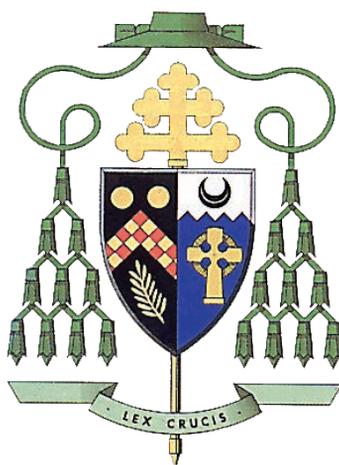


The Most Reverend John Alexius Bathersby



*All I want is to know Christ
and the power of his resurrection
and to share his sufferings
by reproducing the pattern of his death.
(Phil 3:10)*



Solemn Funeral Rites

*The Most Reverend
John Alexius Bathersby*

Archbishop of Brisbane 1991 – 2011

Bishop of Cairns 1986 - 1991

Priest of Toowoomba 1961-1986

26 July 1936 - 9 March 2020

**Vigil Prayers and
Liturgical Reception of the Body**

The Cathedral of St Stephen

Sunday 15 March 2020

5.00pm

RECEPTION OF THE BODY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Keep in Mind

Antiphon



Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for
us and is ris - en from the dead. He is our sav - ing
Lord, he is joy for all a - ges.

1. If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.
If we endure with the Lord, we shall reign with the Lord.
2. In him all our sorrow, in him all our joy.
In him hope of glory, in him all our love.

The Archbishop In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Archbishop Peace be with you.

All And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

PLACING OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

HYMN (*cont*)

3. In him our redemption, in him all our grace.
In him our salvation, in him all our peace.

INVITATION TO PRAY

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord God will destroy death for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 83

R How hap - py - they who dwell in your house, O

Lord. How hap-py- they who dwell in your house.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-56

The Almighty has done great things for me.

HOMILY

Fr Bill O'Shea

GENERAL INTERSESSIONS

Response

Lord have mercy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

FAMILY

Michael Bathersby

ECUMENICAL

Archbishop Phillip Aspinall

HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

PRIEST OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Fr Peter Dillon

LAY PERSON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Margaret Vider

The Lord bless you and keep you

John Rutter

CONCLUDING PRAYER

PROCESSION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

On arrival at the chapel, there will be a moment of silent prayer

I place all my trust in you, my God:
all my hope is in your sav - ing word.

The Archbishop Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.
Eternal rest grant unto John O Lord.

All And let perpetual light shine upon him.

The Archbishop May he rest in peace.

All Amen.

The Archbishop May the soul of John and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Farewell



1. Fare well, we come to send you on the way
2. No more we hear your voice or see your face,
3. Now for your life, your love and la - bours here
4. Far from our sight you jour - ney: tra - vel well.



1. we all must walk, so fi - nal, sec - ret, strange.
2. gone from our world, our close, fa - mil - iar home.
3. our hearts give thanks. Your spi - rit we com - mend
4. All still are one who hear the pro - mise giv'n:



1. In won-d'ring awe, in grief and hope we pray,
2. Yet one who went be - fore pre - pared a place,
3. to him who told his sad flock not to fear,
4. one bat - tle joined to con - quer death and hell,



1. pil - grims of time, to one who does not change,
2. his Fa - ther's house, with room for all who come,
3. "Look, I am with you all, till time shall end,"
4. one Lord of all, on earth as now in heav'n,



whose love can lead us through the dark - est night



to life and joy in ev - er - last - ing light.

All depart in silence until the church gathers in the morning of the Solemn Funeral Mass. All are now welcome to come to the Chapel for prayer and to pay their private respects.

