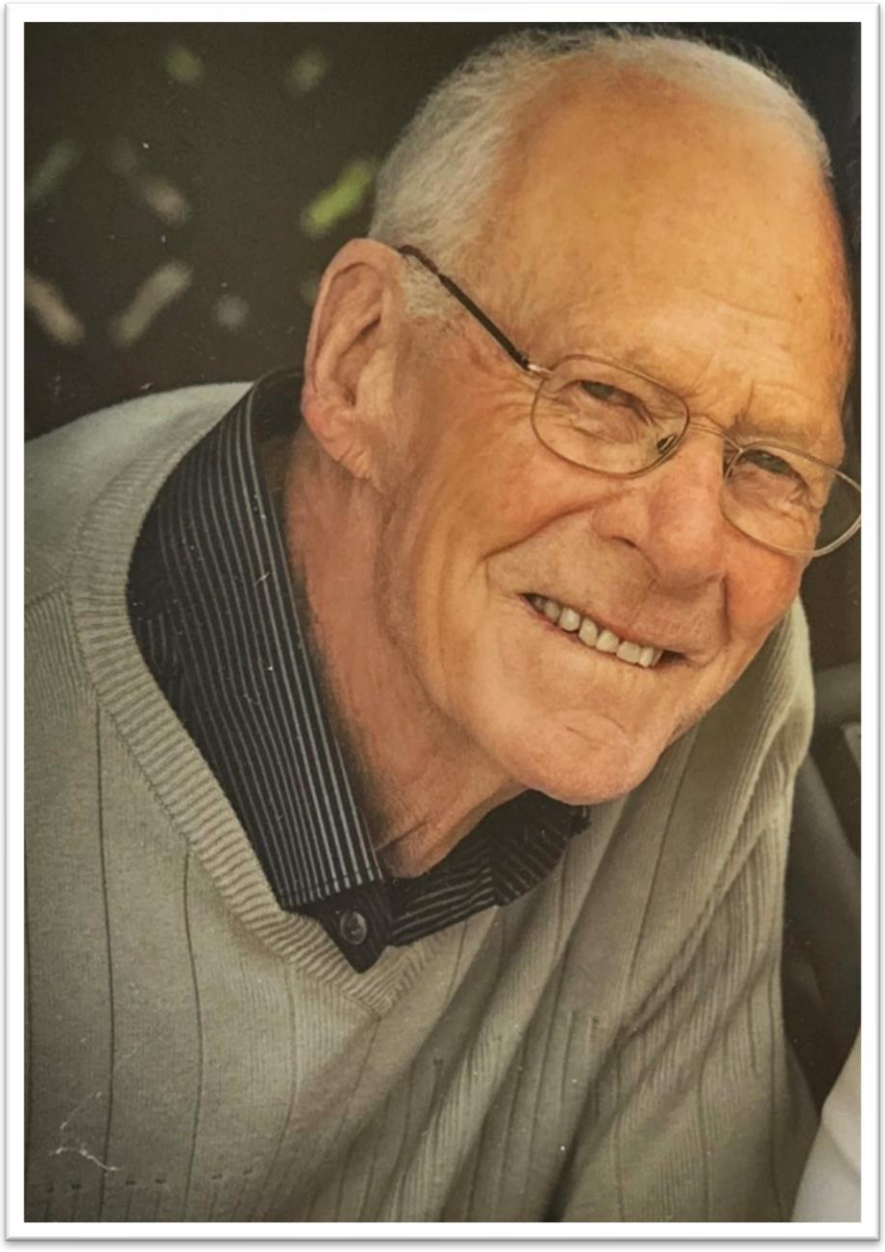
A Mass of Thanksgiving Celebrating the Life of

Adrian Marcellin Sier



16th August 1935 – 19th December 2023

Sacred Heart Church, Yea
Friday 29th December, 2023 at 11.30am
Celebrant: Fr Jose Mathew

Entrance Hymn: *Please Stand*

Here I Am Lord

1. 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 have 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 heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord
   If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. 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**

3. 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, 'Til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them,
   Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

Greeting: *Fr Jose*

Baptismal Symbols

Lighting of the Pascal Candle: *Patrick Sier*

Placing of Life Symbols:

Grandad's hat - *Jamaya Sier*
Champion Crossbred Fleece sash - *Connor Sier*
Grandad's bowls diary - *Ellie Sier*
Nanni & Grandad's 60th Wedding Anniversary card - *Sam Sier*

Fr Jose In Baptism Adrian received the light of Christ.
This light guided him throughout his life and we are called to keep this light burning brightly.
All **May it now lead him to eternal life.**

Sprinkling of Holy Water: *Fr Jose*

Fr Jose In the waters of baptism Adrian died with Christ and He raised him to new life.
All **May he now share eternal glory.**

