

Thank You

John's family would like to express their sincere thanks for the support, kind words and compassion they have received, having lost their dearly beloved Husband, Dad, Brother, Son, Uncle, Brother in Law, Friend and Colleague.



We will always remember John, his love of life, his beautiful wife Sophia, his incredible children Rangī, Thalia, Lorenzo and Leilani, and the many ways he touched our hearts.

*Forever loved, dearly missed,
and never forgotten*



Celebrating

THE LIFE OF

JOHN MICHAEL FERGUSON



25 APRIL 1968 - 9 MAY 2023

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

ST JOHN XXIII
CATHOLIC PARISH
STANHOPE GARDENS

Funeral Liturgy

LED BY FATHER ZVONIMIR

Opening Hymn

Blessing

Welcome

Eulogies

Marriane Ferguson
Angel Martin
Sophia Ferguson
Rangi, Thalia, Lorenzo, Leilani Ferguson

Opening Prayer



Reflection on John's Life

Video Presentation

Prayers of Commendation & Farewell

Recessional Hymn

Palbearers

Rangi Te Wairahi Ferguson
Lorenzo Tu Haiwaki Ferguson
Owen Turner
Usman Habib
Ricardo Orellana
Alexis Aranda
Ben Stewart
Nick Baker

Wave Off & Wake

At the conclusion of the service, please congregate outside the church for the final wave off to John.

Please join the Family at The Fiddler from 1.30pm to continue the celebration of John's life.



The Lord's Prayer

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.

Father Zvonimir:

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

All:

Amen



Readings

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF APOCALYPSE 21: 1-7

Read by Pilar Gomez

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new' he said. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Read by Rosa Gonzalez

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

Response: The Lord is Kind and Merciful

As a father has compassion for his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust.

Response: The Lord is Kind and Merciful

As for man, his days are like grass; he flowers like the flower of the field; the wind blows and he is gone and his place never sees him again.

Response: The Lord is Kind and Merciful

But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear; his justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth.

Response: The Lord is Kind and Merciful



SECOND READING
A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ROMANS 8: 14-23
Read by Coren Aranda

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again: it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well; heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory. I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free

Gospel Reading

Carrying his own cross, Jesus went out of the city to the place of the skull or, as it was called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him with two others, one on either side with Jesus in the middle.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to this mother, 'Woman this is your son'. Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother'.

After this, Jesus knew that everything had now been completed, and to fulfil the Scripture perfectly he said: 'I am thirsty'. A jar full of vinegar stood there, so putting a sponge soaked in vinegar on a hyssop stick they held it up to his mouth. After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said, 'It is accomplished'; and bowing his head he gave up his spirit.

Father Zvonimir: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Homily

Father Zvonimir

Prayers of the Faithful

Read by Lee Orellana

For John, a child of God and heir to the Kingdom, that he may be held securely in God's loving embrace for now and for all eternity. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer

The family and friends of John seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer

May God bless those who mourn and are in pain and look upon John's family and friends who gather around him today. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer

May God grant the many friends and members of our families who have gone before us, an everlasting home with Christ. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer

For those with visual impairment and cardiac issues, may they receive ongoing support and blessings throughout their lives. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer

For those who cannot find hope and who live in the darkness of despair. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayer

