

WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

John Russell Burt

20 JUNE 1940 - 6 JULY 2026



St Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Tuesday, 14 July 2026 at 11.00am

Officiating: Fr Kevin Connor | **Organist:** Stella Stowers

Pallbearers

Church

Processional

Lauren, Jason, Regan, Jamie, Daniel, Jesse
(Grandchildren)

Recessional

Tony, David, Dean, Nicola, Philip, Neil

Grave Site

Matthew, Andrew, Ash, Sam, Johnny, Francis

Welcome

Neil Shackleton

Entrance Hymn

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest 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?

Chorus:

*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 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?

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Chorus

Introductory Rite and Opening Prayer

Eulogies

Children

Tony, David (read by Jason), Dean, Nicola, Philip

Children-in-law

Neil, Jo, Alena, Sally

Nephews

Matthew Burt

Grandchildren

Natalie

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah - *read by* Ashleigh Burt

Psalm

Psalm 23 - *read by* Ed Hanaray

New Testament Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians - *read by* Andrew Burt

Gospel Reading

John 14

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Alex, Sam, Poppy, Ella

Offertory Procession

Stacey, Savannah

Offertory 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 in foreign lands,
And all 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 shall give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters
In the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amidst the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.

If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you, through it all

Chorus

Blessed are your poor,
For the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you, all because of Me,
Blessed, blessed are you!

Chorus

Holy Communion

Musical Composition

Tony Burt

Amazing Grace

Performed by Lauren Chisnell

Final Prayers and Blessing

*Response: Receive his soul and
present him to God the most high.*

Recessional

How Great Thou Art - *Sir Howard Morrison*

Poem

You Can Shed Tears

You can shed tears that he's gone,
Or you can smile because he has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only see that he's gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,
Be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he'd want,
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

A Thank You from John and the Family

Our family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has offered their love, support, kind words, cards, flowers, and messages of sympathy during this difficult time. Your kindness and compassion have been a great comfort to us.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Father Kevin for leading today's beautiful service with such compassion, warmth, and care. His comforting words and guidance have been deeply appreciated.

We would also like to thank the wonderful staff at BUPA Care Home for the care, kindness, and dignity they showed John throughout his time with them. Their compassion and dedication meant so much to John and to our family, and we will always be grateful for the support they provided.

Thank you for joining us today to celebrate John's life and to honour his memory. Your presence, prayers, and support mean a great deal to us and will always be remembered.





Invitation

We will be leaving for the cemetery at approximately 12.45pm for the burial and will then proceed to the Stokes Valley RSA. You are warmly invited to join us there. Those not attending the burial are welcome to go directly to the RSA.

Donations

Anyone wishing to make a donation to Te Omanga Hospice in memory of John may do so online at www.teomanga.org.nz or by scanning the QR code.



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