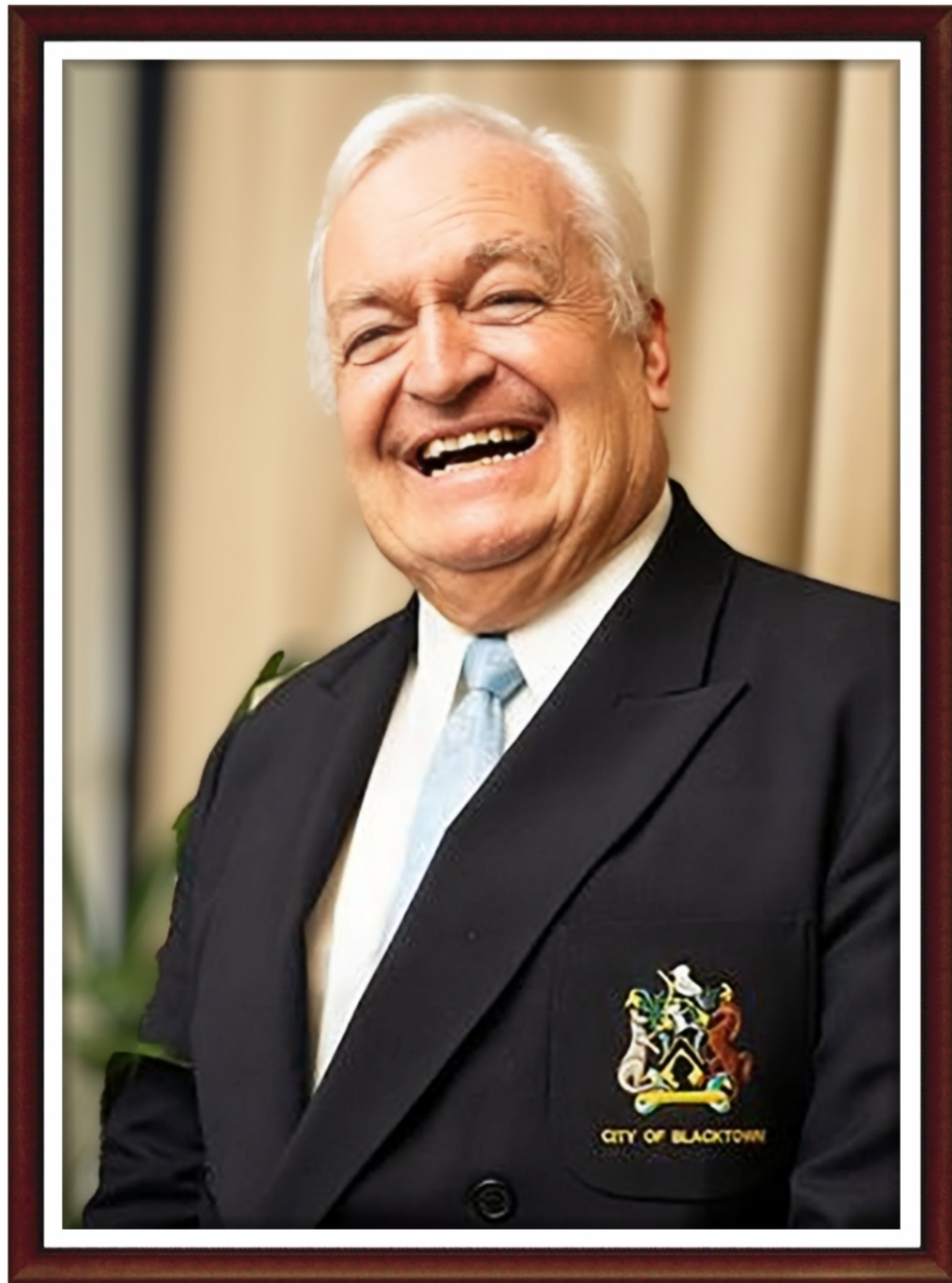


IN LOVING MEMORY OF



"Tony"

Hon. Anthony John Bleasdale, OAM

22ND NOVEMBER 1946 ~ 3RD MAY 2024

ORDER OF MASS

Officiating: Bishop Vincent Long
Assistant Priest: Father Christopher Del Rosario
Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, Horsley Park
Monday, 20th May 2024 at 12:30 pm

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Amazing Grace" (Bagpipe)

GREETING

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE (Eulogy)

Nicholas Bleasdale
Mayor Brad Bunting

TRIBUTES

Helena Bleasdale
Jack Mannion

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Bp: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Bp: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING OF THE HOLY WATER

Bp. In the water of baptism Anthony died with Christ
and rose with him to new life.
May he now share with him in eternal glory.

