



State Funeral

Pontifical Mass
of Christian Burial

The Honourable John Fahey AC

10 January 1945–12 September 2020

Friday 25 September 2020

11.00 am

St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney



*Loving husband of Colleen
Loving Father of Matthew, Melanie and Tiffany (deceased)
Loving Father-in-law of Criston Cicala*

*Loved Grandfather of
Amber and Campbell and
twins, Will and Bec*

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices.

The Mass is celebrated by The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney.

The Mass is sung by St Mary's Cathedral Cantors.

The organs of St Mary's Cathedral are played by Simon Niemiński, Assistant Director of Music.

Music before the Mass:

Cantabile *César Franck (1822–1890)*

Canzona *Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)*
from Sonata in C minor

The bells of St Mary's Cathedral are rung by the St Mary's Basilica Society of Change Ringers.

At 10.55am the Dean of St Mary's Cathedral addresses the congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

At this time the sung responses are made by the cantors on behalf of all.

ORDER OF MASS

*A message of condolence from
His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales*

is read by

*Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales*

A video message from Melanie Fahey-Cicala is played.

All stand at the sound of the Sacristy bell.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

As the Archbishop and Sacred Ministers approach the altar, the cantors sing

THE INTROIT

REQUIEM æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. ʘ Te decet
hymnus, Deus, in Sion; et tibi reddetur votum in Ierusalem.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. ʘ To you
our praise is due in Zion, O God. To you we pay our vows, in Jerusalem.*

Cf. 4 Esdras 2:34-35; Psalm 64:2

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Archbishop says

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

ʘ: **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

ʘ: **And with your spirit.**

The Archbishop welcomes the congregation.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

The Archbishop says

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

The Archbishop sprinkles the Coffin with holy water.

PLACING OF THE PALL

The Archbishop says

On the day of John's baptism he put on Christ. On the day of Christ's coming, may he be clothed with his glory.

Amber and Campbell Fahey place the pall on the Coffin.

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

The Archbishop says

A Cross and some Rosary Beads will now be placed on John's casket. In baptism John received the Sign of the Cross. May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

Mrs Colleen Fahey places Christian symbols on the Coffin.

The cantors sing

THE KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Missa pro defunctis à 4
Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)*

The Archbishop says

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

O GOD, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant John, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

All sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Amber Fahey reads

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

ON this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

All remain seated.

The cantors sing

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22(23)

℟: The Lord is my shepherd; nothing shall I 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. ℟:

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. ℟:

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ☩

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever ☩

All remain seated.

Helen Fahey reads

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

THERE is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

The cantors sing

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia.

It is the will of my Father that every one who believes in me should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Alleluia.

John 6:40

Deacon John Ting proclaims

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

℟: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

JESUS said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

All sit.

THE HOMILY

is given by

The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP

Archbishop of Sydney

Following the Homily all stand.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The Archbishop says

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our heavenly Father has made us for himself and we are restless until we rest in him. Let us offer our prayers to God as we now entrust John into his loving care.

The intercessions are read by Professor Greg Craven AO, GCSG.

For the Honourable John Fahey, who in Baptism received the light of Christ, that the Lord Jesus would scatter the darkness and lead him over the waters of death, let us pray to the Lord.

℟: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who knew John and the many God-given talents he possessed, that we will be filled with gratitude for the love, support and knowledge John shared with us and be inspired to do good for those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

℟: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For John's family gathered here, his many friends, and colleagues from around the world, that the Lord will grant them his comfort and consolation, heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief, let us pray to the Lord.

℟: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For John's doctors, nurses and carers who so ably cared for him at Liverpool and Southern Highlands Private Hospital, that they may be supported and protected in their work of healing and care for human life, let us pray to the Lord.

℟: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For family and friends who have gone before us and await the kingdom, especially John's daughter Tiffany, deceased members of the Fahey family and the McGurren family, that the Lord would grant them an everlasting home and reunite them in Heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

℟: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of us assembled here at St Mary's Cathedral, that gathered in this house of God we may grow in confidence to pray for our brother John and be strengthened in the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray to the Lord.

