

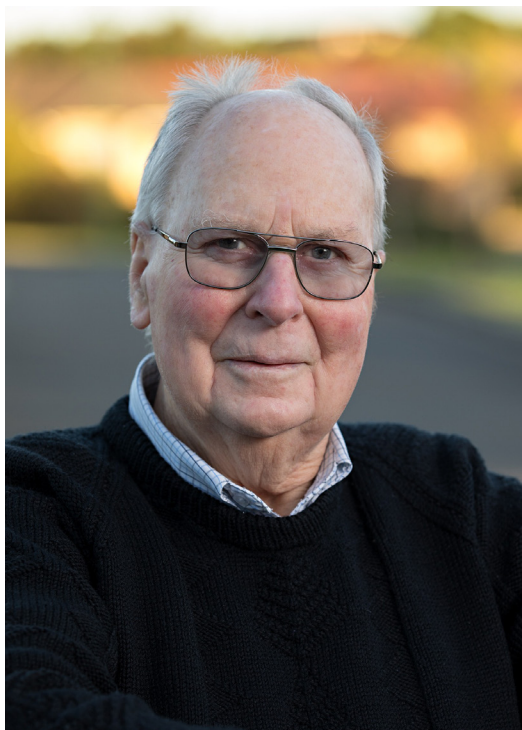


MASS OF
CHRISTIAN BURIAL

for

Rev Douglas
Bede Rheinberger

4 APRIL 1934 — 2 JULY 2020



THURSDAY 9 JULY 2020

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH • DAPTO

Rev Douglas Bede Rheinberger



Fr Douglas Bede Rheinberger was born in Sydney on 4 April 1934, undertaking his primary and secondary schooling at Lewisham. After preliminary studies for the priesthood at St Columba's College in Springwood, he continued his studies in Rome where, on 20 December 1958, he was ordained at the Propaganda Fide College in Rome.

Fr Doug returned to Wollongong in 1959, serving as assistant priest in the parishes of Wollongong, Nowra, Corrimal and Thirroul. Appointments as parish priest followed at Moruya, Picton and Thirroul parishes.

In 1988, he left the diocese to serve in the Central Pacific country of Kiribati. After returning to the diocese, he was appointed parish priest of Dapto in 1995 and retired in 2011.

Fr Doug celebrated his Diamond Jubilee of ordination to the priesthood in 2018.

For the past two years, Fr Doug has been resident at Villa Maria Nursing Home, Unanderra, where his greatest joy was to celebrate Mass for the residents, which he has been able to do until recently.

Fr Doug died peacefully on Thursday 2 July 2020, aged 86.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE OF CLERGY

Please stand.

RECEPTION OF THE BODY INTO THE CHURCH

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Bishop Brian In the waters of Baptism, Fr Doug died with Christ
and rose with him to new life.

All May he now share with him eternal glory.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Here I am Lord

Dan Schutte

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Please be seated.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Bishop Brian In Baptism Fr Doug was enlightened by Christ.
He walked as a child of the light and kept the flame
of faith alive in his heart.

All **May Christ, the unfading and eternal light,
now welcome him into the Kingdom of light
and peace.**

Placing of the Pall

Bishop Brian On the day of his Baptism, Fr Doug was clothed
in Christ. By his word and example he lived with
Christian dignity.

All **May Christ now enfold him in his love
and bring him to eternal life.**

Placing of the Book of the Gospels

Bishop Brian In Baptism, Fr Doug received the Gospel,
the Word of Life.

All **May Christ now welcome him with
words of eternal life.**

Placing of the Cross

Bishop Brian In Baptism, Fr Doug was signed with the cross.
May it be a reminder to us that the cross
is our glory.

All **May Christ now lead him through death
to new life.**

Placing of the Symbols of Priestly Ministry

Bishop Brian At ordination Fr Doug received the stole, the chalice
and paten, the symbols of his priestly office.

All **May Christ the High Priest receive him into the
everlasting worship of heaven.**

Placing of the Breviary

Bishop Brian At ordination Fr Doug promised to be faithful in
prayer, both personal and in the celebration of the
Liturgy of the Hours.

All **May he now rejoice in praising God and join
with the saints in praying for the Church
still on it's pilgrim way.**

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Bureieta Kibaimoa

Lamentations 3:17–26

Pause for silent reflection.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22 (23)

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Matthew 25:34

Please stand.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Come, you whom my father has blessed, says the Lord;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation
of the world.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13–35

HOMILY

Bishop Brian Mascord

Please be seated.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Steven Testa

Please stand.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

A Trusting Psalm

Kevin Bates SM

Please be seated.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Please stand.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Preface (*Eucharistic Prayer III—Preface I for the Dead*)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

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.

Please kneel.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your death, O Lord,

and profess your resurrection

until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen.

Please stand.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Please kneel.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come as You Are

Deidre Browne IBVM

THANKSGIVING HYMN

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Henry Smith

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

FINAL COMMENDATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Fr Chris Roberts

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Please stand.

Bishop Brian Our brother Doug 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 Doug to meet the Lord of life when he appears in glory.

SIGNS OF FAREWELL

We now invite those who placed the symbols on Fr Doug's coffin to come forward and remove them.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Bishop Brian May the angels welcome you to paradise,
May the martyrs greet you on your way,
May you see the face of the Lord this day,
Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Bishop Brian Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend
our brother Doug 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 Doug 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 Doug 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 Doug, forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Bishop Brian In peace let us take our brother Doug
to his place of rest.

RECESSIONAL HYMNS

City of God

Dan Shutte

Salve, Regina

John C. Selner SS

Following the Mass, we would like
you to join us for light refreshments.

Following refreshments,
the burial will take place at
West Dapto Catholic Cemetery
(231 West Dapto Rd, Kembla Grange).

All welcome.

WITH THANKS

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Fr Francis Tran OAM, Jenny Gibson, Fred Caruana, Sue Daniels, and his
former parishioners who visited and prayed for him since his retirement.

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who were so caring of Fr Doug in so many ways.

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Principal Celebrant

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD, *Bishop of Wollongong*

Principal Concelebrants

Very Rev Sean Cullen EV PP

Rev Francis Tran OAM PP

Rev Chris Roberts PP

Concelebrants

Clergy of the Diocese of Wollongong

Servers

Matthew Nicholson

Kerriane Lewis

Placing of the Symbols

Representatives from the parish, the diocese,
and Villa Maria Centre, Unanderra

Reader

Bereieta Teatu

General Intercessions

Steven Testa

Pall Bearers

Representatives from Fr Doug's extended family
and clergy of the diocese

Musicians

Ian and Melanie Campion



Liturgy

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