COLLECT

Bp: Let us pray.
O God, almighty Father,
our faith professes that your Son died and rose again;
mercifully grant, that through this mystery
your servant Tony who has fallen asleep in Christ,
may rejoice to rise again through him.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 25: 6-9

Read by: Joshua Mannion

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations;
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22 (23)

Read by: Cohan Bleasdale

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

**Response: The Lord is my Shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would, I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

**Response: The Lord is my Shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

**Response: The Lord is my Shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.**

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house
shall I dwell for ever and ever.

**Response: The Lord is my Shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Romans 8: 31-35,37-39

Read by: Luke Bleasdale

"What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal".

With God on our side who can be against us?
Since God did not spare his own Son,
but gave him up to benefit us all,
we may be certain, after such a gift,
that he will not refuse anything he can give.
Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen?
When God acquits, could anyone condemn?
Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us-
he rose from the dead, and there at God's
right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us
and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled
or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food
or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked.
As the scripture promised:
for your sake we are being massacred daily,
and reckoned as sheep for the slaughter.
These are the trials through which we triumph,
by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life,
no angel, no prince, nothing that exists,
nothing still to come, not any power, or height
or depth, nor any created thing,
can ever come between us and the love
of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Revelation 14:13

Read by: Carl Elliot

Alleluia, Alleluia

“Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours for their
good deeds go with them”

Alleluia

GOSPEL: Bp:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 11: 25-30

*“You have hidden these things from the learned
and have revealed them to children”.*

Jesus exclaimed,

“I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for hiding these things from the learned
and the clever and revealing them to mere children.
Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.
Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father;
and no one knows the Son except the Father,
just as no one knows the Father except the Son
and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
And I will give you rest. Shoulder my yolk
and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: Bishop Vincent Long

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Bp: Our God is gentle and full of compassion.
Comforted by the knowledge that he has called us
by name to be his very own, let us bring
our prayer before him.

Reader: Paul Mannion

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving
for the life of Tony and have mercy on him.
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

That Tony's loved ones may know your peace
and gentle presence in their lives at this sad times.
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith,
that we may be gathered together in God's kingdom.
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

That God may welcome into glory those of our family
and friends who have departed this life.
We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Bp: Heavenly Father, we offer these prayers
and petitions to you, confident that in your goodness
you hear us. Grant eternal rest to Tony and strength
and comfort to your people who mourn her loss.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Sheron Bleasdale and Lachlan Bleasdale

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Hallelujah" (Leonard Cohen)

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Bp: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice
and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Bp: Lord, we are united in this sacrament
by the Love of Jesus Christ.
Accept these gifts and receive our brother Tony
into the Glory of your Son, who is the Lord,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bp: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bp: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bp: Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

PREFACE

Bp: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ, our Lord. In him, the hope
of blessed resurrection has dawned,
that those saddened by the certainty of dying,
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.
Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed,
not ended and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven,
And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones
and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers
of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory
as without end we acclaim.

All: **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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Bp: The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your
resurrection until you come again.**

Bp: Through Him and with Him and in Him,
O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy 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 against us
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Bp: Deliver us, Lord we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days that,
by the help of your Mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the Kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

SIGN OF PEACE

Bp: Lord Jesus Christ who said to your apostles:
"Peace I leave you, my Peace I give you."
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance
with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Bp: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Bp: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

THE HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC

“Adagio for Springs, Op.11”

(London Philharmonic Orchestra)

“Ava Maria”

(Andre Rieu’ & Johan Strauss-Orchestra Instrumenta)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bp: Let us pray:
Lord God, whose Son left us,
in the Sacrament of his Body,
food for the journey,
mercifully grant that strengthened by it,
our beloved brother Tony,
may come to the eternal table of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Bp: Before we go on separate ways,
let us take leave of our brother Tony.
May our farewell express our affection for him;
may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.
One day we shall joyfully greet him again
when the love of Christ, which conquers all things,
destroys even death itself.

(All pray in silence)

SIGNS OF FAREWELL

Bp: Saints of God, come to his aid.
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

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

Bp: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham

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

Bp: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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

SIGNS OF FAREWELL, cont...

Bp: Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our brother Tony
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 Tony 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 Tony
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 Tony for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

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

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

"You'll Never Walk Alone" (Gerry & The Pacemaker)

Following the service, you are warmly invited
to share memories and refreshments at
Bowman Hall
Campbell Street, Blacktown NSW



SINCERE THANKS

The family would like to sincerely thank you
for the love, care and support
shown by your kind words of sympathy
and your attendance here today.

