



PONTIFICAL FUNERAL MASS

for

Rev Eugene William George Weber

24 NOVEMBER 1922 – 29 SEPTEMBER 2019



TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2019

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL • WOLLONGONG

Rev Eugene William George Weber



Born on 24 November 1922 in Dulwich Hill, NSW, Fr Eugene William George Weber was the loved son of Eugene William Weber and Mary Elizabeth

Weber (*nee* Rowlands) and brother of Sr Mary LCM (dec), Marie (dec), Regis (dec), Paul and Peter (dec).

Fr Eugene attended St Paul of the Cross Catholic Primary School, Dulwich Hill, Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham, and MSC Douglas Park.

He served overseas with the Second Australian Imperial Force (7th Division—in commandos, signals, HQ administration, operation and intelligence units.)

Following this, Fr Eugene worked in the NSW Railway Secretariat for some years. He also worked as a teacher in the State Education Department.

He was secretary of the Dulwich Hill ALP Branch (1947–1953) and was involved in theatrical and sporting organisations.

He was also active in the Catholic Youth Organisation (CYO), and was a member of Catholic Action groups and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

He was a Franciscan brother (Br Thomas OFM) for eight years before beginning his studies for the priesthood at Springwood and Manly in 1964. He was ordained to the diaconate in December 1969, and was then ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Wollongong by Bishop Thomas McCabe at St Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Dulwich Hill on Friday 14 August 1970. He celebrated his first Mass in the same church at 11am the next day.

Fr Eugene served as an assistant priest in Nowra (1970), Corrimal (1971–1974), Campbelltown (1974–1975), Bulli (1975–76) and Dapto (1976–1977). He was then appointed parish priest at The Oaks (1977–1983). He also served as assistant priest at Unanderra (1984–1985) and Albion Park (1985), and then as administrator at Berkeley (1985–1988), assistant priest at Fairy Meadow (1988–1993), chaplain to Wollongong Hospital (1990) and assistant priest at Albion Park in 1993 until he retired in 1998.

He is a relative of deceased diocesan priest, Fr Ferdinand Fuhlendorf.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come as You Are

Sr Deidre Browne IBVM

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail, to live by my promise,
why do you think, I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change, the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

GREETING

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

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Bishop Ingham In the waters of Baptism Fr Eugene died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

PLACING OF SYMBOLS

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Bishop Ingham In Baptism, Fr Eugene received the light of Christ. This light has guided him through his life. May he now enjoy eternal light and peace.

**All (Sung) Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Placing of the Pall

Bishop Ingham May Christ who claimed Fr Eugene in Baptism now enfold him in his love and bring him to eternal life.

**All (Sung) Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Placing of the Cross

Bishop Ingham In Baptism Fr Eugene received the sign of the Cross. May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

All (Sung) **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Placing of the Stole

Bishop Ingham In Ordination Fr Eugene was made a priest of God,
and discharged his office in the presbyteral order,
caring for the flock of Christ with the help of the Holy
Spirit. May he now join the hosts of heaven in giving
glory to God.

All (Sung) **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Placing of the Chalice

Bishop Ingham As a priest Fr Eugene offered the sacrifice of Christ's
new covenant, celebrating the mysteries of Christ
faithfully and religiously, for the glory of God and the
sanctification of Christ's people. May he now enjoy
the banquet of eternal life.

All (Sung) **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Placing of the Breviary

Bishop Ingham In life Fr Eugene cherished the Gospel of Christ
and the daily Prayer of the Church.
May he now meet with joy the One for whom his
soul thirsted in prayer.

All (Sung) **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

COLLECT

Bishop Ingham

O God,
Listen favourably to our prayers
offered on behalf of your servant and priest,
and grant that Fr Eugene,
who committed himself zealously to the service of
your name, may rejoice for ever in the company of
your saints.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1–6, 9

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

But the souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation;
but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

God has put them to the test
and proved them worthy to be with him;
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.

They who trust in him will understand the truth,

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want. The

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SECOND READING

1 John 4:7–16

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets

us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves.

God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:40

All (Sung): Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**It is my Father's will, says the Lord,
that whoever believes in the Son
shall have eternal life,
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

John 11:32–44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Bishop Emeritus Peter Ingham

INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

Peace Prayer of St Francis

Sebastian Temple

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's doubt, true faith in you.

