



**Revd Francis Michael Mulcahy**  
**1934-2025**  
**Ordained Casino (1958)**  
**Ballina, Lismore, Grafton,**  
**Lismore, Alstonville**

**Funeral Mass**

**St Carthage's Cathedral, Wed 1st October 11 am**

**F**ATHER FRANK MULCAHY, aged 91, passed away peacefully this week in Brisbane.

Born Francis Mulcahy, he moved as a young boy with his family to Casino, where his father managed the Hotel Cecil — affectionately known to locals as "the Vatican."

Fr Frank was educated at Woodlawn and later pursued his vocation at Springwood and Manly seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on 9th March 1958 at St Mary's Church, Casino, by Bishop Patrick Farrelly.

Over his many decades of dedicated service, Fr Frank made a lasting impact not only through his parish ministry but also through his extensive involvement in the life of the Diocese. He served in numerous capacities including Diocesan Chaplain to the Young Christian Workers (YCW), military reserve chaplain, Chancellor of the Diocese, and as a long-standing member and chair of the Diocesan Education Board.

Fr Frank had a deep commitment to Catholic education. In Grafton, he played a pivotal role in the creation of the senior co-educational Holy Spirit College — which he once proudly described as his "pride and joy." Later, in Lismore, he worked closely with Sr Mary Cannane to help establish Trinity Catholic College, a lasting legacy of his passion for youth and learning.



Beyond his formal roles, Fr Frank was known for his good humour and community spirit. While serving as parish priest in Grafton, he achieved unexpected fame for his cheeky tip in the Grafton Cup. A cartoon he published in the parish newsletter — depicting a horse sniffing a flower saying "how sweet it is" — was widely interpreted as a nod to the racehorse *Sweet Aroma*, which went on to win the race. The story made headlines as far afield as Glasgow and London, much to the amusement of his parishioners.

Fr Frank Mulcahy will be remembered for his sharp mind, pastoral heart, and unwavering dedication to faith, education, and community. May he rest in peace ■