Solemn Funeral Mass

*The Most Reverend
John Alexius Bathersby*

Emeritus Archbishop of Brisbane

The Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane

Monday 16 March 2020

11.00am

PRESIDER

Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

Archbishop of Brisbane

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Bishop of Toowoomba

Most Reverend Brian V. Finnigan Titula

Bishop of Rapido

Most Reverend Joseph Oudeman OFM Cap

Titula Bishop of Respetta

Very Reverend Anthony Mellor

Dean of the Cathedral

Very Reverend Peter Dillon

Chair of Priests Council

*The Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Brisbane
and the Province of Queensland.*

Bishops, Priests and Deacons from around Australia.

Deacon

*Reverend Andrew O'Brien
Reverend Tim Shanahan*

Master of Ceremonies

*Reverend Odinaka Nwadike
Mr Matthew Siveter*

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Music

The Cathedral Schola

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT

Requiem Aeternam

ENTRANCE HYMN

Holy God we praise thy name

1. Holy God we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy sceptre claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.
2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
3. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
While in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim thee,
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

*The body of Archbishop John will now be processed from the
Blessed Sacrament Chapel*

PROCESSIONAL PSALM



The Archbishop In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Archbishop Peace be with you.

All And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

The Archbishop In the waters of baptism John died with
Christ and rose with him to new life.

All May he now share in Christ's victory
over sin and death.

PLACING OF PALL

The Archbishop On the day of his baptism John was
clothed in Christ. With deep faith he lived
out his Christian life.

All May Christ now enfold John in love
and bring him to eternal life.

PLACING OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

The Archbishop In life John cherished and preached the
Gospel of Christ.

All May Christ now greet him with these
words of eternal life: Come, blessed of
my Father!

PLACING OF THE PASTORAL STAFF

The Archbishop In life John was endowed with pontifical dignity in the apostolic priesthood.

All May he now be admitted to their company for ever.

WELCOME

PENITENTIAL RITE

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Chris - te, e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16

As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view, so shall I keep my sheep in view.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19

REFRAIN:



Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord: rich - er than
gold, strong - er than death. Your words are spir - it and
life, O Lord; life ev - er - last - ing. *Fine*

SECOND READING

Corinthians 1:17-20, 2:1-5

I have announced to you the knowledge of Christ crucified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 12:20-25

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies.

HOMILY

The Archbishop

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response

Lord we ask you hear our prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY MOTET

AVE MARIA

Anton Bruckner

Ave maria gratia plena Dominus tecum.

Benedicta tu in mulieribus

Et benedictus fructus ventri tui, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, mater Die,

Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,

Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.

Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.

Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you,

Blessed are you among women

And blessed is the fruit of your
womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinner,

Now, and at the hour of our death.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Amen.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
(in ex -
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
cel - sis.)
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
(in ex - cel - sis.)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Cantor intones; All repeat
We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
fess your Re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN



OUR FATHER

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNIO

Lux æterna

Lux æterna luceat eis, Domine: Cum Sanctis tuis in æternum: quia pius es. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis. Cum Sanctis tuis in æternum: quia pius e

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, with Thy Saints for evermore: for Thou art gracious. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them: With Thy Saints for evermore, for Thou art gracious.

COMMUNION MOTET

PIE JESU

Faure

COMMUNION HYMNS

Where there is charity and love

**(R) Where there is charity and love,
there the love of God abides.**

1. The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
Let us revere and love the living God
And love each other with unfeigning hearts.

2. And so when we are gathered here as one,
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.
3. Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
To where the blessed glory in your sight;
There let us see and love you face to face,
Gathered once more in everlasting light.

Now We Remain

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.

Liv ing, now we re - main with Je - sus the Christ.

1. Once we were people afraid, lost in the night.
Then by your cross we were saved;
Dead became living,
Life from your giving.
2. Something which we have known,
something we've touched,
What we have seen with our eyes:
This we have heard;
Life giving word.
3. He chose to give of himself, became our bread.
Broken, that we might live.
Love beyond love, pain for our pain.
4. We are the presence of God; this is our call.
Now to become bread and wine:
Food for the hungry,
Life for the weary, for to live with the Lord,
we must die with the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAY

All pray in silence

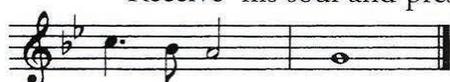
SONG OF FAREWELL

Saints of God

Cantor Saints of God, come to his aid!
Come to meet him, angels of the Lord!



