



Celebrating the Life of



VINCENT MENEZES

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 MARCH 1934

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: 9 NOVEMBER 2025

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH LOCKRIDGE
21 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 10:30AM**

FATHER'S ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE

Father's are wonderful people
Too little understood
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should...
For, somehow, Father seems to be
The man who pays the bills
While mother binds up little hurts
And nurses all our ills...
And father struggles daily
To live up to his image
As protector and provider
And "hero of the scrimmage"
And perhaps that is the reason
We sometimes get the notion
That fathers are not subject
To the thing we call "emotion"
But if you look inside Dad's heart
Where no one else can see
You'll find he's sentimental
And as "soft" as he can be
But he's so busy every day
In the grueling race of life
He leaves the sentimental stuff
To his partner and his wife
But fathers are just wonderful
In a million different ways
And merit loving compliments And accolades of praise
For the only reason Dad aspires
To fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them happiness
And like our heavenly father
He's a guardian and a guide
Someone we can count on
To be always on our side.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

'Here I am Lord'

GREETINGS

Fr. Al

BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER

Fr. Al

PLACING OF WHITE PALL

Family

EULOGY

Brian Menezes

OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Al

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Matthew Menezes

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. God has made everything suitable for its time.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23

‘The Lord’s My Shepherd’ (Sung)

SECOND READING

Madeleine Menezes

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Amen.

GOSPEL

Fr. Al

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Fr. Al

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Caleb and Lucas Wear

In baptism, Grandad received the light of Christ and was nourished at the table of the Saviour. Welcome him into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

All: Lord, Hear our prayer.

For our family, Grandma Gillian his beloved wife, his children, Alan, Brian, Roger, Bev and Trevor and their partners, us 9 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, siblings and friends that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus.

All: Lord, Hear our prayer.

For all the nursing staff and doctors of St John of God Midland, who looked after Grandad in the last few weeks of his life. May the Lord bless them for their loving care.

All: Lord, Hear our prayer.

We thank you Lord for the many, many happy memories we have of Grandad Vince. May they continue to brighten our lives as we think of him.

All: Lord, Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY GIFTS AND SONG

‘How Great Thou Art’ - Jenny and Roger Martin

COMMUNION

‘Gentle Woman’

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Fr. Al

PHOTO TRIBUTE AND SONG

‘Through The Years’

PRAYER OF FAREWELL

Fr: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Vince and now we come to the last farewell. There is always sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Vince again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us again in the joy of his kingdom. therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

(Blessing of Holy Water and Incense)

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Vince in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

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 for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fr: Saints of God, come to his aid, hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Fr.: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the side of Abraham.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Fr: Eternal rest grant upon him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

RECESSIONAL SONG

‘Amazing Grace’

At the conclusion of Mass the cortege will proceed to Karrakatta Cemetery, Railway Road, Karrakatta for a cremation service followed by refreshments.



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