



WITNESS OF HOPE

Fr John Rigney

Fr John Rigney was a beloved priest of the Diocese of Wollongong, remembered for his humble spirit, deep compassion, and **unwavering dedication to Christ and His people**. Ordained to serve, he spent his life walking beside others—with a listening heart, a ready smile, and a quiet strength that lifted many.

Fr John's ministry was marked not by grand gestures, but by small, **faithful acts of love**: visiting the sick, comforting the grieving, encouraging the doubtful, and celebrating the sacraments with reverence and joy. **He made each person feel seen, heard, and valued.**

In a world searching for meaning, Fr John's life spoke clearly of hope—a **hope rooted in the Gospel** and lived through **everyday kindness** and service. His legacy continues in the hearts he touched and the community he nurtured with Christ-like care.

**May Fr John Rigney inspire us
to be witnesses of hope.**

The Church is

**the living witness of God's
kingdom on earth.**

Pope Francis

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To all who read this letter may hope fill your hearts



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