurrection and the life,
and in you, and none other, is our hope.

To you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop then sprinkles the coffin with Holy Water.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our brother Jim
 by water and the Spirit.

**Grant that his death may recall to us your victory
 over death, and be an occasion for us**

The Bishop leads the Prayer of Commendation

Let us entrust our brother Jim to the mercy of God.

Silence may be kept.

Holy and loving Father,
 by your mighty power you gave us life,
 and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.
We entrust Jim to your merciful keeping:
 in the faith of Jesus Christ,
 who died and rose again to save us,
 and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
 in glory for ever. Amen.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God most Holy, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord,
let light perpetual shine up on him.

Recessional Hymn

1 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings,
give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

3 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul,
the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise,
and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

After the interment at the Paynesville Cemetry,
Del, Paul, Christine and families invite you to a
continued celebration of Jim's life
at the
Paynesville Football Netball Clubrooms
AJ Freeman Reserve
Main Street
Paynesville



Jim's 80th birthday
Christine, Stephen, Del, Jim, Paul





The Day Del became a senior! A rare bunch of flowers!



Jim's arrival in Melbourne