

**Mass of Christian Burial**  
**Father Michael Patrick O'Callaghan**  
**(Mick)**



Principal Celebrant: Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv  
Bishop of Parramatta

St Michael's Church, Baulkham Hills NSW  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Michael Patrick O'Callaghan - A Timeline

- 22 Apr 1942      Born in Coleraine, Victoria  
attending schools in the local area and on matriculation, obtaining diplomas  
in accountancy and working in various firms in Melbourne until joining the  
Carmelite Order and studying *inter alia* at St Paul's National Seminary,  
Kensington
- 20 Nov 1975      Final Profession into the Order of Carmelites
- 27 Aug 1976      Ordination to the Priesthood, Middle Park, Vic
- 1976-1982      Member of the Carmelite Community  
Wentworthville NSW (1976-1979) and Middle Park (1979-1982)
- 1982-1987      On leave from the Carmelites  
Manager, Cardinal Freeman Village, Ashfield and Cardinal Gilroy Village,  
Merrylands
- 10 Sep 1987      Joined the Diocese of Parramatta as Assistant Pastor, Our  
Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills
- 1 Dec 1989      Administrator, Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills
- 8 Mar 1990      Incardinated into the Diocese of Parramatta
- 13 Jun 1991      Administrator, St Bonaventure, Leura
- 17 Jun 1992      Parish Priest, St Monica's, Richmond
- 1 Feb 2002      Parish Priest, St Michael's Baulkham Hills
- 1 Feb 2015      Administrator, Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains  
confirmed as Parish Priest 16 Nov 2015
- 30 Jun 2018      Retired to Lesser Duties and Supply Ministry  
residing at James Dixon House, Harris Park

### *Some other appointments –*

*Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, Trustee of the Diocese, Member of the College of  
Consultors, Council of Priests, Dean of the Mountains Deanery; member of the  
Board of Management and Clergy Support Foundation, Seminary Finance  
Committee, Centacare Board Manager*

## **ENTRANCE SONG**

Here I Am, Lord

(Dan Schutte)

## **GREETING AND WELCOME**

### **SPRINKLING OF THE CASKET WITH HOLY WATER**

Bishop: In the waters of baptism Mick died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

### **PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS**

#### **Placing of the Book of the Gospels**

*Fr Porathur Rappai Joy ms*

Bishop: In life, Mick cherished, preached and lived the Gospel of Christ.

**All: May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life:  
Come, blessed of my Father.**

#### **Placing of the Stole**

*Fr Giovanni Presiga Gaviria*

Bishop: In life, Mick wore the stole as a symbol of his priesthood which he shared with Christ, the High Priest.

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

## **COLLECT**

Bishop: Let us pray,  
Hear with favour our prayers,  
which we humbly offer, O Lord,  
for the salvation of the soul of Mick, your servant and priest,  
that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name,  
may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Elizabeth Crouch*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 43.1-4

Now the Lord says this,

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by your name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

You are precious in my sight, and honoured and I love you.

Do not fear, for I am with you.

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Monica O’Callaghan*

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? *(R.)*
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. *(R.)*
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face. *(R.)*
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! *(R.)*

## **SECOND READING**

*Chrissy Rannaste*

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy 2 Tim 4.6-8

The time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge will give me. The Lord will bring me home safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory and praise for ever and ever. Amen

The Word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

sung

## **GOSPEL**

John 14.1-4

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **HOMILY**

*Fr Wim Hoekstra*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Margaret McMahon & James Camden*

Bishop: Gathered around the table of the Lord, we bring our prayers for Mick asking God to give him eternal rest:

1. Our brother Mick shared in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, leading God’s people in prayer and worship. Bring him to your presence where he will take his place in the heavenly liturgy. Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for Mick and ask God's mercy and blessing with the words from the Book of Numbers: 'Mick, May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you, May the Lord uncover His face and bring you peace.' Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for all who mourn for Mick, especially his sister, Maureen, and brother, Terry, and their families, friends and parishioners. Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. We pray in thanksgiving for Mick's vocation to the priesthood, lived as a Carmelite and Diocesan Priest. His hospitality and willingness to walk the extra mile, to reach out and lift up those alienated from the Church found a special place in many hearts. We thank you Lord for his presence amongst us. Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. We pray for all who are sick and ask God's blessing on all who work in oncology, especially the team at Westmead Hospitals. Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. We pause for a moment to pray the prayer we hold in the silence of our hearts. Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

7. We pray for all who have died, remembering especially Mick's parents and friends Bishop Bede Heather and Gerry Iverson, may they together with the angels and saints welcome Mick to the place prepared for him. Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Eternal God, as St. Augustine taught us, you have made us for yourself alone and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Secure in this knowledge, we ask you to grant these prayers through Jesus Christ your Son.

**All: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### COMMUNION HYMNS

I am the Bread of Life (S Toolan)

Be Not Afraid (B Dufford)

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop: Let us pray,  
Renewed by food from your heavenly table,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that by the power of this sacrifice  
the soul of Mick, your servant and Priest,  
who faithfully ministered in your Church  
may exult for ever in your sight.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Bishop: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Mick and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Mick again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of this Kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

### Sprinkling of Water and Incense

#### Song of Farewell

Bishop: Saints of God, come to his aid!  
Come to meet him, Angels of the Lord.

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

Bishop: May Christ who called you, take you to himself and may the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

Bishop: Give him eternal rest, O Lord  
and may your light shine upon him for ever.

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

Bishop: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Mick, 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 our brother Mick in this life; they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers; open the gates of paradise to your servant 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 Mick for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Bishop: Let us take Mick to his place of rest.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

On Eagle's Wings

(M. Joncas)

*Mick will be buried in the Priest's Section at Castle Hill Cemetery  
(Gilbert Road, Castle Hill).*