



*Vili*

*Vilmos Milisits OAM KJSJ*

Mass of Thanksgiving  
for the Life of

# **Vilmos Milisits**

**OAM KJSJ**

Born 8 September 1948  
Entered Eternal Life 26 March 2021

*Funeral Mass offered at the  
Cathedral Church of St Francis Xavier, Adelaide  
on Thursday 29 April 2021 at 2:00 p.m.*

*Principal Celebrant  
Rev Fr Anthoni Adimai SdM*

*Musicians  
James Lloyd  
Tasso Bouyessis  
Annamaria Beni  
Amicus Strings*



*Dearlly beloved husband  
of Rosemary.*

*Devoted and loving father  
of Simon and Jane,  
and Alison and Adrian.*

*Dearlly loved grandfather  
of Joshua and Laura, Luke,  
Ethan, and Katelyn.*

*Dearlly loved son  
of Terez and Istvan.*

*Dearlly loved brother  
and brother-in-law  
of Joe and Paula,  
Ilonka and Vencel, Olga,  
Ali and Maria, Hedvig and John,  
and Steve.*

*Dearest brother-in-law  
of Helen and Brian, Raymond,  
and Janet and Robert.*

**Gathering Music**

*Amicus Strings*

## *Introductory Rite*

**Processional Hymn**

*Amazing Grace (Newton)*

**Welcome**

**Blessing with Holy Water**

**Placement of Baptismal Pall**

*Alison Milisits and Simon Milisits*

**Words of Remembrance**

*Alison Milisits and Sidney Landis*

**Photographic Reflection**

**Opening Prayer**

## *Liturgy of the Word*

**First Reading**

*Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 8*

*Peter Ütry*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every affair under the heavens.  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
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 be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**All**                    *Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm**                    *Crimond – Psalm 22 (23) (Irvine)*

**Second Reading**                    *1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13*                    *John Riemelmoser*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

But if there are gifts of prophecy,  
the time will come when they must fail;  
or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever;  
and knowledge – for this, too,  
the time will come when it must fail.

For our knowledge is imperfect  
and our prophesying is imperfect;  
but once perfection comes,  
all imperfect things will disappear.  
When I was a child, I used to talk like a child,  
and think like a child, and argue like a child,  
but now I am a man,  
all childish ways are put behind me.  
Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror;  
but then we shall be seeing face to face.  
The knowledge that I have now is imperfect;  
but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last:  
faith, hope and love;  
and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

**All**                    *Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation**                    *Matthew 11: 28*

Cantor            Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 5: 1 – 12a*

The Lord be with you.

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.  
There he sat down and was joined by His disciples.  
Then He began to speak. This is what He taught them:

“How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you  
and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All**            *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **Homily**

My friends, in the time of the Resurrection we are filled with hope as we celebrate that the Jesus crucified is raised from death and gone before us to prepare the heavenly home for us.

We pray for Vili, that his faith in Jesus and his generosity to many throughout the years, will now gain for him the promised gift of eternal life. Lord hear us.

**Response**    *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for the family of Vili; his wife, Rosemary, his children Simon and Alison, along with Jane and Adrian, and grandsons, Joshua and Luke, that the comfort promised by Jesus to those who mourn will sustain them in their grief. Lord hear us.

**Response**    *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for Vili's extended family, especially his siblings, Hedvig and Steve, and his nieces and nephews, along with his many friends, and his loyal staff; that they will draw inspiration from Vili's generous service to others in many charities. Lord hear us.

**Response**    *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray with thanksgiving for those who cared for Vili through his long illness: the staff of the Royal Adelaide Respiratory Unit, the Adelaide Calvary Intensive Care Unit, the Lung Transplant Unit at St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney, his doctors in Adelaide – Andrew Scroop, Peter Psaltis, Michael Stokes and Tom Salono – along with his friend, Pauline Clune, that God will continue to guide them in the care of the sick and their families. Lord hear us.

**Response**    *Lord, hear our prayer.*



We pray with humility for the family who donated  
the lung of their loved one for Vili,  
that their sacrifice will inspire others  
to give life to the sick as Organ Donors.  
Lord hear us.

**Response**     *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray today for all the sick and dying, along with their families,  
that as it is a distressing time for them,  
they will receive that blessing of peace and courage  
from Jesus who endured the cross out of love for all humanity.  
Lord hear us.

**Response**     *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray that Vili will be reunited with his parents  
and departed siblings and relatives,  
and together be welcomed into heaven,  
where they will sing the praise of God for eternity.  
Lord hear us.

**Response**     *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Father, as your son, Jesus, entrusted his spirit into your hands,  
so we, in faith, entrust our brother Vili into your hands  
that he may see you face to face in the wonder of your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All**             *Amen.*

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

**Offertory Procession**             *Adrian Kielczewski, Luke Milisits and Joshua Milisits*

**Offertory Hymn**                     *Gentle As Silence (White)*

# Communion Rite

## The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety  
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All**            *For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.*

## Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## Communion Hymns

*Panis Angelicus (Franck)  
Be Not Afraid (Dufford)*

## Prayer After Communion

# Final Commendation

**Invitation to Prayer and Song of Farewell**

**Recessional Song**

*You'll Never Walk Alone (Rodgers)*



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