

A Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the Life of

Kenneth Francis Maurer
“Ken”

17th September 1941 – 12th January 2025



St Mary's Catholic Church, North Sydney
Thursday 30th January, 2025
1:30pm

Died peacefully at the Mater Hospital, North Sydney

Beloved Husband of Antoinette,
Much loved Father and Father-in-Law of Nick and Fi,
Ben and Terri, Joe and Kaori and Tom.

Adored Pappa of Bella, Allie, Sienna and Louis.
Loved Son of Bruce and Doris (both deceased)
and Brother of Pat.

Highly respected in his career as a Funeral Director.

Ken will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.





Celebrant: *Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO*

Concelebrants: *The Reverend Monsignor Tony Doherty AM*
Fr Joseph Sobb SJ
Fr Daven Day SJ
Fr Andy Nguyen SJ
Fr Ross Jones SJ

Altar Server: *Ron Lewis*

Soloist: *Lanneke Jones*

Soloist: *Camilla Wright*

Organist: *Christine Moriarty*

Violinist: *Dora Maria*

Didgeridoo: *Isaac Bamblett*



Entrance Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Oh 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.

*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.*

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.

*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 Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

*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
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

Carl Boberg

Greeting

Gavan Bracks

Welcome

Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO

Fr Frank: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: *Amen.*

Fr Frank: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Lighting of The Paschal Candle *Antoinette and Bella Maurer*

Sprinkling of the Holy Water

*(The Holy water taken from the dam at “Wingara”
and blessed by Fr Ross Jones SJ at Ken’s bedside)*

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

Placing of Symbols of Ken’s Life

<i>Penny and Pat Evans</i>	Wingara Soil and Gum Leaves
<i>Joe and Kaori Maurer</i>	Candle and Flower from Japan
<i>Tom Maurer</i>	Camera
<i>Allie Maurer</i>	Birds
<i>Sr Clare Koch RSJ</i>	St Mary MacKillop Relic Medal
<i>Sienna Maurer</i>	Spitfire Aircraft
<i>Louis Maurer</i>	Ferrari & Ferrari Cap
<i>Allan Piddington</i>	AFDA and Unknown Soldier
<i>Ben Maurer</i>	Family Photo, Irish Flag and Gadget

Family Reflections

Ben and Joe Maurer

Opening Prayer

Fr Frank: Loving God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery our brother, Ken, who has gone to his rest in Christ, may share in the joy of the resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: ***Amen.***

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Fiona Maurer

A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (13:1-10,13)

If I have all the eloquence of men or angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth, it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

In short there are three things that last:

Faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23 - Crimond)

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.

Second Reading

Terri Maurer

A Reading from the second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy (4:6-8)

As for me, my life is already being poured away, and the time has come for me to be gone.
I have fought the good fight to the end, I have run the race, I have kept the faith.
From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord will give me on that day; and not only to me but to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All: *Alleluia*
***This is the will of My Father, says the Lord,
All who believe in the Son will have eternal life
and I will raise them to life again on the last day.
Alleluia.***

Gospel

Fr Joseph Sobb SJ

Fr Joseph: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit*

Fr Joseph: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-12)
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 now going 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.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?’

Jesus said, ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No-one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment
you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be
satisfied.’

‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him
‘and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have
seen the Father, so how can you say, ‘Let us see the Father?
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in
me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and
the Father is in me; believe it on evidence of this work, if for
no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in
me will perform the same works as I do myself; will perform
even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

Prayers of the Faithful

Paul Tallentire:

Father, we are all grateful for the shining life of our Ken – we saw his one-of-a-kind personality with our own eyes and felt his love as certain as the dawn. Generous inside and out: true from start to finish. Rest our friend in God’s warmth. Lord hear us.

Response (All): *Lord hear our prayer.*

Annette Allen:

We pray for Antoinette and her family whom Ken adored. May their loving memories of a devoted Husband, Father, Father-in-Law and Pappa be a comfort to them and heal their pain. Lord hear us.

Response (All): *Lord hear our prayer.*

Suellen Andrews:

We ask you Lord to continue to hold in your heart our family members and friends who have already been entrusted into your loving arms. May they be granted eternal peace. Lord hear us.

Response (All): *Lord hear our prayer.*

Mark Bracks:

We pray for all those who are gathered here today. People of different faiths and beliefs but united through the love we all shared for Ken. Lord hear us.

Response (All): *Lord hear our prayer.*

Margaret Benjafield:

Lord, we give thanks to the medical and nursing staff who cared so lovingly for Ken in his final days at the Mater Hospital, in particular Professor Nick Pavlakis, Dr Dasantha Jayamanne and the Genesis team, Professor Fran Boyle, Dr Martin Kennedy and the Mater Palliative Care Team. The Maurer Family gives thanks to the Mater and Mercy families for the extraordinary love, support and compassion they received throughout this time. Lord hear us.

