

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

James Patrick Henry Coleman

14/03/1963 - 01/07/2020



*Monday 13th July,
11 am (GMT+1),
West Lancashire Crematorium,
Burscough.*



INSIDE COVER: ADRIAN, JAMES PH, BENJAMIN, JAMES SNR, MARY COLEMAN & KATH RYAN HAVING A FAMILY BBQ IN TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

FRONT COVER: JAMES SNR, MARY & JAMES PH COLEMAN, YOUNG TASMANIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS IN HOBART, AUSTRALIA, 1988

ORDER OF SERVICE

Fr Godric welcomes James' coffin and blesses it with holy water.

Fr Godric THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

All AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Fr Godric THE LORD GOD LIVES IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE YET ABIDES IN OUR MIDST. SINCE IN BAPTISM JAMES BECAME GOD'S TEMPLE AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD LIVED IN HIM WITH REVERENCE WE BLESS HIS MORTAL BODY WHICH WAS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Entry music

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Fr Godric welcomes everyone and presents 2 symbols of our Christian Life.

The Bible IN LIFE JAMES CHERISHED THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. MAY CHRIST NOW GREET HIM WITH THESE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE: COME, BLESSED OF MY FATHER.

The Cross IN BAPTISM JAMES RECEIVED THE SIGN OF THE CROSS. MAY HE NOW SHARE IN CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH.

Prayer BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND AFFECTION WHICH KNIT US AS ONE THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES DO NOT UNRAVEL WITH DEATH. CONFIDENT THAT GOD ALWAYS REMEMBERS THE GOOD WE HAVE DONE AND FORGIVES OUR SINS, LET US PRAY, ASKING GOD TO GATHER JAMES TO HIMSELF. ALMIGHTY GOD AND FATHER, IT IS OUR CERTAIN FAITH THAT YOUR SON, WHO DIED ON THE CROSS, WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THE FIRST FRUITS OF ALL WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP. GRANT THAT THROUGH THIS MYSTERY YOUR SERVANT JAMES WHO HAS GONE TO HIS REST IN CHRIST MAY SHARE IN THE JOY OF HIS RESURRECTION. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading PSALM 23 - "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"

Alleluia COME, YOU WHOM MY FATHER HAS BLESSED.
TAKE FOR YOUR HERITAGE THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.
ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL JOHN II: 1-40

Homily

Eulogy

Prayers of Intercession

Response HEAR OUR PRAYER.

The Lord's Prayer

FINAL COMMENDATION

Fr Godric

BEFORE WE GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS LET US TAKE LEAVE OF OUR BROTHER JAMES. 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.

Fr Godric blesses James' coffin

TO YOU, O LORD, WE COMMEND JAMES' SOUL; 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.

Fr Godric:

INTO YOUR HANDS, FATHER OF MERCIES, WE COMMEND OUR BROTHER JAMES 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 ALL THE BLESSINGS WHICH YOU BESTOWED UPON JAMES IN THIS LIFE: THEY ARE SIGNS TO US OF YOUR GOODNESS AND OF OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SAINTS IN CHRIST. MERCIFUL LORD, TURN TOWARDS 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.

THE BLESSING

Fr Godric THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

All AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

Fr Godric MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU, THE FATHER, AND THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

All AMEN



ANNE T & JAMES PH COLEMAN LEAVING THE ALTAR AT THEIR WEDDING IN ST. MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA WAR MEMORIAL CATHEDRAL, DARWIN, AUSTRALIA, JULY 3RD 1993.



JAMES PH COLEMAN 'WALKING' WATSON IN ORMSKIRK, ENGLAND, 2018.

"Invictus"

WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY

OUT OF THE NIGHT THAT COVERS ME,
BLACK AS THE PIT FROM POLE TO POLE,
I THANK WHATEVER GODS MAY BE
FOR MY UNCONQUERABLE SOUL.

IN THE FELL CLUTCH OF CIRCUMSTANCE
I HAVE NOT WINCED NOR CRIED ALOUD.
UNDER THE BLUDGEONINGS OF CHANCE
MY HEAD IS BLOODY, BUT UNBOWED.

BEYOND THIS PLACE OF WRATH AND TEARS
LOOMS BUT THE HORROR OF THE SHADE,
AND YET THE MENACE OF THE YEARS
FINDS AND SHALL FIND ME UNAFRAID.

IT MATTERS NOT HOW STRAIT THE GATE,
HOW CHARGED WITH PUNISHMENTS THE SCROLL,
I AM THE MASTER OF MY FATE,
I AM THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL.

*James was an amazing husband,
Doting father,
A rock on which many foundations were built,
A port in far too many storms.
He was a sucker for any animal,
Or a child with big eyed requests.*

*Behind his rough, gruff, exterior,
He was always kind and gentle.*

*We are all very glad
That you are here today,
To support us
In celebrating James' life.*

*Thank you to all
Who have helped our family
In the last couple trying weeks.*

*Anne T Coleman,
Ryanna Coleman,
&
Rhodri Coleman*