

*In Celebration & Thanksgiving for*  
*Kevin William Stewart*



2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 1939 - 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

*In Loving Memory*

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH, MANSFIELD  
WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 11.00 AM

*Sincere thanks to*

FATHER JOE O'SHEA  
JULIE ALDOUS

CELEBRANT  
ORGANIST

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please stand as the priest enters and join in the*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: "How Great Thou Art"**

O Lord my God!  
When I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hands have made  
I see the stars,  
I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
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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 hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

When Christ shall come  
with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim,  
My God, how great thou art!

**GREETING AND WELCOME:** *Celebrant Father Joe O'Shea, P.P*

*Priest:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***All: And with your spirit.***

**SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER**

## HOMILY

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Please stand*

*Priest:* O Lord, your ways are beyond our understanding. Comfort those who mourn Kevin's death. With the knowledge that he is now enjoying the peace and joy of your kingdom, we turn to you in prayer.

*Val Kirley:* We thank you for the gift of Kevin's life, for the happy times and the sad times. May we be inspired by his example in our lives.

*Lord Hear Us*

***All: Lord hear our prayer.***

*Billie van Kessel:* That all of us, Kevin's family and friends, may be comforted in our grief.

*Lord Hear Us*

***All: Lord hear our prayer.***

*Jenny Kirley:* We pray for all those of Kevin's family, who have gone before us. May thy now be enjoying the fullness of life with God.

*Lord Hear us.*

***All: Lord hear our prayer.***

*Maria Walsh:* Lord, we give thanks for all who were involved in Kevin's medical treatment and care. We pray especially for the doctors and all the staff at the Mansfield Hospital. Bless them for their kindness, compassion and generosity.

*Lord Hear Us.*

***All: Lord hear our prayer.***

*Priest* Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers for Kevin and for all who have gone before us in faith to eternal life. May they share in the fullness of salvation in the kingdom where you are Lord for ever and ever.

***Amen***

*Please sit*

**EULOGY:**               *- read by John Elliott*

**SNAPSHOTS OF KEVIN'S LIFE AND LOVES**

**POEM:**       **"When Tomorrow Starts Without You"**

                  —*Emily Leary and Annabel O'Rourke*

**FINAL COMMENDATION**

*Priest:* Before we go our separate ways, let us take our leave of 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, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys death itself.

***All: Amen***

**SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER:**

*(reminding us of Kevin's baptism when his journey began.)*

*Priest:* In the waters of Baptism, Kevin was clothed in Christ and shared in His Death and Resurrection. May Christ now welcome him into the glory of eternal life.

**SONG OF FAREWELL**

*please stand*

*Priest:* 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.***

*Priest:* 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.***

*Priest:* Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,  
          And let perpetual light shine upon him.

***All: Receive his soul and present her to God the Most High.***

## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

*Priest:* To you, O Lord, we commend Kevin's soul. In the sight of the world he is now dead, in Your sight may he live forever. Forgive whatever sins he may have committed through human weakness and in your goodness grant him everlasting peace. We ask this.....

## PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF THE COMMITTAL

***Response:*** ***I am the Resurrection and the Life***

*Priest:* I am the Resurrection and the Life.

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*Priest:* Whoever believes in Me, even though that person dies, shall live.

***Response:*** ***I am the Resurrection and the Life***

*Priest:* Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

***Response:*** ***I am the Resurrection and the Life***

*Priest:* In peace let us take Kevin to his place of rest.

