



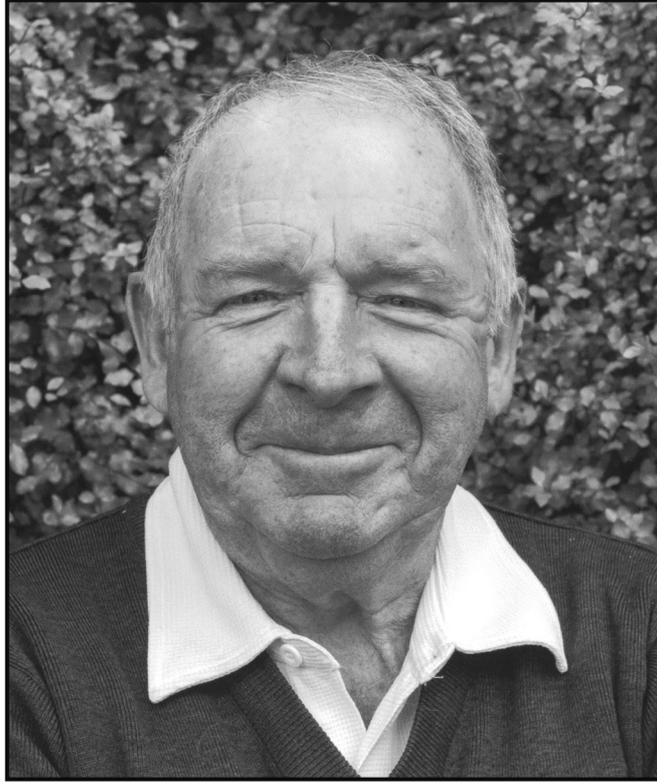
Celebrating
the life of



Denis James Jeffrey

7th August, 1950 - 31st January, 2026

Aged 75 Years



Mass to celebrate the life of

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St. Kilian's Catholic Church, Bendigo

10am Thursday 12th February, 2026

Celebrants - Fr. Jake Mudge & Fr. Junray Rayna

Cantor - Brendan Egan

Organist - Br. Michael McManus FMS

PLEASE STAND

Entrance Hymn: **Strong & Constant**

(All sing together)

I will be your God who walks with you.
You will be always within My hand.
Take your heart and give it all to Me.
Strong and constant is My love
Strong and constant is My love.

Should you wander far away from Me,
I will search for you in every land.
Should you call, then you will truly know:
Strong and constant is My love
Strong and constant is My love.

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come, I will embrace your heart.
Through your pain you will discover Me.
Strong and constant is My love
Strong and constant is My love.

Welcome & Greeting: *Fr. Jake Mudge*

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Eulogy: *Seona Camilleri*

Tributes from Friends: *Todd Deary*
 Tony Lindrea
 Brian Pedretti

Photo Presentation: *Sweet Caroline (Neil Diamond)*
 From St. Kilda To Kings Cross (Paul Kelly)
 The Man In The Picture (Ian McNamara)



CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Geraldine Jeffrey & Louise Camilleri

Fr. Jake In Baptism, Denis received the light of Christ,
It has guided him through his life.

All: **May this light now lead him into Eternal Life.**

Sprinkling with Holy Water - Fr. Jake

Fr. Jake In the waters of Baptism, Denis died with Christ
and rose with Him into Eternal Life.

All: **May he now share Eternal Life with Him in Glory.**

Placing of White Pall - Elisha Bahen & Renee Jeffrey

Fr. Jake On the day of his Baptism, Denis was clothed
in Christ and given a Christian dignity forever.

All: **May Christ now enfold him in His love
and bring him into Eternal Life.**

LIFE SYMBOLS

James Camilleri - Family photo

Beatrix Bahen - Life member plaque

Tom Bahen - Bathurst book & hat

Will Bahen - Vine cutting to represent Denis' love of red wine

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Collect (Opening Prayer): *Fr. Jake*

Let us Pray. God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of Your servant Denis, whom You have called out of this world; and because he put his hope and trust in You, command that he be carried safely home to Heaven and come to enjoy Your eternal reward.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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First Reading: *Read by Renee Jeffrey*

A Reading from Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1,2,6-8

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up. He sets the time for finding and the time for losing, the time for saving and the time for throwing away, the time for tearing and the time for mending, the time for silence and the time for talk. He sets the time for love and the time for hate, the time for war and the time for peace. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: My Peace

