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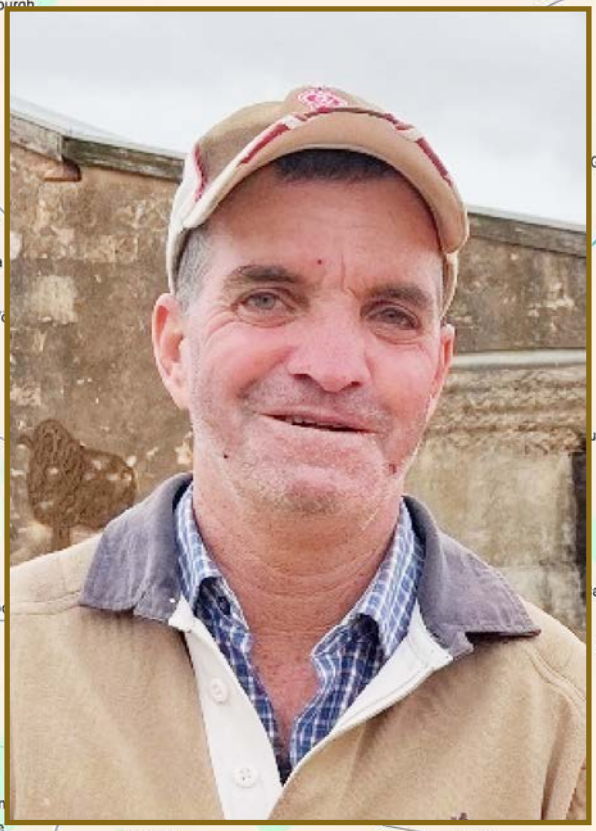

Damian Clarke

"Peewee"

FUNERAL MASS GIVING THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF DAMIAN MATTHEW DONALD CLARKE "PEEWEE"

Please stand as the Priest enters the Church

ENTRANCE HYMN: How Great Thou Art no. 14

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

Ref: Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze,

Ref:

And when I think That God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in:
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin!

Ref:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art!

Ref:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY RITES

FR RANJITH: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: *Amen.*

FR RANJITH: The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.

ALL: *And with your spirit.*

THE COFFIN IS NOW SPRINKLED WITH HOLY WATER

Please be Seated

EULOGY: Matt Meade

OPENING PRAYER:

FR RANJITH: O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant DAMIAN CLARKE 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.

ALL: *Amen*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Chris Kelly

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.
The Word of the Lord

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Rick Kelly
PSALM 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6

Response *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Response *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff that give me courage.
Response *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Response *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.
Response *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ALL: *Alleluia!*
I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord: he who believes in me will not die for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: John 11:17-27

A reading from the holy gospel according to John
ALL: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.

" Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the

last day."
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."
The Gospel of the Lord.
ALL: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

Please be Seated

HOMILY: FR RANJITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

FR RANJITH: My dear friends, we know that nothing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord, so let us pray to our loving God for our needs at this time.

Bernie Butterick
We thank you Lord for Damian's life. He was a person with great strength and determination when faced with so many challenges. May he be an example to us all. Lord hear us.
ALL: Lord hear our Prayer.

Heather Smallacombe
We pray for the Doctors and nursing staff at the Jamestown Hospital for their care and compassion and support in caring for Damian over the past two and a half years. Lord hear us.
ALL: Lord hear our Prayer.

Justine Reynolds
May we be thankful for Damian's community spirit, his endless volunteer work being involved in many sporting clubs. His service to the community will never be forgotten. Lord hear us.
ALL: Lord hear our Prayer.

Shelley Woolford
We pray for Damian's friends and former work colleagues. May they find the strength and comfort in one another in this time of sorrow. Lord hear us.
ALL: Lord hear our Prayer.

Ed Morgan
May we also pray for Damian's network of friends who rallied around him when he could no longer drive. Taking him on road trips gave Damian a sense of freedom and quality time with his friends. Lord hear us.
ALL: Lord hear our Prayer.

