***We Gather to Remember and***

***Celebrate the Life of***

**Name**

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**Born into this life – Insert date**

**Born into Eternal Life – Insert date**

**Celebrant Fr Thomas Kessy CSSp**

**St. Michael’s War Memorial Church, 250 Banks Street Ashgrove QLD 4060**

**Insert Funeral Date**

**RECEIVING THE BODY**

***0845 PLEASE GATHER INSIDE CHURCH FOYER***

The Parish Priest prays over the body with family, relatives and friends.

Family members, followed by relatives and friends, proceed down the aisle behind the coffin to their seats. Family members to sit in ‘reserved’ rows.

***PLEASE KNEEL***

The Rosary is then recited until 0900 when funeral Mass commences.

***PLEASE STAND***

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

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**GREETING:**

The grace and peace of God Our Father and the Lord Jesus be with you.

***ALL: And with your spirit.***

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**SPRINKLING OF THE WATER: (Insert Name of person conducting this role)**

Priest: Water is the source of life and symbol of the new life received by (Name of deceased person) at his/her baptism.

**All: May he/she now share new life with God in glory.**

**LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE: (Insert Name)**

Priest: In baptism, (Name) received the light of Christ. This light has guided him/her throughout his/her life.

**All: May he/she now enjoy eternal light and peace.**

**PLACING OF THE PALL: (Insert Name)**

Priest: On the day of his/her baptism, (Name) put on Jesus Christ and was clothed in white.

**All: May Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd now enfold him/her in his tender love.**

**PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS (eg cross, rosary beads) / FLOWERS: (Insert Name)**

Priest: With love and reverence we place these symbols and flowers on (Name’s) coffin.

**All: In his/her life he/she bore rich fruit and now knows life that will last forever.**

***PLEASE BE SEATED***

**WELCOME: (Insert Name)**

**(short one minute welcome to the Mass)**

**EULOGY: (Insert Name)**

**(limited to 10 minutes maximum)**

***PLEASE STAND***

**INVITATION TO PRAYER:**

With faith in Jesus Christ, we must reverently bury the body of our brother/sister (plus Name).

Let us pray with confidence to God, in whose sight all creation lives, that He will raise up in holiness and power the mortal body of (Name) and command his/her soul to be numbered among the blessed.

May God grant him/her a merciful judgment, deliverance from death, and pardon of sin. May Christ the Good Shepherd carry him/her home to be at peace with the Father. May he/she rejoice forever in the presence of the eternal King and in the company of all the saints.

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Into your hands, O Lord,

we humbly entrust our sister/brother (plus Name)

In this life you embraced him/her with your tender love;

deliver him/her now from every evil,

and bid him/her enter eternal rest.

The old order has passed away:

welcome him/her then into paradise,

where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,

but the fullness of peace and joy

with your Son and the Holy Spirit,

forever and ever.

***ALL: Amen***

***PLEASE BE SEATED***

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

**FIRST READING: (Insert Name)**

*Choose reading from ‘First Reading and Responsorial Psalm Options’ in ‘Options within Funeral Mass and Funeral Prayer Service’ attachment and insert*

**SECOND READING: (Insert Name)** *Can choose whether or not to include a second reading*

*Choose reading from ‘Second Reading and Gospel Acclamation Options’ in ‘Options within Funeral Mass and Funeral Prayer Service’ attachment and insert*

**GOSPEL: (Insert Name)**

*Choose Gospel from ‘Gospel Options’ in ‘Options within Funeral Mass and Funeral Prayer Service’ attachment and insert.*

*Please format the lines in first and second readings and the Gospel to similar to the formatting from where they were copied*

***PLEASE BE SEATED***

**HOMILY: Priest**

***PLEASE STAND***

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: (Insert Name)**

**Priest:** We believe that Jesus died and rose again. In that belief we bring our prayers to God our Father with confidence.

***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. Amen.***

*Choose prayers from ‘Prayers of the Faithful options’ in ‘Options within Funeral Mass and Funeral Prayer Service’ attachment and insert*

***All: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.***

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, our time on earth passes quickly, we are like grass that grows, withers and dies. Support us as we travel towards you, and grant that we may all meet together again in your presence, with Christ Jesus our Lord.

***ALL:* *Amen.***

***PLEASE BE SEATED***

**SLIDE SHOW: (if applicable)**

**FINAL COMMENDATION**

***PLEASE STAND***

**INVITATION TO PRAYER:**

**Priest:**

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of (Name). May our farewell express our affection for him/her and our thanksgiving that he/she has been part of our lives. May it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him/her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

**SONG OF FAREWELL**:

A song of farewell is sung as the coffin is blessed with holy water as a reminder of (Name) and is incensed signifying our prayers rising to heaven.

***Response: Receive (Name’s) soul and present him/her to God the Most High.***

Saints of God, come to his/her aid!

Hasten to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!  ***ALL: Response***

May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself;

may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham. ***ALL: Response***

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon him/her.  ***ALL: Response***

**PRAYER OF COMMENDATION:**

**Priest:**

Into your hands, Father of mercies,

we commend our brother/sister (Name),

in the sure and certain hope that,

together with all who have died in Christ,

he/she will rise with Him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings

which you bestowed upon (Name) in this life:

they are signs to us of your goodness

and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers:

open the gates of paradise to your servant

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/sister (Name) forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

***ALL: Amen.***

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

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***OUTSIDE CHURCH***

**PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL:**

**Priest: Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace, faithful friend of God as you take our love into Paradise. God’s holy angels will lead you home, to the wide waiting arms of the Lord.

**All:** May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the Holy City, the new and eternal Jerusalem. May angel choirs greet you, and may you have eternal rest.

Family members are encouraged to sprinkle holy water onto the casket.