

A Liturgy to Celebrate the Life of

Dr. Robert (Bob) Charles Wright AM

13th February 1940 - 8th October 2024



10.00am Tuesday, 22nd October 2024
St Mary's Catholic Church, North Sydney

It is with deep sadness that we come together today to celebrate Bob Wright, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend and great mate to many.

Bob will be sorely missed, but his probing questions, his laugh and love of family and sailing will not be forgotten by those who had the joy of knowing him.



Celebrant

Rev. Fr. Peter Guy MSC

Musicians

Cantor/Soprano - Robyn Somers-Day

Lower North Shore Parish Singers

Baritone - Tony McGill

Piano/Organ - Jim Hayden

Bagpipes - Barry Gray from Pipers of Distinction



Welcome

Margie McGill

Entrance Hymn

(Please stand)

Here I Am Lord

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?

(Refrain)

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?

(Refrain)

Dan Schutte S.J

Words of Remembrance

(Please sit)

Reflections from Friends and Colleagues

Dr Chris Bradbury
Don Katauskas
Paul Featherstone

Personal Reflection

James Brook

Please take this moment to personally reflect on your time with Bob as we enjoy one of his favourite songs. Feel free to join in!

Sailing (Rod Stewart)

I am sailing, I am sailing,
Home again 'cross the sea.
I am sailing, stormy waters,
To be near you, to be free.

I am flying, I am flying,
Like a bird 'cross the sky.
I am flying, passing high clouds,
To be with you, to be free.

Can you hear me, can you hear me
Thro' the dark night, far away,
I am dying, forever trying,
To be with you, who can say.

Can you hear me, can you hear me,
Thro' the dark night far away.
I am dying, forever trying,
To be with you, who can say.

We are sailing, we are sailing,
Home again 'cross the sea.
We are sailing stormy waters,
To be near you, to be free.

Oh Lord, to be near you, to be free.

Family Reflections

Les Wright
Henry Hayden

Greeting and Welcome

Fr. Peter In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Fr. Peter In the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **Amen.**

Signs of Bob's Baptism

Lighting the Paschal Candle - Lucia and Jonnie

Placing the Pall - Penny and Sim

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Placing symbols of Bob

Placing his navigational chart - Penny

Placing his sailing hat - Jennifer

Placing his beloved Toby - Jonnie

Placing his binoculars - Sim

Opening Prayer

(Please stand)

First Reading

(Please sit)

Dr Priya Nair

A Reading from the Book of Sirach 44:10-15

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, and thanks to him, so do his
children's children. 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. The people will proclaim his wisdom, the assembly will
celebrate his praises.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(Please join us in singing)

Psalm 23 (Crimmond)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forever more
My dwelling place shall be.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)

All **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
Those who believe in me will live forever.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Gospel

Fr Peter The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Fr Peter A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Fr Peter 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 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?'

And 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

(Please sit)

Prayers of the Faithful

Sister Anthea Groves
Lucia Hayden
Pippy Wright and Susie Barden
Ben Wright
Dominie Wright

Fr Peter Brothers and Sisters...

Response will be: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Fr Peter At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All ***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your 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.***

Fr Peter ...the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All ***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.***

Photo Story

Final Commendation and Farewell

Invitation to Prayer

Fr Peter To you, O Lord we commend the soul of Bob your servant; in the sight of this world, he is now dead; in your sight he may live forever. Forgive whatever sins he has committed through human weakness and in your goodness grant him everlasting peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All ***Amen.***

Sprinkling and Incense

Fr Peter Saints of God, come to Bob's aid!
Come to meet him, angels of the Lord.

All ***Receive Bob's soul and present him to God the most high.***

Fr Peter May Christ, who called you, take you to himself.
May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

All ***Receive Bob's soul and present him to God the most high.***

Fr Peter Give Bob eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine upon him forever.

All ***Receive Bob's soul and present him to God the most high.***

Fr Peter Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Bob 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 have bestowed on Bob in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward 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 Bob for ever.

Fr Peter

Bob, 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.
In peace, let us take our brother, Bob, to his place of rest.

All

Amen.

Words of Thanks

Margie McGill



*At the conclusion of the Words of Thanks, please follow the family
as they move to form a guard of honour as Bob leaves us today.
As a final gesture of respect and love, we ask that you join us in clapping
as the coffin leaves the church, celebrating Bob's life and legacy.
As we assemble, please enjoy another of Bob's favourite pieces,
Time to Say Goodbye by Francesco Sartori and Lucio Quarantotto.*

Once the guard of honour is formed, a piper will play Bob out
to the **Skye Boat Song**.

Final Blessing

Pall Bearers

Peter Hopkins
James Brook
Henry Hayden
Jonnie Pridmore
Ben Wright
Jim Hayden





*Thank you for being with us today
and for your love, comfort and support.*



*After the Service please join us at
The Greens
50 Ridge Street, North Sydney
for refreshments and to share memories of Bob.*

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