Response (All): *Lord hear our prayer.*





Nick Maurer:

We give thanks for the exceptional relationship that Ken, Antoinette and our family have had the privilege of sharing over many, many years with the Jesuit and Mercy Communities of North Sydney. May God continue to strengthen and bless them in their dedication in caring for others.
Lord hear us.

Response (All): **Lord hear our prayer.**

Professor Steve Lynch AC:

We remember fondly and give thanks for the many wonderful memories of times shared at get togethers of the Danesi, Lynch and Maurer families.
Lord hear us.

Response (All): **Lord hear our prayer.**

Fr Frank:

God our Father, we thank you for the life of Ken. Welcome him into your Kingdom and now that his life here is complete, console us with the assurance that he will continue to inspire and guide us. May he enjoy the communion of saints together with all his departed family and friends.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

*Gavan and Val Bracks
Peter and Claudia Kiernan
Sr Bernadette Mansour RSM
Sr Jennie Ryan RSM*

Offertory Hymn

Eagle's Wings (Frank Anderson)

Invitation to Prayer

Fr Frank: 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 God's name for our good and the good of all the Holy Church.***

Prayer Over the Offerings

Fr Frank: Lord, be pleased by our offerings and gather your departed servant Ken into glory with your Son, in whose great mystery of love we are all united.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Fr Frank: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Fr Frank: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Fr Frank: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: *It is right and just.*

Preface

Fr Frank: Father all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By His birth we are reborn.

In His suffering we are freed from sin.

By His rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life.

In His return to You in glory we enter into Your heavenly King.

And so, we join the angels and the saints as they sing their unending hymn of praise:

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.*

Eucharistic Prayer

(Please kneel or sit)

Memorial Acclamation:

Fr Frank: The mystery of faith.

All: ***When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.***

Fr Frank: 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

Fr Frank: Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Saviour gave us:

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,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Fr Frank: Deliver us, Lord from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us 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. Amen.***

Sign of Peace

Fr Frank: Lord Jesus Christ you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I leave you;
look not on your sins but on the faith of your church
and graciously grant us peace
and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

Fr Frank: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: *And also with you.*

Fr Frank: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

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

(Please kneel or sit)

Fr Frank: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those that 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.*

Communion Hymns

Ave Maria *(Franz Schubert)*

Pie Jesu *(Andrew Lloyd-Webber)*

Prayer after Communion

Fr Frank: Lord God, whose Son left us in the sacrament of his Body,
food for the journey.
Mercifully grant that, strengthened by it,
our brother Ken may come to the eternal table of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

Reflections from Grandchildren *Bella, Allie, Sienna and Louis Maurer*

Ken's Life in Pictures The Armed Man – Sanctus (*Karl Jenkins*)
Perfect Symphony (*Ed Sheeran and Andrea Bocelli*)
Moon River (*Henry Mancini*)

Final Commendation and Farewell

Invitation to Prayer

Mons Tony: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Ken
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 Ken again and enjoy his friendship
and love.
Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy
of God will gather us together again in the joy of his Kingdom.
Therefore let us console one another in the faith of
Jesus Christ.

Sprinkling of Water and Incense

The coffin is once again sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of the life of God which began in baptism; it is also incensed as a sign of the dignity of Ken's body and of our hope that by the power of the Holy Spirit he be raised to eternal life.

Song of Farewell

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

All: *Receive Ken's soul and present him to God the Most High.*

Mons Tony: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself:
May the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: *Receive Ken's soul and present him to God the Most High.*

Mons Tony: Eternal rest grant to Ken O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon him forever.

All: *Receive Ken's soul and present him to God the Most High.*

Prayer of Commendation

Mons Tony: To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of Ken. your servant;
in the sight of this world he is now dead; in your sight may he
live forever. Forgive whatever sins he committed through
human weakness and in your goodness grant him everlasting
peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Recessional Music

Somewhere Over the Rainbow
(Israel Kamakawiwo'ole)



Pall Bearers

<i>Ben Maurer</i>	<i>Louis Maurer</i>
<i>Bella Maurer</i>	<i>Joe Maurer</i>
<i>Tom Maurer</i>	<i>Mark Bracks</i>

An Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*





*Say not in grief that he is no more,
but in thankfulness that he was.*

The Maurer Family thank you
for sharing in the Celebration of Ken's life today
and for all your expressions of love, comfort, prayers and
support which means so much to us all.

Please join us for refreshments at:
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
33 Peel Street
Kirribilli
from 3:30pm

*(A shuttle bus will be available on Miller Street
to take guests from the Church to RSY only.)*

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