



WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

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*Chris*

A REQUIEM MASS FOR

*Christopher Gerard  
Paul Sheehan*

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SS PETER AND PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TE AWAKAIRANGI PARISH, LOWER HUTT

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2025

AT 11.00AM

**Priest:** *Father Patrick Bridgman*

**Pianist:** *Mark Hofsteede*

*Thereafter a private interment*

## *Order of Service*

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

#### ***Be Not Afraid***

You shall cross the barren desert,  
But you shall not die of thirst,  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way,  
You shall speak your words to foreigners,  
And they will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live.

#### ***Chorus***

***Be not afraid,  
I go before you always,  
Come follow me,  
And I will give you rest.***

If you pass through raging waters  
In the sea, you shall not drown,  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
You shall not be harmed,  
If you stand before the power of hell,  
And death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all.

#### ***Chorus***

### **FIRST READING**

#### ***Timothy 4: 6-8***

I have done my best in the race  
*Patrick Sheehan*

## **PSALM**

### ***The Lord Is My Shepherd***

The Lord is my Shepherd.  
And I want to follow,  
Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,  
The valleys and highways, He's waiting for me.

### **Chorus**

***I want to go to meet Him there,  
To lay myself down in His love.  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.***

And while on the journey, to where we are going,  
He promised to be there to help us along.  
Over the mountains, we'll walk on together,  
To know all the wonders He's given to me.

### **Chorus**

## **GOSPEL**

John 14 : 1 - 6

## **HOMILY**

Father Patrick Bridgman

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Carmel Sheehan  
Joanne Davies  
Rosemary Sheehan

## **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

Louise Bishop  
Christine Morrissey

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

## **ACCLAMATION**

### ***Te Aroha Hymn***

Te aroha  
Te whakapono  
Me te Rangimārie  
Tātou tatou e.

***(Repeat)***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### COMMUNION HYMN

*Micah's Theme*

**Chorus**

***Hear what the Lord God asks of you  
To live justly, To love tenderly  
And to walk humbly with your God.***

I have come that you may have life  
And have it to the full.

**Chorus**

Ask and you shall receive  
Knock and it shall be yours.

**Chorus**

Father, your Kingdom come  
May your will be done.

**Chorus**

Take up your cross and follow me  
You shall share my life.

**Chorus**

I am with you always  
'til the end of time.

**Chorus**

### FAMILY PHOTOS

I'll See You Again - Westlife

### THANK YOU

Benedict Sheehan

### LITANY OF FAREWELL

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

## WORDS OF COMMENDATION

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### *Galilee Song*

Deep within my heart I feel,  
Voices whispering to me  
Words that I can't understand  
Meanings I must clearly hear!  
Calling me to follow close  
Lest I leave myself behind!  
Calling me to walk into  
Evening shadows one more time!

#### **Chorus**

***So I leave my boats behind!  
Leave them on familiar shores!  
Set my heart upon the deep!  
Follow you again my Lord!***

In my memories I know  
How you send familiar rains;  
Falling gently on my days  
Dancing patterns on my pain!  
And I need to learn once more  
In the fortress of my mind  
To believe in falling rain  
As I travel deserts dry!

#### **Chorus**

As I gaze into the night  
Down the future of my years,  
I'm not sure I want to walk  
Past horizons that I know!  
But I feel my spirit called  
Like a stirring deep within  
Restless 'till I live again  
Beyond the fears that close me in!

#### **Chorus**



### **THE LAST FAREWELL**

Dear friends, I go, but do not weep,  
I've lived my life, so full, so deep;  
Throughout my life, I gave my best,  
I earned my keep, I've earned my rest.

I never tried to be great or grand,  
I tried to be a helping hand.  
If I helped in a team,  
if I helped on my own,  
I was more than repaid  
by good friends I have known.

And if I went the extra mile,  
I did it with pleasure -  
it was all worthwhile.

If I brightened your path, then let it be  
a small contribution from my loved ones and me.  
But mostly I cherished the family I knew  
in a bond never ending - so precious, so true.

Now sadly I leave you, and travel alone -  
Through the mystic veil to the great unknown.  
With such beautiful memories that forever will be,  
The way that I hope you'll remember me.



### **PALLBEARERS**

Patrick Sheehan & Carmel Sheehan  
Joanne Davies & Kay Sheehan  
Benedict Sheehan & Graham Morrissey



### **AN INVITATION**

Following this Mass, you are invited to join Chris's family in the Church Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

### **DONATIONS**

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