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

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.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Text: Peace prayer of St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) Paraphrase by Sebastian Temple
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PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff. The key signature consists of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into six lines of music, each with its own set of lyrics. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of Hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - sa - na in_ the_ high - est. Ho - - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in_ the_ high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in_ the_ high - est. Ho - - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in_ the_ high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of Hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

- san - na, ho - san - na, ho - sa - na in_ the_ high - est. Ho -

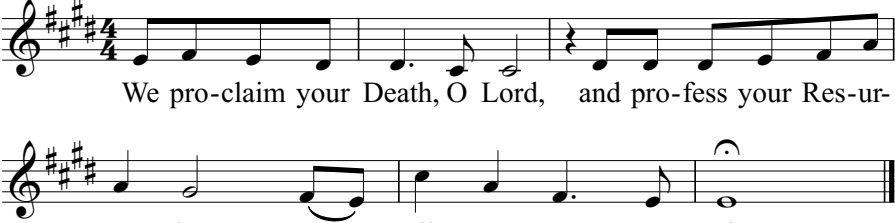
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Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

- san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in_ the_ high - est. Ho -

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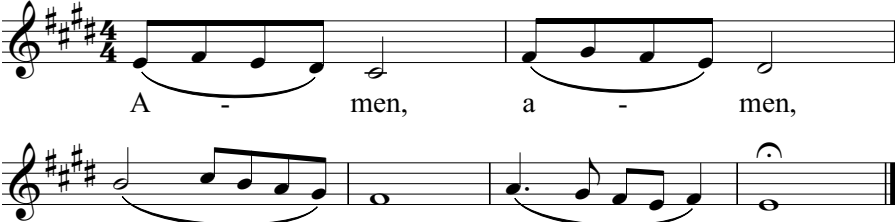
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain." The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note.

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-
rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN



Two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men." The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note.

A - men, a - men,
a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the_ sins of the

world, have mer - cy on us._____ Lamb of

Lamb of God, you take a - way the_ sins of the

world, grant_ us peace, grant_ us peace.____

COMMUNION HYMN

Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte

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 heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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? **R.**

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? **R.**

THANKSGIVING HYMN

As Gentle as Silence

Estelle White

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,
have 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.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Ingham	Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we implore your kindness, O God, for Fr Eugene, your servant and priest, that, as you made him a steward of your mysteries on earth, so you may bring him to be nourished by their truth and reality as unveiled in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.
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WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Mgr Patrick Faherty

Mark Weber

LAST POST

SILENCE

REVEILLE

THE ODE

Joe Davidson (RSL Rep)

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Bishop Ingham

Our brother Eugene has fallen asleep in Christ. Confident in our hope of eternal life, let us commend him to the loving mercy of our Father and let our prayers go with him. He was adopted as God's son in Baptism and was nourished at the table of the Lord and shared in the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ. May he now inherit the promise of eternal life and take his place at the table of God's children in heaven.

Let us pray also on our own behalf, that we who now mourn and are saddened may one day go forth with our brother Eugene to meet the Lord of life when he appears in glory.

SILENCE

All pray in silence.

SONG OF FAREWELL

The coffin is now sprinkled with holy water and incensed.

Song of Farewell

Louis Bourgeois

Come to his aid, O Saints of God;
come meet him angels of the Lord.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
present him now to God, Most High.

May Christ who called you, take you home,
and angels lead you to Abraham.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
present him now to God, Most High.

Give him eternal rest, O Lord.
May light unending shine on him.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
present him now to God, Most High.

I know that my Redeemer lives,
the last day, I shall rise again.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
present him now to God, Most High.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Bishop Ingham Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Eugene 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 you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Fr Eugene in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to Fr Eugene and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother Eugene, forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Bishop Ingham In peace let us take our brother Eugene to his place of rest.

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Melody

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heav'nward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Led by the clergy.

Salve, Regina

John C. Selner SS

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae:
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte.
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

English translation

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy:
Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy towards us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Text: Latin, c 1080, tr by John C Selner, SS, b 1904

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Principal Celebrant

Most Rev Peter W Ingham DD, *Bishop Emeritus of Wollongong*

Principal Concelebrant

Very Rev Bernard L Gordon VG

Concelebrants

Clergy of the Diocese of Wollongong and visiting clergy

Deacon

Rev Peter Presdee

Master of Ceremonies

Rev Sean Cullen PP

Servers

Seminarians of the Diocese of Wollongong

Placing of the Symbols

Sue Daniels, Margaret McEntee OAM and family members

Readers

Judy McMahon and Julie Weber-O'Bryan

Presentation of the Gifts

Cathy Lyons and Michael Lyons

General Intercessions

Anthony Weber

Pall Bearers

Fr Eugene's nephews

Music/Choir

Annette Griffin and the Diocese of Wollongong choir.

Cassandra Cordero (Organist), Toloa Matale Jr (Cantor).

With thanks

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They would also like to thank Sue Daniels, Judy McMahon and Margaret (Peg) McEntee OAM for their loving support; and the Visitation Sisters, family, friends and his former parishioners who visited and prayed for him, especially over the last two years.

Following the Mass, we would like you to join us for light refreshments at the *Xavier Conference Centre* (adjacent to the Cathedral).

The interment will take place at *Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery and Crematorium* (230 Kanahooka Rd, Kanahooka).



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