Eulogy: *Adrian Sier, Peter Sier, Harri Sier, Michael Sier*

Opening Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for the life Adrian has shared with us. Grant mercy and peace to Adrian who is now reunited with loved ones. May the care and devotion of his life on earth find a lasting reward in heaven. Look kindly on his family as they turn to your compassion and love. Strengthen their faith and lighten their loss. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.
All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus [44: 10-15] *Simone Sier*

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Here is a generous man whose good works have not been forgotten. In his descendants there remains a rich inheritance born of him. His descendants stand by his covenants. His offspring will last forever, his glory will not fade. His body will be buried in peace and his name will live on for all generations. People will proclaim his wisdom, the assembly will celebrate his praises.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is My Shepherd – *Brian Boniwell*

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

Refrain

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me. **Refrain**

2nd Reading: Corinthians [13: 4-7] *Melinda Maroney*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous;
love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish;
it does not take offence, and is not resentful.
Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in
the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust,
to hope, and to endure whatever come.
Love does not come to an end.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Please Stand*

All: Alleluia, alleluia. Happy are those who have died in the Lord, let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Alleluia

Gospel: *John [14: 1-6]*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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: *Jessica Sier, Melinda Maroney, Jamaya Sier, Maree Sier Trentin, Mary Campbell, Donna Stone*

Fr Jose: Compassionate God, we celebrate Adrian's journey through life with joy. We remember the many blessings you gave Adrian in life. Knowing you are faithful to your promises, we turn to you in prayer.

1. Compassionate God, we pray for Adrian; our beloved Father, Grandad, uncle, friend. We remember a beautiful man, adored by so many. We all have so many memories – driving around the paddocks to check the sheep with old Blue; tucking us in at night and telling stories – some true, some not! [ha ha]. Morning tea times and afternoon naps on the couch … Your legacy will carry on through your family who love you dearly. We will hold you in our hearts always.
   Lord, hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer.**

2. Compassionate God, we pray especially for Nanni today. We give thanks for their gift of sixty years of marriage. And we thank Nanni for her devoted love and care of Grandad, especially during the 14 years of his illness. Lord, hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer.**

3. Compassionate God, we pray for our extended family. Comfort them and give them the strength to continue Grandad's legacy of courage, love and faith. Lord, hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer.**

4. Compassionate God, we pray for Uncle Ade's family who have gone before us, especially his siblings. May they all be reunited in your loving arms. Lord, hear us. **All : Lord hear our prayer.**

5. Compassionate God, we pray for Dr Lowe, and the wonderful nurses and staff at Kellock Lodge, for the devoted care and love they gave to Uncle Ade. Lord, hear us. **All : Lord hear our prayer.**

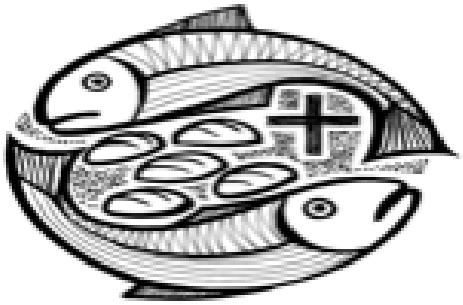
6. Compassionate God, we pray for all present at this celebration today. May each of us be blessed with memories of our journey with Uncle Ade. Lord, hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Fr Jose: God our Father, we ask you to hear these prayers and grant us what we ask, through Christ Our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts *Connor Sier, Mitch Sier*

Instrumental Music



The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn:

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of Your peace,
   Where there is hatred let me bring Your love
   Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
   And where there is doubt true faith in You

2. Make me a channel of your peace
   Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
   Where there is darkness only light
   And where there's sadness ever joy.

Refrain

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

3. Make me a channel of your peace
   It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
   It is in giving to all men that we receive
   And in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Reflection:

The Voyage: *sung by Michael Sier*

Photo Reflection:

I Love You More and More Every Day *- Al Martino*
Dancing Queen *and* ***Take a Chance on Me*** *- Abba*

Prayer after Communion

Fr Jose: Let us pray, Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom.
May our brother Adrian who so often shared and lived the Eucharist, come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen

Final Commendation

Fr Jose: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our Adrian. 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 even death itself.

Fr Jose: 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.**

Fr Jose: 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.**

Fr Jose: 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.**

Fr Jose Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Adrian 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 thanks for the blessings you have bestowed upon him in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the Saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to your servant Adrian and help us who remain, to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever.

All: **Amen**

Recessional Hymn:

Goodbye **-** *Kenny Rogers*

Pall Bearers:

Sean Sier, Adrian Sier
Michael Sier, Peter Sier

Thankyou

Marie, Sean, Adrian, Michael, Peter, and their families would like to sincerely thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers and presence here today.

You are warmly invited to
join the family for refreshments at
the Yea Golf Club.

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