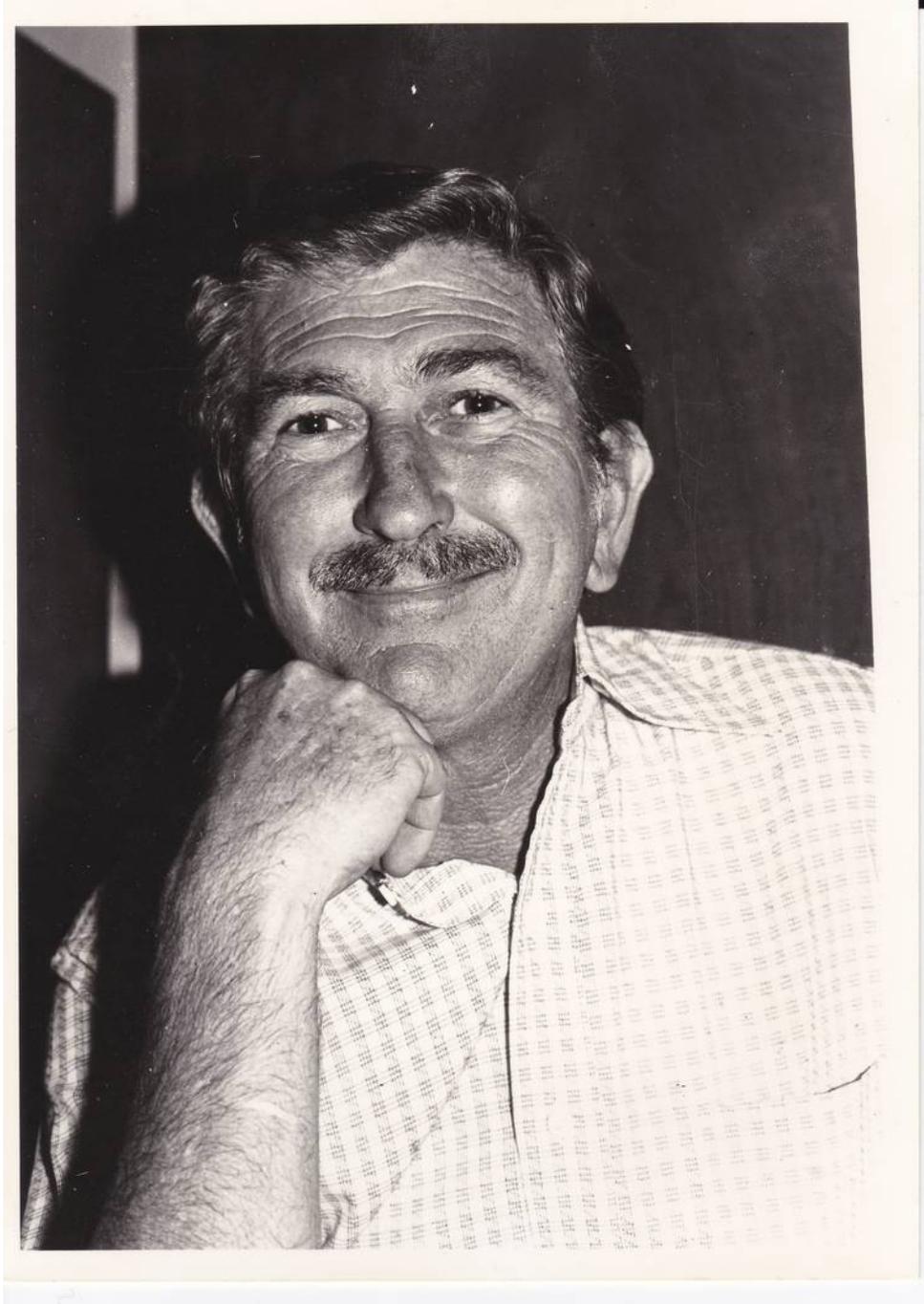


# In Loving Memory



Raymond Charles Willich

15 May 1928 ~ 28 July 2016

**Entrance Song:** *Nessun Dorma – Pavarotti*

(Please stand)

### **Greeting and Welcome**

**Fr. Rod:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** And with your spirit.

### **Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

### **Sprinkling with Holy Water:**

In the waters of baptism, Raymond Charles Willich, died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

### **Opening Prayer**

**Fr. Rod:** God of faithfulness, in your wisdom you have called your servant Raymond Charles Willich out of this world; release him from the bonds of sin, and welcome him into your presence, so that he may enjoy eternal light and peace and be raised up in glory with all your saints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

(Please be seated)

## **READINGS SCRIPTURES**

**First Reading:** *Yvonne Willich and Dianne Barnett*

God of mercy, look kindly on your servant Raymond, who has set down the burden of his years. As he served you faithfully throughout his life, may you give him the fullness of your peace and joy. We give thanks for the long life of Raymond, now caught up in your eternal love.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus who is our risen Lord now and for ever.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Response Psalm:** Ps. 22: 1.