**RECESSIONAL MUSIC:** **"Leave Him in The Long Yard"** - *Slim Dusty*  
Peter Denahy recording

<i>Coffin Bearers:</i>	<i>Rick Leary</i>	<i>John Elliott</i>
	<i>Robert Kirley</i>	<i>Shaun Kirley</i>
	<i>Steve Arbuthnot</i>	<i>Guy Comerford</i>

*The cortège will proceed to the Mansfield Lawn Cemetery,  
waiting for all to gather at the cemetery gates.*

*Pam and Alan Jack will pipe Kevin to the grave.  
You may wish to form a Guard of Honour from the hearse to the grave*

*Thank you*

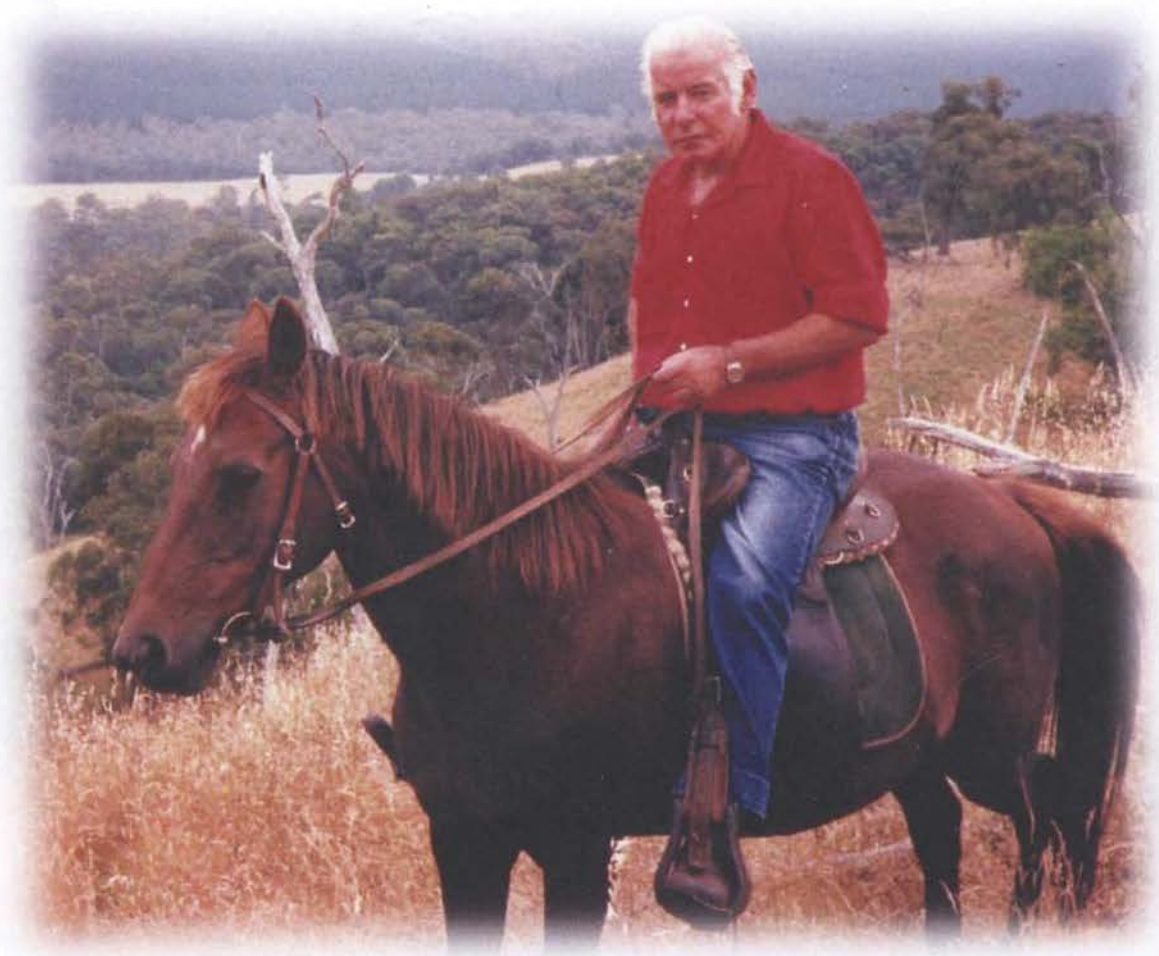
FOR YOUR LOVE , SUPPORT AND PRAYERS  
AT THIS VERY SAD TIME.

*Invitation*

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FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE BURIAL.

*Cecily*





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