

*Requiem Mass*  
*for*  
*the Repose of the Soul*  
*of*  
***Nola Martha Cummings***



*8<sup>th</sup> December, 1931 ~ 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2024*

*St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina ~ 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024*

*Celebrant: Fr Peter Padsungay*

Please Stand

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

**HERE I AM LORD** by D. Schutte

*Frank Anderson RBP – Used with permission ONE LICENCE#A-641103*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I who make the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.***

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.***

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITE:**

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

**People: Amen.**

Priest: The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And with your spirit.**

**PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS**

**Dan Cummings, Jessica Doering  
& Fran Cummings**

**OPENING PRAYER:** *(Priest)*

O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong,  
Hear our prayer on behalf of your servant Nola  
Whom You have called out of this world;  
And because she put her hope and trust in You,  
Command that she be carried safely home to heaven  
And come to enjoy Your eternal reward.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Please be Seated:**

**FIRST READING:** Tim 4:6-8

**Reader: Aimy Cummings**

A reading from the second letter of Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD** by Brian Bonniwell

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

**Refrain:**  
**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.**

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.

**Refrain:**

**Please Stand:**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia Alleluia!**

God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son, that all those who believe in him may have eternal life.

**Alleluia**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**



**GOSPEL: John 11: 17-27**

**Fr Peter**

On arriving at Bethany, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him.

Mary remained sitting in the house.

Martha said to Jesus "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you."

"Your brother," said Jesus to her, "will rise again."

Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**Please be seated:**



**HOMILY:**

**Fr Peter**

**Please Stand:**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**     **Reader: Eli Cummings & Sarah Cummings**

**Priest:** As we celebrate Nola's life, we pray with confidence to God for her and the many people whose lives were blessed by her presence, love and care.

**Reader:** For Nola, who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted into the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Lord hear us.

**People: Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.  
Lord hear us.

**People: Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We thank you for the life of Nola. She lived her life with courage and generosity. We ask that we may carry on her strength of spirit in our lives. Lord hear us.

**People: Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** You raised the dead to life; give to our sister, Nola, eternal life.  
We pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** God our shelter and our strength you listen in love to the cry of your people. Hear the prayers we offer for our departed sister Nola. Cleanse her of her sins and grant her the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen**

**Please be Seated:**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION:**

**Aaron Cummings & Saskia Horstmann**

**MUSIC**



**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**People: *Blessed be God for ever.***

**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**People: *Blessed be God for ever.***

**Priest:** (washes hands)

**Please Stand:**

**Priest:** Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People: *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.***

**Priest:** (prayer to bless and accept our offering)

**People: *Amen***

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People: *And with your spirit.***

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People: *We lift them up to the Lord.***

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: *It is right and just.***

**PREFACE:**

**SANCTUS: *People: 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**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

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

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER CONCLUSION:**

***People: Amen.***

**Please Stand:**

## **THE COMMUNION RITE:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: All pray.**

***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.***

**Priest:** 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.

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

## **SIGN OF PEACE:**

**Priest:** 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, graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

***People: Amen.***

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***People: And with your spirit.***

**Priest:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



**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:**

**Priest:** 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.

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

**HOLY COMMUNION:**



**COMMUNION HYMN:**

**I'LL BE ALWAYS LOVING YOU** by Trisha Watts

I am here with you by your side,  
Sheltering your heart in the night.  
Wherever you go, whatever you do,  
I'll be always loving you.

Let me love the world through your heart.  
Let me heal your wounds by my touch.  
Wherever you go, whatever you do,  
I'll be always loving you.

I will be your God, your comforter.  
I will hold you close in my heart.

Let me see the world through your eyes.  
Let forgiveness shine through your smile.  
Wherever you go, whatever you do,  
I'll be always loving you.

**Please Stand:**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

**Please be Seated**

**PERSONAL TRIBUTE:**

**PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORIES**



## FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

Priest: Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her,  
Angels of the Lord!

**All: *Receive her soul and present her to God  
the most high.***

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

**All: *Receive her soul and present her to God  
the most high.***

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine  
upon her.

**All: *Receive her soul and present her to God  
the most high.***

**Please Stand:**

**BLESSING:**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:      SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW**