Verse: (Brendan Egan - Cantor)

Response: (All sing together)

*My Peace be upon you forever,
My love be within your heart,
My Spirit will keep you safe all your days.*

Second Reading: *Read by Tony Egan*

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy 4:6-8. 18

I have fought the good fight to the end.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for His Appearing. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me and bring me safely to His Heavenly Kingdom. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation:

(All sing together)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God loved the world so much, He gave His only Son,
that all who believe in Him might have Eternal Life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 5:13-16) Priest



Priest The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Priest A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you O Lord.**

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to His disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men." "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in Heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Homily: *Fr. Jake*

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Prayers of the Faithful:

Introduction: Fr. Jake

Dear friends, we celebrate Denis' journey through life with joy and we remember the many blessings God granted him in life and knowing He is faithful to His promises, we now turn to Him in prayer.

Read by Elisha Bahen

We thank You for Denis, our Dad and Poppy who has lead us in this world with love, care and determination. We thank You for his guidance as a father and grandparent.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Louise Camilleri

We pray for Nanny and for all members of her family. We ask for Your blessing on them, Your consolation and strength. May they continue to draw life from Poppy's presence in their lives.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by James Camilleri

We pray for all who have helped Denis, during his illness and showed kindness to his family, especially the medical and nursing staff at Royal Melbourne Hospital and Bendigo Health. We thank them and ask, for Your continued blessings upon them.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Beatrix Bahen

Poppy was very patient and peaceful in his illness. May we too learn to accept the trials of life as he did.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Elisha Bahen

For all the deceased members of our families we ask Your light and peace. May all of us be united with them in Eternal Life.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Conclusion: Fr. Jake

Listen to these prayers we make today and always in faith and trust, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession: *Geraldine Jeffrey & Dianne Williams*

Offertory Hymn: **Be Not Afraid**

(All sing together)

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 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 pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. **(Chorus)**

Acclamation of Faith: *(all say together)*

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim Your death O Lord,
until You come again.



COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: I Am The Bread of Life

(All sing together)

I am the Bread of life.
You who come to Me shall not hunger;
and who believe in Me shall not thirst,
no one can come to Me
unless the Father beckons.

**And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up
on the last day.**

The bread that I will give
is My flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.

**And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up
on the last day.**

Unless you eat of the flesh
of the Son of Man
and drink of His blood,
and drink of His blood,
you shall not have life within you.

**And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up
on the last day.**

Communion Reflection Song: Meet Me In The Middle of the Air *(Paul Kelly)*



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FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: *Fr. Jake*

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Denis. 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.

Song of Farewell: *(Brendan Egan - Cantor)*

Song of the Angels

May songs of the angels welcome you and guide you along your way.
May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own
as darkness turns into day.
Ev'ry fear will be undone and death will be no more,
as songs of the angels bring you home before the face of God.

Prayer of Commendation: *Fr. Jake*

You are the Author and Sustainer of our lives, O God. You are our Final Home. We commend to You our brother Denis. Trusting in Your mercy and in Your all-embracing love, we pray that You give him happiness forever. Turn also to us who have suffered this loss. Strengthen the bonds of this family and our community. Confirm us in faith, in hope, and in love, so that we may bear Your peace to one another and one day stand together with all the saints who praise You for Your saving help. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Recessional Song: I'll Never Find Another You *(The Seekers)*

Graveside Song: Harvest Moon *(Neil Young)*

COFFIN BEARERS

Daryl Jeffrey, Stephen Jeffrey, Tony Egan,
Mathew Camilleri, Simon Kinley, Dan Bahen.



*Time no longer fleeting
No rush against the clock
Just recounting special times
And generally taking stock
So much that can't be explained
Until we're supposed to know
Everyone has a different path
For them to learn and grow*



*Some through pain and sorrow
Often short in days
How we grow is manifest
In oh so many ways
It's all about connecting
In ways most don't understand
Whether this life or another
But for a moment hand in hand*

*Geraldine, Seona, Renee, Elisha and their families
would like to extend a sincere thank you for all your prayers,
comfort and support and for joining them today
to celebrate the life of their dearly loved
Husband, Father and Poppy,*

Denis Jeffrey



*At the conclusion of Mass the Funeral cortege will leave
for the White Hills Lawn Cemetery.*

*Following the Interment, Denis's family
warmly invite you to join them for light refreshments
at the Axedale Golf Club, 75 Mitchell Street, Axedale.*



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