

Fr Terence Mahedy RIP

4 October 1940 - 3 August 2023



We give thanks to God for the extraordinary life and ministry of Fr Terence Mahedy.

It is with great sadness that the Diocese of Wagga Wagga announces the death of

Fr Terence Francis Mahedy on 3 August 2023.

Terence Francis Mahedy was born on 4 October 1940 at Lockhart. He grew up on the family farm at Urangeline, near Lockhart, with siblings Annette, Pauline, Catherine and John, and attended Glenara Primary School (near Urana) and St Patrick's College, Goulburn.

In his early twenties, Terence joined the seminary. He left after a couple of years, returning to the farm to help his family after his father died.

In 1979 Terence began teaching scripture and catechetics in Wagga, attaining a Catechetical Diploma in 1981. He was 40 when he re-entered the seminary. He believed his life experience helped him relate to people. "I have walked the same path as them," he said. He completed his theological studies in 1984 at St Paul's National Seminary in Kensington.



Fr Terence Mahedy was Ordained at St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga on 23 September 1988 by Bishop William Brennan in the presence of 42 priests who welcomed him into their community.

Fr Terence was the Spiritual Director for the Wagga Wagga Cursillo movement for 25 years, leaving the role in 2015, and has been the Chaplain to the Catholic Women's League Wagga Wagga since December 2008.

Since his ordination Fr Terence has served the Diocese of Wagga in the parishes of Albury, Leeton, and Griffith, and most notably, Culcairn since 1997 and Holbrook since 2008. Terence was generously faithful and caring to his parishioners, and at every opportunity actively engaged with the whole local community where he is much loved and respected.

From the booklet for Fr Terence Mahedy's Ordination on 23 September 1988:

This is what Yahweh asks of you, only this:

To live justly,

To love tenderly

And to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

And from the booklet for Fr Terence Mahedy's Eucharist of Thanksgiving on 24 September 1988:

*"To my family and friends, and all who have touched my life in any way,
I offer my heartfelt thanks.*

Terence."

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.*

(Funeral details to be advised in due course)