℟: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Archbishop says

LORD God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear our heartfelt prayers this day, console us in our grief, and unite us all in your love, for you are Lord for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

All sit.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The cantors sing

THE OFFERTORY MOTET

VERITAS mea et misericordia mea cum ipso, et in nomine meo exaltabitur cornu eius.

My truth and my love shall be with him, by my name his might shall be exalted.

George Malcolm (1917–1997)

All stand as the thurifer incenses the congregation.

The Archbishop says

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

℟: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Archbishop says

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Let us pray.

AS we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant John, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

℣: The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

℣: Lift up your hearts.

℟: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

℣: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟: **It is right and just.**

THE PREFACE

IT is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

The cantors sing

THE SANCTUS

HOLY, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.

All kneel.

The Archbishop says

YOU are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The Archbishop sings

The mystery of faith.

The cantors sing

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

The Archbishop continues

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice. Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and me, your unworthy servant, Terry and Richard, my assistant Bishops, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own. Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

Remember your servant John whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection, when from the earth he will raise up in the flesh those who have died, and transform our lowly body after the pattern of his own glorious body. To our departed brothers and sisters, too, and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory, when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes. For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages and praise you without end, through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

The Archbishop sings

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

The cantors respond

℟: Amen.

All stand.

COMMUNION RITE

The Archbishop sings

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

The cantors sing

℟: 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.

The Archbishop continues

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

℟: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

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 for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

The cantors sing

THE AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant him rest.

*Missa pro defunctis à 4
Tomás Luis de Victoria*

All kneel.

The Archbishop says

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.

℟: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion. The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.

The cantors sing

THE COMMUNION MOTET

PANIS angelicus, fit panis hominum. Dat panis cælicus figuris terminum: O res mirabilis, manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis.

Heavenly bread that becomes the bread for all mankind; bread from the angelic host that is the end of all imaginings; Oh, miraculous thing! This body of God will nourish even the poorest, the most humble of servants.

César Franck (1822–1890)

All stand.

The Archbishop says

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

LORD God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our brother John may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

All sit.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

are spoken by

The Honourable Nick Greiner AC

The Honourable John Howard OM AC

Senator the Honourable Marise Payne

All stand.

FINAL COMMENDATION

The Archbishop says

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for John 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 John 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.

All pray in silence.

The Archbishop sprinkles the Coffin with holy water and incenses it.

The cantors sing

THE SONG OF FAREWELL

SAINTS of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High. May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham. Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

The Archbishop says

THE PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

INTO your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother John in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ he will rise and live with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon John in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. 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. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

✠ **Amen.**

The Deacon says

In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

All remain standing.

The Coffin is carried out of the Cathedral by Amber Fahey, Campbell Fahey, Steven Fahey, Ron Buchan, Ron Coote, Terry Gorden, Dan Hall, and Summer Hall.

***Members of the Congregation are requested
to remain in their places until invited to move
by the stewards.***

The cantors sing

THE HYMN

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
Guide of the wand'rer here below:
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care—
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy Son that he has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
To thee, blest advocate, we cry;
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above,
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee;
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the Sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

Stella
Traditional melody

based on 'Salve Regina'
John Lingard (1771–1851)

Music after the Mass:

Prelude in E flat (BWV 552i)

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Fahey family would like to thank you for coming
to celebrate John's life today.*

We also thank those who have sent messages of support and their prayers.

Following the service the family will proceed to a private burial service.

*The family has requested that, in lieu of floral tributes,
donations can be made to:*

Leukaemia Foundation
www.leukaemia.org.au

*Poppa, I hope you knew how much joy you brought into my life. There was never a dull moment with you. You knew how to make me laugh, you encouraged all my dreams and supported me through every new journey. You gave me the best hugs in the whole world which I will miss immensely. Our happy place was Manyana and I am so grateful for all the wonderful memories shared down there. You will always be my guardian angel on my shoulder forever guiding me through life. I will miss you so very much but I know that you aren't in pain anymore, and I know that you are reunited with your loved ones. I will see you again one day. Wrap me in the Rabbit –
Love Amber xx*



*Pop, I wish you could know how grateful I am for all that you've done for me. I was definitely not ready to say goodbye to you but know that my life was filled with so much happiness and laughter with you in it. You will be deeply missed, but always here in spirit and I know that you'll always be guiding me with whatever life throws at me.
I love you - Campbell xo*





