

RITE OF COMMITTAL
WITH
FINAL COMMENDATION
BROTHER
CHRISTOPHER GORRINGE FSC
(CHRIS)



Auxiliary Visitor 2013 – 2018
Acting Visitor February to August 2014

Easter Thursday 16 April 2020
De La Salle Brothers' Cemetery
Oakhill College, Castle Hill

BR CHRIS GORRINGE FSC

Born 10 September 1945
Son of Alan and Mary Gorringe

Reception of the Habit 28 April 1963
First Profession April 1964
Perpetual Profession December 1970

Entered Eternal Life 13 April 2020

Community and Ministry Appointments

Armidale	1968 – 1973
Henley Beach	1974 – 1978
Beaudesert	1979 – 1984
Henley Beach	1985 – 1990
Scarborough	1991 – 1998
Castle Hill	1998 – 2007
Kensington	2008 –
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“Be satisfied with what you can do because God is satisfied...but
be assured that with the help of God’s grace you can accomplish
more than you can possibly imagine.”

Saint John Baptist de La Salle



Welcome

Br David Hawke FSC Visitor

Opening Hymn

Come As You Are

Paul Gurr

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn,
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Don't run away, shamed or disheartened.
Come as you are, why stand alone?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.



Invitation to Prayer

We are gathered today in this sacred place, the final resting place for many of the Brothers. It was fitting that on the first Easter morning in a place similar to this, the news of Jesus' Resurrection was heard. As we come today to place the body of our brother Chris in this grave, may you, loving God, in your goodness open our minds and hearts so that we may believe in the good news of Christ's triumph over death.

Opening Prayer

All loving God, we pray for Brother Christopher who responded to your call to give of himself to others by following in the way of Saint John Baptist de La Salle as a Brother of the Christian Schools. May those whose lives he touched by his ministry be able to respond as generously as he did in all circumstances of life. We pray that you will welcome Chris home and take him into your loving care forever. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading

Rom 12:3, 6-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us; prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response

The Lord's My Shepherd

Traditional

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff my comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.



Gospel

Matt 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

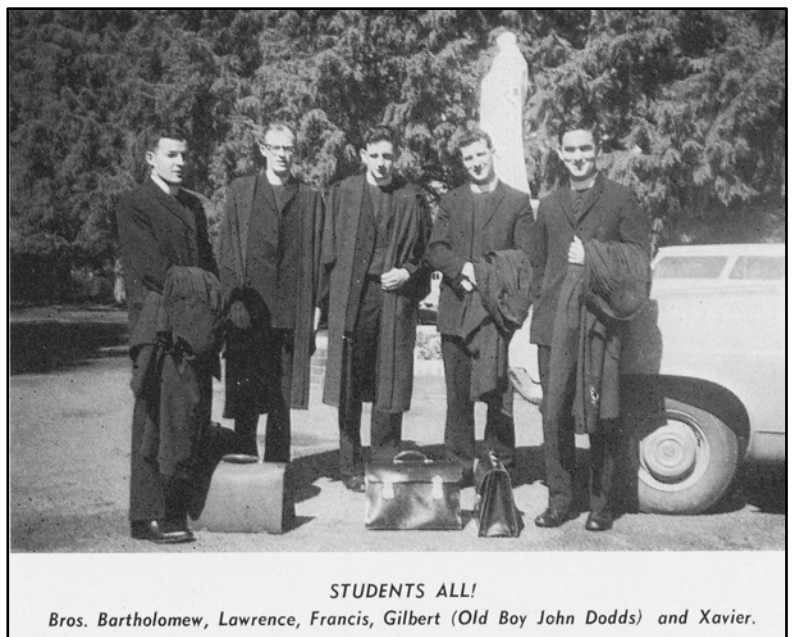
Reflection

Br John Cantwell FSC

Words of Remembrance

People are invited to share a memory of Chris.









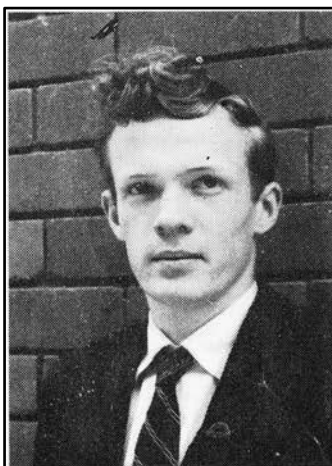
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Back Row: F. Bathur, C. Betar, J. Heath, C. Gorringer, B. Giffney, D. Ward, A. Williams, M. Borey, T. Fraser.
Second Row: L. Ning, P. Plowman, C. Harrison, C. Natera (capt.), S. Smith, M. Wong, J. Palmer.
Seated: G. Chee.



