Funeral prayers in Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Life of

Douglas John O'Brien

"Dougie"

30.11.1952 – 22.07.2026

St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Mansfield
Thursday 30th July, 2026 at 1.00pm
Celebrant: Fr George Feliciouz, Mansfield PP

Entrance Music: "Here I Am Lord" by John Michael Talbot *(please stand)*

Introductory Rites

Fr George: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Fr George: 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.

Sprinkling of Holy Water: Fr George

Fr George: In the waters of baptism Dougie died with Christ and He raised him to new life.
All: May it now lead him to eternal life.

Lighting of the Pascal Candle: Lisa and Tarra
Placing of special symbols to music "Fields Of Gold" sung by Leanne Banks

Fr George: In Baptism Dougie received the light of Christ. This light guided him throughout his life and we are called to keep this light burning bright.
All : May he now share eternal glory. (Please be seated)

Eulogies: Mick Hearn
Liam O'Brien

Photographic Tribute : "Don't Let the Old Man In" - *Toby Keith*
"True Blue" - *John Williamson*

Opening Prayer

Fr George: Let us pray.
Almighty God, our Father, we firmly believe that your Son died and rose to life. We pray for Dougie who has died in Christ. Raise him on the last day to share the glory of the risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 read by Mark Reyment

To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.
The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is My Shepherd *(words on screen)*

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: Emma Lockhart

Fr George: God, our Father, we celebrate Dougie's journey through life with joy. Let us come to our loving Father, asking Him to give eternal rest to Dougie and comfort and hope for the living., we now pray:

Emma: We thank you for the gift of Dougie's life, for his hard work, love and dedication. Lord hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Emma: We pray for Dougie's family and friends to seek comfort and consolation in their loss. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Emma: We pray for the staff, doctors and nurses at Mansfield District Hospital and all of those who cared for Dougie, and that their works of service may be richly blessed. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr George: Lord God, take Dougie into your loving embrace and comfort us in our sorrow. May we know your peace and love and may Christ be present in our lives by the love we have for one another. Through Christ our Lord
All: Amen

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.
For the kingdom, the power and the
glory and yours now and for ever. Amen

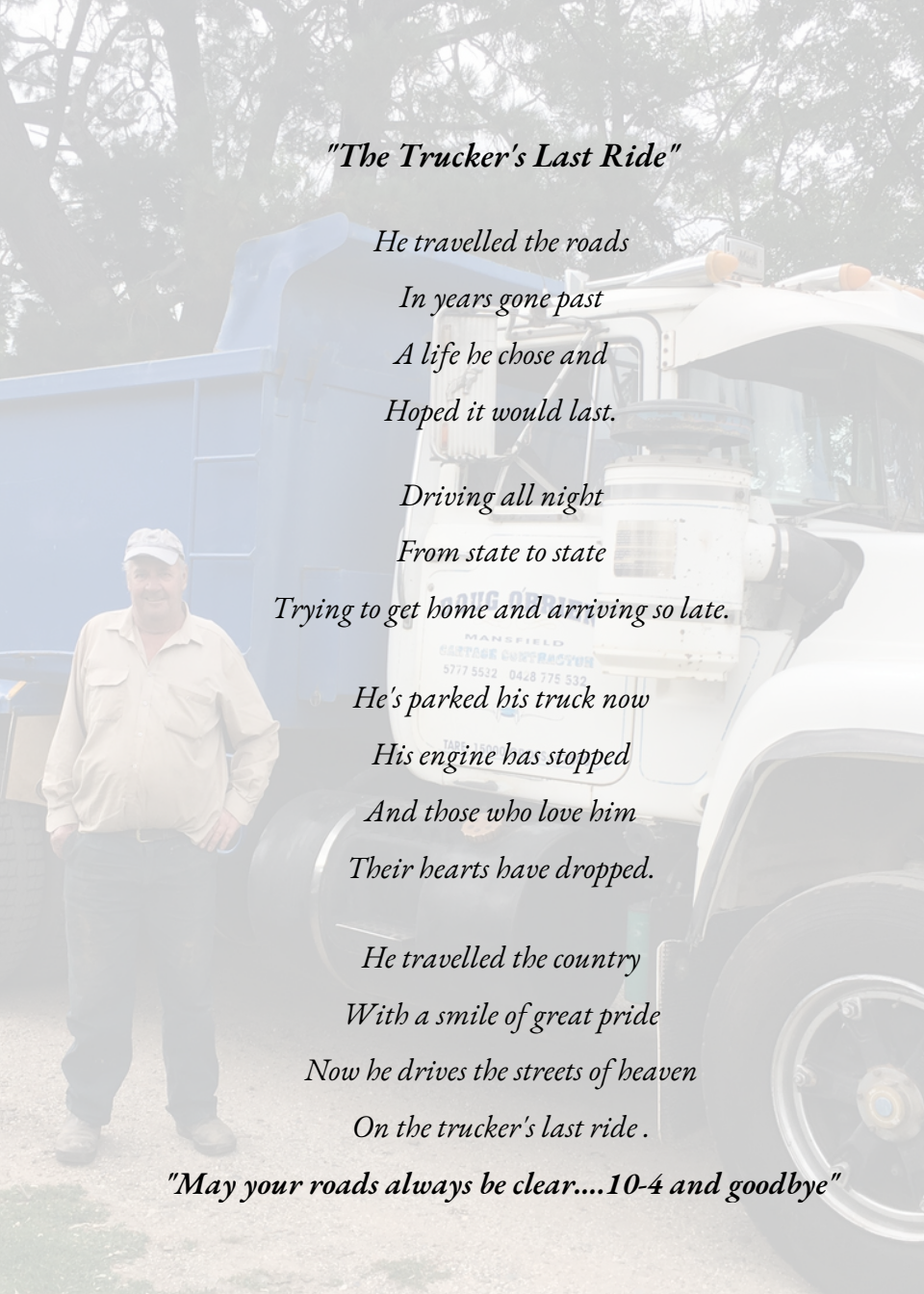
Final Commendation and Farewell

Fr George: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Dougie 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 Dougie 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 Music: "Lights On The Hill" *- Slim Dusty*

Coffin Bearers: Liam O'Brien, Mick Hearn, Will Lockhart
Daryl Purcell, Steve Bell, Craig Johnson

Dougie will take his final journey for a private cremation led by Bell's Mack truck.



"The Trucker's Last Ride"

He travelled the roads

In years gone past

A life he chose and

Hoped it would last.

Driving all night

From state to state

Trying to get home and arriving so late.

He's parked his truck now

His engine has stopped

And those who love him

Their hearts have dropped.

He travelled the country

With a smile of great pride

Now he drives the streets of heaven

On the trucker's last ride .

"May your roads always be clear....10-4 and goodbye"

Thank you

Jackie, Liam and all of Dougie's family would like to sincerely thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers and presence here today to celebrate Dougie's life.

After the service you are all warmly invited to join family for refreshments at the Mansfield Golf Club.

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