

Gerard Michael Landon

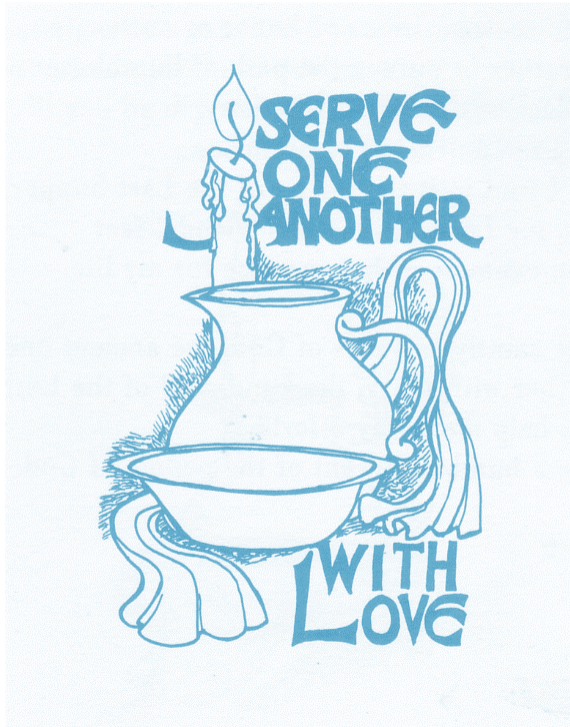
22nd May 1947 – 5th January 2024



May he rest in peace!

We gather as a Christian Community
to give thanks for the full life of
Gerard Michael Landon

We pray for the repose of his soul
and for comfort and peace for those who mourn him.



President: Fr Brian Wilson SM

St Kevin's Catholic Church Eastwood

12th January 2024



Processional: *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

R/. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze *R/.*

And when I think that God, his son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin *R/.*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *R/.*

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Introductory Rites

Greeting

Presider In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Presider The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the
dead, be always with you.

All And with your spirit.

The Paschal Candle is lit

Presider We light the Easter Candle, remembering that Gerard lived his life led by the light of Christ.

All May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, welcome Gerard into the kingdom of light and peace.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Presider Soon after his birth Gerard was blessed with the waters of Baptism

All He has died with Christ and now rises with Him to new life.

Placing of the Pall

Please Sit

Presider At his Baptism Gerard was clothed with Christ.

All May Christ now enfold him in his love for all eternity.

Placing of Symbols *Led by Janet Casey*

Gerard's Prayer Book and Rosary Beads

Gerard lived out the Word of God with integrity and quiet simplicity.

Family Photograph

Gerard was one of eight children and he showed great love and concern for his siblings and their children and grandchildren.

St Vincent de Paul Award

Gerard worked for the St Vincent de Paul Society for over 50 years. His remarkable contribution to the community received the recognition it deserved.

Eastwood Woodies

Gerard began selling programs for his beloved Woodies at the age of 10, first at Eastwood Oval and later at TJ Milner Oval. Since Rugby is the game played in heaven, there can be no doubt that Gerard has taken over the program department.

Olympic Volunteer

Gerard was officially No. 1 Volunteer at the Sydney Olympics. He was able to carry the torch through Cootamundra and then went on

to volunteer at the Paralympics. He was never shy to offer his services.

Vaseys

Gerard felt very confident at home in his Unit at Epping. He was well supported and participated in the community activities. He particularly loved his Art Classes.

Words of Remembrance





Mass of Christian Burial

Opening Prayer

Presider Lord God, let our prayer come into your presence as we humbly ask your mercy and love for Gerard. He served you faithfully in this life so now bring him to the place of peace and light and number him among your saints. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 2 Timothy 4:1-6

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching. The time is sure to come when, far from being content with sound teaching, people will be avid for the latest novelty and collect themselves a whole series of teachers according to their own tastes; and then, instead of listening to the truth, they will turn to myths. Be careful always to choose the right course; be brave under trials; make the preaching of the Good News your life's work, in thoroughgoing service. As for me, my life is already being poured away as libation, and 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 to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *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,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Ye, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me; and they 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 for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia
If you love me, feed my lambs, feed my sheep.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

John 21: 15-17

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."
Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?"

He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said "Feed my sheep."

The Gospel of the Lord. **All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of Intercession

Presider Our God is gentle and compassionate.
Each of us is called by name.
Comforted by this certainty, we bring our prayers.

Reader May we, God's Church, with Pope Francis, compassionately reach out to all those who are poor and marginalised in our society.
We pray All: Loving God hear our prayer.

Reader May we strive to be peace builders in our homes and in our community and live in contrast to a world that is shattered by violence and uncertainty.
We pray

All: Loving God hear our prayer.

Reader May all who loved and respected Gerard, his family and his many friends, pass on his ready smile to others.
We pray All: Loving God hear our prayer.

Reader May we, like Gerard whose life was spent as a volunteer in many organisations, be attuned to those in need.
We pray All: Loving God hear our prayer.

Reader May those who cared for Gerard, especially the staff in ICU at Royal North Shore, Auburn and Concord Hospitals, be blessed for their loving dedication.

We pray All: Loving God hear our prayer.

Reader May Gerard now be reunited with his parents Roy and Bessie, Gwen, David and John and his many friends who have died, in the eternal joys of heaven.

We pray All: Loving God hear our prayer.

Reader May the memory of Gerard's life of self-giving, his faith in God, his belief in family, his loyalty to his team and his passion for life be a constant reminder for generations to come.

We pray All: Loving God hear our prayer.

Presider O God, giver of peace and healing, hear the prayers of all who trust in your promise of eternal joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive our brother, Gerard, into the glory of your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Holy, Holy *sung*

Acclamation *sung*

We proclaim your death O Lord
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Our Father

Lamb of God *sung*

Communion Rite

Communion Hymn *One Bread One Body*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free
Woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord
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Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;
you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
and for woman, shining one.

Blessed are you among women,
blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

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Prayer after Communion

Presider Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. May our brother Gerard, who shared in Eucharist, come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. Amen

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Presider Our brother Gerard has fallen asleep in Christ. Confident in our hope of eternal life, we commend him to the loving mercy of God and let our prayers go with him.

Gerard was adopted as God's son in Baptism and was nourished at the table of the Lord; May he now inherit the promise of eternal life and take his place among God's chosen in heaven.

Let us pray for ourselves, that we who now mourn and are saddened may one day go forth with Gerard to meet the Lord of life in the company of all the saints.

Song of Farewell

Tune: Old Hundredth

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.

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Prayer of Commendation

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

All: Amen.

Procession to the Place of Commendation

Presider: In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

Recessional *Strong and Constant*

I will be Yahweh who walks with you!
You will be always within my hand!
Take your heart and give it all to me!

Strong and constant is my love.
Strong and constant is my love.

Should you wander far away from me,
I will search for you in every land.
Should you call, then you will truly know!

Strong and constant is my love.
Strong and constant is my love.

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come! I will embrace your heart.
Through your pain you will discover me!

Strong and constant is my love.
Strong and constant is my love.

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Gerard “Gerry” Landon

Son, Brother, uncle, great-uncle, volunteer extraordinaire,
friend and gift to many
gone to do Rugby in heaven.



A week before he died.

*Gerard’s family thank you for your support and presence here today.
We invite you to continue the sharing of stories of
life with us
after the burial at Rookwood
at Eastwood Rugby Union Club, 146 – 150 Vimiera Rd. Eastwood.*