Receive his soul and present him to



God the most high.

Cantor May Christ, who called you, take you to himself:
may angels lead you to Abraham's side. (Refrain)

Cantor Give him eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on him forever. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITAL

HYMN

May the choirs of angels

Refrain (First time, cantor, then all)



May the choirs of an - gels come to greet you.



May they speed you to pa - ra - dise. May the Lord en - fold you



in his mer - cy. May you find e - ter - nal life.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
it is he who protects me from harm.
The Lord is the strength of my days;
before whom should I tremble with fear?
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord;
that he grant me my heartfelt desire;
to dwell in the courts of our God
ev'ry day of my life in his presence.
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I cry;
have mercy on me and give answer.
Do not cast me away in your anger,
for you are the God of my help.
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness;
I shall dwell in the land of the living.
Hope in God, stand firm and take heart,
place all your trust in the Lord.

AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT

The Archbishop God our Creator, Through the waters of Baptism, you opened for John the door to life in the Holy Spirit, and the way home to heaven was opened to him.

As your son, Archbishop John was a witness to the Gospel and proclaimed Christ crucified and risen.

May the promises offered from the font of rebirth be fulfilled for John, your beloved and heir to all of your promises.

Through Christ our Lord, first born from the dead, the Lord forever and ever.

All

Amen.

Refrain (First time, cantor, then all)



May the choirs of an - gels come to greet you.
 May they speed you to pa - ra - dise. May the Lord en - fold you
 in his mer - cy. May you find e - ter - nal life.

AT THE MARY SHRINE

SALVE REGINA (Sung)

*Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae;
 Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
 Ad te clamamus, exules, filii Hevae.
 Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
 in hac lacrimarum valle.
 Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
 Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
 Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
 nobis post hoc exilium ostende.
 O Clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.*

Refrain (First time, cantor, then all)



May the choirs of an - gels come to greet you.
 May they speed you to pa - ra - dise. May the Lord en - fold you
 in his mer - cy. May you find e - ter - nal life.

Rite of Christian Burial

*The Most Reverend
John Alexius Bathersby*

Emeritus Archbishop of Brisbane

The Archbishop Our brother John has gone to his rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome him to the table of God's children in heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist him with our prayers.

Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with our brother John; together may we meet Christ Jesus when he who is our life appears in glory.

PRAYER OVER THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

The Archbishop All praise to you, Lord of all creation. Praise to you, holy and living God. We praise and bless you for your mercy, we praise and bless you for your kindness. Blessed is the Lord, our God.

All **Blessed is the Lord, our God.**

The Archbishop You sanctify the homes of the living and make holy the places of the dead. You alone open the gates of righteousness and lead us to the dwellings of the saints. Blessed is the Lord, our God.

All **Blessed is the Lord, our God.**

The Archbishop We praise you, our refuge and strength. We bless you, our God and Redeemer. Your praise is always in our hearts and on our lips. We remember the mighty deeds of the covenant. Blessed is the Lord, our God.

All **Blessed is the Lord, our God.**

The Archbishop

Almighty and ever-living God,
remember the mercy with which you
graced your servant John in life.
Receive him, we pray, into the mansions
of the saints.

As we make ready our brother's resting
place, look also with love on those who
mourn and comfort them in their loss.
Through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

COMMITTAL PRAYER

The Archbishop

In sure and certain hope of the
resurrection to eternal life through
our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to
almighty God our brother John,
and we commit his body to its resting
place: earth to earth, ashes to ashes,
dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him,
the Lord make his face to shine upon
him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift
up his countenance upon him and give
him peace.

