

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Martin Joseph Hawkins*



BORN 28TH MAY 1944  
ENTERED ETERNAL LIFE 5TH JANUARY 2026

St Peter's Catholic Church, Rochedale  
Monday, 19th January 2026  
Celebrant: Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

## Song 5 minutes before the service

Jerusalem

### Entrance Song

Sounds of Silence

**Fr Johnny:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

**Fr Johnny:** May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

### Welcome from Fr Johnny

**Fr Johnny:** Welcome to all of you who have come to celebrate the life of Martin Hawkins.

Let us pray to Father in heaven,  
may He welcome Martin knowing how much he  
deserves and desires to be with Him and grant,  
in his unending love and mercy,  
comfort to all who have loved and cherished him  
and will dearly miss him.

**All:** Amen.

### Sprinkling with Holy Water

**Fr Johnny:** Now let us sprinkle our brother Martin with Holy Water.

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

### Eulogy

Peter Hawkins, Karen Joy,  
Christopher Hawkins reading the poem "The Soldier"

### Audio Visual Reflection on Martin's Life

## Collect (Opening Prayer)

**Fr Johnny:** Let us pray.

God of faithfulness,  
in your wisdom

You have called your servant Martin out of this world;  
release him from the bonds of sin,  
and welcome him into your presence,  
so that he may enjoy eternal light and peace  
and be raised up in glory with all your saints.

Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

## First Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

**Spoken By Kaya Joy**

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a sacrifice, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm (sung) The Lord is My Shepherd

1. The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

**Chorus:** I want to go to meet him there  
to lay myself down in his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me wherever he goes.

2. And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together  
to know all the wonders he's given to me.  
(to chorus)

## Please stand to greet the Gospel

### Gospel Acclamation

*Please say together*

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me will not die,  
but have eternal life.  
Alleluia!*

### Gospel: John 14:1-6

**Fr Johnny:** *The Lord be with you*

**All:** *And with your spirit.*

**Fr Johnny:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

**All:** *Glory to you, O Lord*

**Fr Johnny:** *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*  
**All:** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Homily

*Fr Johnny*

## General Intercessions

**Fr Johnny:** *Brothers and sisters, we have gathered here to pray to God, the almighty Father, for our brother Martin and for his family and friends who grieve his loss.*

**1.** *In baptism, Martin received the light of Christ. Let us pray that God will now scatter the darkness and lead him over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord.*

**All:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

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

**All:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

**3.** *That the Lord Jesus who blesses those who mourn and are in pain will look upon Martin's family and friends who gather around him today. We pray to the Lord.*

**All:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

**4.** *Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Let us pray that all the faithful departed will find in God refreshment, rest and peace. We pray to the Lord.*

**All:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**5.** *For all those who cared for Martin, especially the doctors, nurses and staff at the Princess Alexandra and Greenslopes Private Hospitals and Stretton Gardens, Southern Cross Care who cared for Martin, that their works of service may be richly blessed. We pray to the Lord.*

**All:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Fr Johnny:** *Lord, you are Father of us all and you care for the living and the dead. Comfort us as we put our trust in you and continue to bless us with your loving kindness. Through Christ our Lord.*

**All:** *Amen*

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**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:*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*Amen*

## Final Commendation

**Fr Johny:** *Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Martin. 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.*

## Song of Farewell and Blessing with Holy Water

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

*We give you thanks for the blessings  
which you bestowed upon Martin 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.*

**All:** *Amen.*

**Fr Johny:** *In peace let us take our brother Martin  
to his place of rest.*

## Pall Bearers please come forward

## Recessional song

*Hallelujah*



*Martin's family thanks you for your prayers, words of comfort  
and expressions of sympathy and your presence here today.*



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