ATHLETIC TEAM (Senior Cup Holders)

Back Row (left to right): P. Foley, V. McCall, S. Wetherall, R. Kennington, M. McTernan, M. Betar, F. Tripodena, S. Cheng.
Middle Row (left to right): S. Kendal, D. Ward, A. Clune, U. Giometti, J. Ning, T. McLaughlin, B. Kelly.
Front Row Seated (left to right): C. Gorringer, L. Ning, F. Bathur, J. Lim, C. Harrison (capt.), A. Frazer, P. Plowman, R. Hoefsmitt, W. Plowman.
Seated in Front (left to right): C. Nicholls, C. Tighe.



CHRISTOPHER GORRINGE: Chris is one of the Senior Prefects in the school. He has taken a full share in a wide variety of school activities, playing in the school football team with great promise and representing the school in distance running. He was also in the school debating team where his fierce expressions and piercing eye caused much trepidation among his "gentle" opponents. This year Chris is doing honours in Latin and French. He hopes to study Arts at the University to prepare for his career — an ambassador or a teacher.

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Reflection

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another.
Making your kingdom come.

Prayers of Intercession

Br Peter: Loving God, we gather to celebrate the life and death of Brother Chris remembering that you invite us to present our prayers and needs to you.

That the Brothers of the Christian Schools in the communities where Brother Chris ministered, especially here in the District of Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Papua New Guinea will witness to the love of the heart of Jesus. Lord, hear us.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

That Brother Chris, who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, be admitted to the communion of saints. Lord, hear us.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for Brother Chris' sister, Anne, his brothers, John, Anthony, Joseph and Gerard, their families and for his relatives and friends. May they be comforted in their sorrow by the Lord who brought consolation and peace to so many during his life on earth. Lord, hear us.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

For the various groups that Brother Chris ministered to during his life in the District: District Council, Economic Council, Lasallian Mission Council, BoysTown/Yourtown Board, Lasallian Foundation Board, College Boards – Oakhill College, De La Salle College Malvern, Saint Bede's College Mentone, Saint Michael's College Henley Beach, Gerard Rummery Institute, Brisbane Catholic Education, College Principal – Oakhill College, Frawley College, Safeguarding Committee. May they continue to flourish and benefit from his leadership and guidance. Lord, hear us.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

As each of us reflects on the generous life of Brother Chris, so may we be encouraged to use the life and gifts God has given us to reach out to others, especially those in need. Lord, hear us.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for the De La Salle Brothers. May Mary, Queen and Mother of the Christian Schools and Saint John Baptist de La Salle continue to guide the Brothers in their lives. Lord, hear us.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

With gratitude we remember those who cared for Brother Chris during his illness, especially the Community Nurses and the medical teams at Sacred Heart, Saint Vincent's. May they continue to reveal Christ's infinite patience and compassion. Lord, hear us.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for the deceased members of Brother Chris' family, in particular his parents, Alan and Mary, and the deceased members of the De La Salle Brothers. May they receive the crown of eternal life. Lord, hear us.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Br Peter: Eternal God, you work marvels through us when we generously open our hearts to you. With praise and thanksgiving for all the good you worked through Brother Chris we now ask you to grant our petitions through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Rite of Committal

Prayer over the Place of Committal

Br Peter: Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our own mortal bodies. Grant that our brother may sleep here in peace until you awaken him to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then he will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendour of God, for you live and reign forever and ever.
Amen.

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. 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 grave and coffin are sprinkled with holy water.

Prayer of Farewell

Brother Chris, today we commend you lovingly to God. May God receive you into everlasting peace and joy.

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

Brother Chris, may the choirs of angels come to meet you and welcome you into the company of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and all who have gone before you.

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

Brother Chris, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the Eternal City where you may enjoy forever the fullness of life and love.

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

Prayer of Commendation

All: Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend our brother Chris in the sure 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 Chris 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 Chris and help us, who remain, to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother, Chris, forever.
Amen.

*As the coffin is being lowered into the grave,
the Salve Regina is sung.*

Salve Regina

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.

Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Concluding Prayer

Br Peter: God of all consolation, grant that the light of faith may guide our earthly journey, so that we may reach the joys you have prepared for us which are beyond all our imagining. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto Brother Chris, O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May Brother Chris rest in peace.
Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

May the love of God and the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe away every tear from our eyes.
Amen.

Dismissal

Br David: Mary, Queen and Mother of Christian Schools. *Pray for us.*
Saint John Baptist de La Salle. *Pray for us.*
Live Jesus in our hearts! *Forever!*