PSALM

I place all my trust in you, my God:
all my hope is in your sav - ing word.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response

Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

The Archbishop Almighty God, through the death of your Son on the cross you destroyed our death; through his rest in the tomb you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you; and through his rising again you restored us to eternal life. God of the living and the dead, accept our prayers for those who have died in Christ and are buried with him in the hope of rising again. Since they were true to your name on earth, let them praise you for ever in the joy of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Archbishop Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need, and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Archbishop Eternal rest grant unto John O Lord.

All **And let perpetual light shine upon him.**

The Archbishop May he rest in peace.

All **Amen.**

The Archbishop May the soul of John and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All **Amen.**

PROCESSION BACK TO THE SANCTUARY

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISAL

The Archbishop The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Deacon Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Archbishop May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Archbishop May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Sing with all the saints in glory*

1. Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness, we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.
2. O what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading,
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
There on high our welcome waits;
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.
3. Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead;
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages,
Saints all longing for their heav'n,
Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,
All await the glory giv'n.
4. Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith;
what joy unknown,
When, amidst earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal,
See that glowing firmament,
Know, with you, O God immortal,
Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

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*Please join us for light refreshments
on the lawns of Cathedral.*



John Alexius Bathersby was born in Stanthorpe on 26th July, 1936, the son of John Thomas and Grace Maud (nee Conquest) Bathersby. He has an older sister, Carmel, a younger brother, Michael, and two younger sisters, Suzanne and Anne. His father was a shopkeeper and publican at the "Country Club Hotel" in Stanthorpe.

He completed his **primary schooling at St Joseph's Stanthorpe**, (1941 - 1950) and his **secondary schooling as a boarder at Nudgee College** (1951 - 1954). From school, he entered **Pius XII Seminary, Banyo**, to begin his formation for the priesthood and was ordained in his home Parish of Stanthorpe by Bishop William Brennan on 30th June, 1961.

His first seven years as a Priest were spent as an **Associate Pastor and Administrator at Goondiwindi** before being sent to Rome for further studies in 1969 where he completed a licentiate in Theology at the Gregorian University, and a Diploma in Spirituality at the Teresianum University.

He was then appointed to Pius XII Seminary in Brisbane where he served as **Spiritual Director for seven years** before returning to Rome for a Doctorate in Theology/Spirituality in 1979. He returned to the Seminary until he was appointed Bishop of Cairns in 1986.

In 1986, Dr. Bathersby was **ordained Bishop of Cairns** by Archbishop Rush, whom he succeeded as Archbishop of Brisbane on 30th January, 1992.

Archbishop Bathersby was keenly involved in ecumenical affairs both nationally and internationally. He was a member of the International Catholic-Methodist Dialogue from 1989 -1995. He served as Co-Chairman of the Australian Catholic-

Uniting Church Dialogue, concluding the co-chair role in 2009. In July 1997 he was appointed President of the National Council of Churches in Australia. He completed this appointment in July 2000. In January 2001 he was appointed Co-Chair of the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission Working Group concluding this role in 2010.

With the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the Archbishop has served as Deputy President of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference 2000-2006, Chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Justice, Development, Ecology and Peace 2000-2006, and Chairman of Catholic Earthcare Australia 2000-2004. He was Chairman of the Bishops' Commission for Mission and Faith Formation and also a member of the executive of the Confederation of Bishops' Conferences of Oceania from 1991 to May 1994. In **2003 he called and presided over the second Brisbane Archdiocesan Synod**, the first to include the participation of lay people.

His personal interests included bushwalking, mountain climbing, watching sport and listening to classical music. As Archbishop of Brisbane, his fervent wish was to communicate the radical, exciting and life-giving message of Jesus, particularly to young people. He will be remembered for his prayerful, strong but humble leadership shaped by his country roots and unshakeable faith in Jesus Christ.



THE CATHEDRAL OF
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