### **Pallbearers ~ Church**

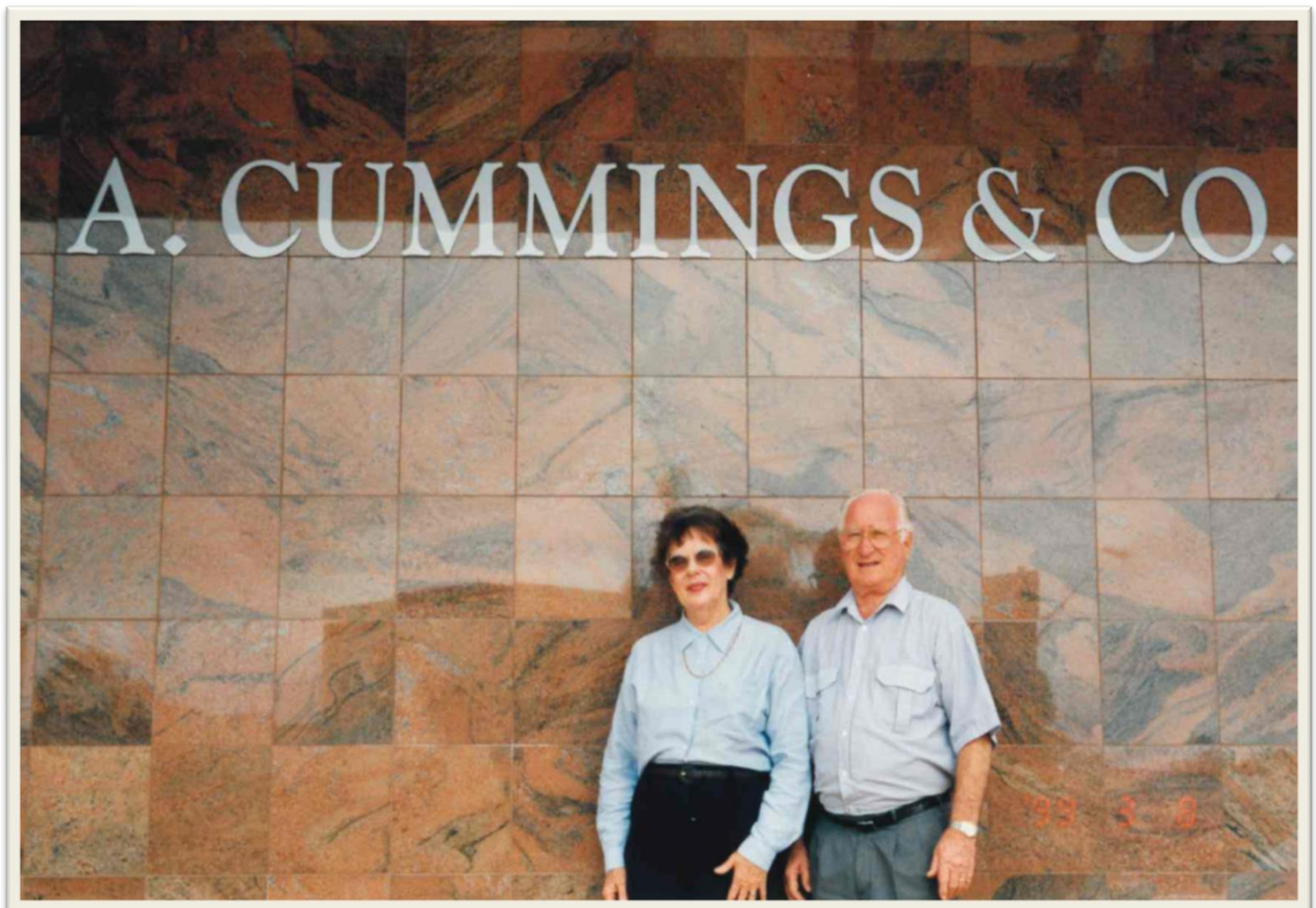
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Jessica Doering  
Eli Cummings

### **Pallbearers ~ Cemetery**

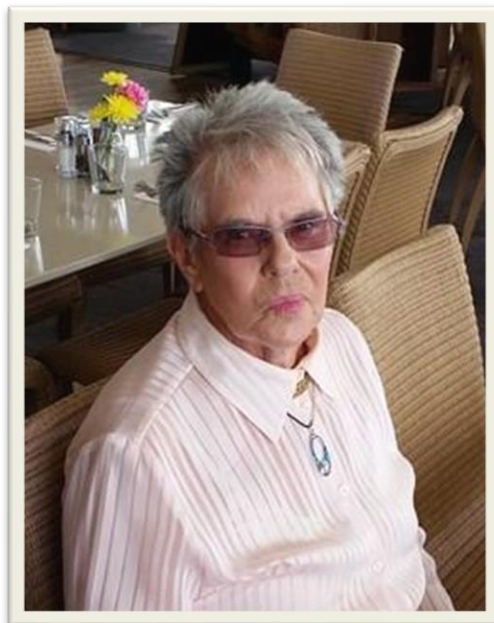
Rodney Cummings  
Thomas Cummings  
Clem Cummings  
Dan Cummings  
Saskia Horstmann  
Fran Cummings



*Nola's family wish to sincerely thank everyone who attended this Requiem Mass today and all those who have kindly offered their prayers and loving support. Following the Burial at East Ballina Cemetery please join the family at Cherry Street Sports Club at 12.00 noon*









***'Rest in Peace, Nola'***

