



**STATE FUNERAL PROGRAM FOR THE LATE  
FATHER SIR JOHN INI LAPLI, GCMG  
FORMER GOVERNOR GENERAL OF SOLOMON ISLANDS.**

**THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2025**



**Late Fr Sir John Ini Lapli, GCMG  
12 June 1955 – 18 January 2025**

**STATE PROGRAM**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR THE LYING-IN-STATE OF THE LATE FR SIR JOHN INI LAPLI  
GCMG, AT THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT  
DATE: THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2025**

*7:30am- The body of the late Fr Sir John Ini Lapli is taken to the National Parliament*

*8:00am-1:00pm-The body of the late Fr Sir John Lapli is Laid in State in the Chamber of the National Parliament.*

*Public Viewing of the body of the late Fr Sir John Ini Lapli (See order of Public Viewing) Books of Condolence open for Dignitaries at the National Parliament*

**ORDER OF VEIWING THE BODY OF THE LATE FR SIR JOHN INI LAPLI, GCMG, LAID IN STATE  
AT THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT CHAMBERS**

8:15 am- H.E The Governor General Rev David Tiva Kapu and Madam Kapu

8:20 am- The Prime Minister Hon Jeremiah Manele and Madam Manele

8:25 am- The Honorable Speaker of National Parliament Mr. Patterson J Oti and Madam Oti

8:30 am- The Chief Justice Sir Albert Palmer and Lady Palmer

8:35 am- Former Governor Generals, Prime Ministers and Speakers and Chief Justices

8:40 am- The Deputy Prime Minister Hon Bradley Smokey Tovosia

8:45 am- Cabinet Ministers, Leader of Opposition and Leader of the Independent Group

10am-10:30 am- Members of Parliament, the Lord Mayor and Provincial Premiers

10:30 am-11 am- Members of the Diplomatic Corp followed by the Consular Corp.

11am-11:30am- Head of Churches, Constitutional Post Holders, Heads of International and Regional Organizations, and Chief Executive Officers of SOEs and the Private Sector, and Solomon Islands Scouts

**11:30am- 12:15 pm - All Government Ministries in this order:**

- The Government House
- Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- National Parliament Office
- Ministry of Public Service
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs & External Trade
- Ministry of Finance & Treasury
- Ministry of Commerce, Labor & Immigration
- Ministry of Development Planning & Aid Coordination
- Ministry of Health & Medical Services
- Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock Development
- Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources
- Ministry of Land Housing & Survey
- Ministry of Education & Human Resources Development
- Ministry Home Affairs
- Ministry Provincial Government & Institutional Strengthening
- Ministry of Women, Youth, Children & Family Affairs
- Ministry of Forestry and Research
- Ministry of Mines, Energy & Rural Electrification
- Ministry of Rural Development
- Ministry of Culture and Tourism
- Ministry of Police, National Security & Correctional Services
- Ministry of Justice & Legal Affairs
- Ministry of Infrastructure Development
- Ministry of Communication & Aviation
- Ministry of Environment, Conversation, Meteorology & Disaster Management
- Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace and Ecclesiastical Affairs

- **12:15-1:40pm-The Public**

- **2:45pm - Casket of Late Fr Sir John Ini Lapli taken to St. Barnabas Cathedral.**

- **3:00pm - Church service starts**

**FUNERAL SERVICE OF THE LATE FATHER SIR JOHN INI LAPLI, GCMG  
FORMER GOVERNOR GENERAL  
ST BARNABAS CATHEDRAL  
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF MELANESIA  
23 JANUARY 2025**

**OFFICIATE:** Dean of Cathedral  
**MASTER OF CEREMONY:** Private Secretary of Government House  
**VENUE:** St Barnabas Cathedral

**ORDER OF ARRIVAL**

1:30 pm - Arrival of Congregation and Government Officials  
2:00 pm - Arrival of Dignitaries, Members of Parliament  
and Ministers of the Crown  
2:25 pm - Arrival of Chief Justice Albert Palmer and Lady Palmer  
2:30 pm - Arrival of Speaker of Parliament Hon. Patteson Oti and  
Madam Oti  
2:35 pm - Arrival of Prime Minister Hon. Jeremiah Manele, MP  
2:40 pm - Arrival of Governor General H.E Rev. David Tiva Kapu  
and Madam Salome Kapu  
2:55 pm - Arrival of Casket of late Fr Sir John Ini Lapli.

***All stand in silence as the procession march in with the casket to be laid in front of pulpit area.***

**1. Welcome:** Dean of Cathedral  
**2. Prayer of Invocation:**  
**3. Hymn:**  
**4. Prayer:** Dean of Cathedral  
**5. Bible Readings:** First Reading – Clifton Meleu  
Second Reading – Gordon Ifuimae  
Third Reading – Fr. Charles Melinga

6. **Eulogy:** Hon. Stephen Kumi, MP for Temotu Nende  
 Hon. Patteson Oti (Speaker and former work colleague)  
 Bishop Willie Pwaisiho (Former work colleague)
7. **Condolence Messages:** MFAET Protocol
8. **Reflection** Dean of Cathedral

#### 9. ORDER OF LAYING OF WREATHS

- Governor General H.E Rev David Tiva KAPU & Madam Kapu
  - Prime Minister Hon. Jeremiah Manele MP and Madam Manele
  - Speaker of National Parliament Hon. Patteson Oti and Madam Oti
  - Chief Justice Sir Albert Palmer and Lady Palmer
  - Former Governor Generals, Prime Ministers, Speakers and Chief Justices
  - Ministers of the Crown & Members of Parliament
  - Honiara City Mayor
  - Members of Diplomatic Corps (Dean to lead) followed by Consular Corps
  - Senior Government Officials
  - Relatives and Friends
  - Immediate Family members of late Fr Sir John Ini Lapli
10. **Words of Thanks** - Ethel Mapolu
11. **Closing Hymn:** -
12. **Commissioning Prayer Benediction** - Rector of Cathedral
13. All stand while RSPF Bearers carried out Casket from the Church  
 (followed by family members)
14. (Remain standing) Governor General and Madam retires
15. Prime Minister and Madam retires (remain standing)
16. Speaker and Madam retires (remain standing)
17. Chief Justice and Lady retires (remain standing)
18. Dignitaries and Congregation retires
19. Congregation retires

**End of Service and Casket will be escorted to the Aola Patrol Boat Base.**

***Note: Patrol Boat will depart Aola base at between 6-7pm***