**Fr. Rod.**

**All:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

**All:** 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.

**All:** 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.

**All:** 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 forever and ever.

**All:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation**

(Please stand)

**All:** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. Alleluia !

**Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew:1-12a**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(Please be seated)

**Eulogy:** *Philip Willich*

*Nicola Greenberg*

**Happy the Man ~ A Poem by John Dryden**

Happy the man, and happy he alone,  
He who can call today his own:  
He who, secure within, can say,  
Tomorrow do thy worst, for I have lived today.  
Be fair or foul or rain or shine  
The joys I have possessed, in spite of fate, are mine.  
Not Heaven itself upon the past has power,  
But what has been, has been, and I have had my hour.

**Homily:** Fr. Rod Pitts

**Prayers of the Faithful:** *Yvonne Willich, Dianne Barnett, Trevor Smith, Jan Kelly*

Lord we give thanks for the good people in our lives who support and nurture us in our times of need.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer

Lord help the elderly, the sick and the frail to find peace and relief from their struggles.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, help us to be understanding and forgiving of all those we encounter.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

Lord let us be truly grateful for the all gifts you have given us.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

Lord help us to show love and tolerance to all people even those whom we find different or difficult.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

Lord let our desire to live our lives as the best people we are able to be,  
constantly guide us.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

## **THE EUCHARIST**

### **Prayer over the bread and wine:**

**Fr. Rod:** Accept this sacrifice we offer for our brother, Raymond Charles Willich, on the day of his burial. May your love cleanse him from his human weakness, and forgive any sins he may have committed. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

**All:** Amen

**Fr. Rod:** The lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Fr. Rod:** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**All:** It is right and just.

**Fr. Rod:** Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and every where to give you thanks.

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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. (Please kneel)

**Fr. Rod:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**Fr. Rod:** Through Jesus, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen. (Please stand)

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Sign of Peace**

**Fr. Rod:** 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 forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

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

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Fr. Rod:** Let us offer each other the sign of the peace.

## **COMMUNION**

**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.  
(Please kneel)

**Fr. Rod:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those 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.

## **Prayer after Communion:**

**Fr. Rod:** Let us pray, Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his Body and Blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. May our brother Raymond, who shared in the Eucharist, come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**Fr. Rod:** Lord God, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we celebrate in this Eucharist bring our brother, Raymond Charles Willich, the peace of your eternal home. We ask you this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## **WORDS OF FAREWELL**

**Fr. Rod:** Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother, Raymond Charles Willich, 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.

Trusting in God, we prayed together for Raymond Charles Willich 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 Raymond Charles Willich again and enjoy his friendship. 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.

**FR. Rod:** May the hand of God hold you and the peace of God enfold you in divine mercy.

**All:** May the loving hand of god lead you gently home.

**Fr. Rod:** May the loving God come to greet you. May Christ who called you speed you to paradise.

**All:** May the loving hand of god lead you gently home.

**Fr. Rod:** May you experience that the love that dreamed and formed you still surrounds you here today.

**All:** May the loving hand of god lead you gently home.

**Fr. Rod:** O God, into Your Hands we commend Raymond Charles Willich. We are confident that with all who have died in Christ he will be raised to life, and live with Christ forever. We thank you for all the blessings you gave him in this life to show your Fatherly care for all of us and the fellowship which is ours with the saints in Jesus Christ. Welcome Raymond Charles Willich to paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith until we meet in Christ, to be with You and with our brother for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## **Final Blessing**

**Recessional Music** ~ *Time to say Goodbye*

*Raymond's family wish to thank you sincerely for your kind and caring expressions of sympathy. We thank for the friendship that you have given Raymond over the years, and we know that each of you have your own special memories of him.*



*Following the Mass, you are warmly invited for refreshments, in the Church Hall, to share those memories of Raymond.*

**St Timothys Catholic Church, Vermont  
Private Burial Service.  
1pm Friday, 5 August 2016**



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