Candice Kalish
We pray for the relatives and friends including those who have travelled to be with us today, may you be blessed for your loving care and support. Lord hear us.
ALL: Lord hear our Prayer.

FR RANJITH: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brother. Cleanse him of his sins and grant him the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
ALL *Amen.*

OFFERTORY GIFTS IN PROCESSION: Bernie, David and Maria

OFFERTORY HYMN: Nearer my God to Thee No.190

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Friends may depart from me, night may come down,
clouds of adversity darken and frown:
Still through my tears, I'll see hope gently leading me,
nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.

What though the shadows fall, naught shall I fear:
When darkest seems the night, morning is near.
Sweet shall my trusting be, sorrow still bringing me
nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

FR RANJITH: Blessed are you Lord…… the bread of life.
ALL: *Blessed be God forever*

FR RANJITH: Blessed are you Lord…… our spiritual drink.
ALL: *Blessed be God forever*

FR RANJITH: Pray, my friends, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.
ALL: *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.*

Please Stand

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

FR RANJITH: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant DAMIAN CLARK 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 forever and ever.
ALL: *AMEN*

The EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

FR RANJITH: The Lord be with you
ALL: *And with your spirit*

FR RANJITH: Lift up your hearts
ALL: We lift up them up to the Lord

FR RANJITH: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
ALL: *It is right and just.*

PREFACE

ALL: *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.

Please kneel or be Seated

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

FR RANJITH: The Mystery of Faith
ALL: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: *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

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

SIGN OF PEACE

FR RANJITH: The Lord be with you
ALL: *And with your Spirit.*

FR RANJITH: Let us all offer each other the sign of peace
ALL: *All offer one another the customary sign of peace: a hand clasp or handshake, which is an expression of peace, communion, and charity*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

ALL: *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Please kneel or be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

FR RANJITH: 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.

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

COMMUNION HYMN: Amazing Grace, No. 187

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved and strengthened me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FR RANJITH: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your servant DAMIAN CLARKE who has journeyed from this world, may by this sacrifice be cleansed and freed from sin and so receive the everlasting joys of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: *Amen.*

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

FR RANJITH: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother DAMIAN CLARKE. 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.

The coffin is once again sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of the life of God which began in baptism; it is also incensed as a sign of the dignity of the body of the deceased and of our hope that by the power of the Holy Spirit they have been raised to eternal life.

FR RANJITH: 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 RANJITH: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself. May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

ALL: *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

FR RANJITH: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

ALL: *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

FR RANJITH: To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of DAMIAN CLARKE your servant; in the sight of this world, he is now dead; in your sight may he live forever. Forgive whatever sins he committed through human weakness and in your goodness grant him everlasting peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: *Amen.*

FR RANJITH: May the angels lead you into paradise. May the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

ALL: *Amen.*

FR RANJITH: May choirs of angels welcome you and lead you to the bosom of Abraham, and where Lazarus is poor no longer may you find eternal rest.

ALL: *Amen.*

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

Funeral Director Announcements

RECESSIONAL SONG: Country Road performed by Lily Kershaw

the roads well travelled... have now fallen silent

Funeral Mass conducted by Father Ranjith Arockiam
Organist Margie Symonds
Eucharistic Minister Anne Redden
Altar Server Peter Moore

DAMIAN MATTHEW DONALD CLARKE

Born 17th January 1977
Entered into rest 12th July 2025

Loving son of
John and Lucy (both deceased)

Dearly loved brother of
Bernie, David and Maria
and brother-in-law of
Nick, Kate and Nick

Cherished uncle of
Harry, Isabelle, Lucas, Ben, Hilary and Molly

We wish to thank all who have shared in this funeral mass today. Your presence and expressions of love and support are greatly appreciated.
You are invited to join us in the Jamestown Peterborough Football Clubrooms following the committal service today for some light refreshments.

Bernie, David, Maria and their families

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