



A Winter's Sunrise, captured at home, by Anthony Skehan

Anthony Terence Skehan
12th October 1983 – 28th September 2019

Entrance Hymn
Here I am Lord by Chris Bray

Welcome
Fr Mike Pullar

Words of Remembrance

Lighting of Easter Candle

John and Belinda

Through his Baptism Anthony was enlightened by Christ.

All: May that light guide him to eternal life.

Blessing of Coffin

**Fr Mike: In the waters of Baptism Anthony died
with Christ and rose with him to eternal life.**

All: May he now share eternal life with Christ, in glory.

Opening Prayer

Fr Mike Pullar

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes Read by Katie

All things have their season; and in their time all things pass under

Heaven. God sets the time for living and the time for dying.

A time to plant and a time to harvest; A time to keep silent and a time

to speak. God has made all good things in their time. All the works

which God has made continue forever. What do we gain for all the

effort we make? I know the heavy burden that God has laid on us.

He has set the right time for everything. He has given us the desire to

know the future but never gives us the satisfaction of knowing what he

does. So, I realized that all we can do is be happy and do the best we

can while we are still alive. And when we eat and drink and find

happiness in our work, this is a gift from God.

The word of the Lord

All – Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm,
Psalm 22 Read by Johanna**

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leads me the quiet waters by.**

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

**My soul He does restore again, and me to walk he makes
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.**

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill
for You are with me, and your rod and staff my comfort still.**

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

**My table you have furnished in presence of my foes;
my head with oil you do anoint, and my cup overflows.**

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore, my dwelling place shall be.**

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are those who die in the Lord.
Let them rest from their works, for their good deeds go with them.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Fr Mike Pullar

**Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms
in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after
I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take
you with me; so that where I am you may be too.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord..

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Fr. Mike Pullar

Prayers of Intercession

Read by Andrea, Linda, Darcy, Luka and Ash.

Lord, welcome Anthony into your presence. May his life be completed now and fulfilled in your presence forever. We pray to the Lord....

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer

We remember all who have been a part of Anthony's life: for the family, those worked with and who have been his faithful friends – as they have valued him in life may his legacy continue to live with them. We pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer

We pray that those who carry the cross of pain in body or in mind may never feel forsaken by God. We pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer

For all those who have shown care and sensitivity for Anthony during his times of frailty, the medical personnel and other staff at North East Health: may their works of service be richly blessed.

We pray to the Lord...

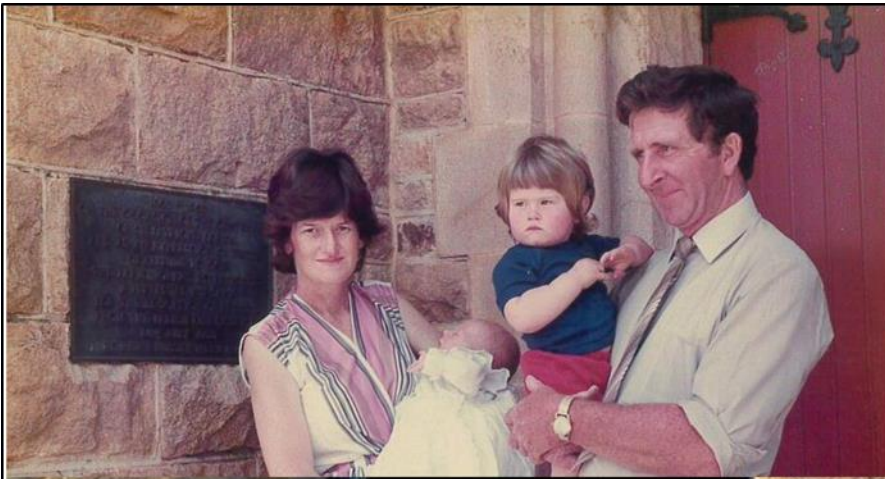
Response: Lord, hear our Prayer

For all those who are separated from us on this day, separated by distance ... or by death – especially the members of Anthony's own family: and for our own parents and family members. May all who have died in the hope of rising again, see God, face to face.

We pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our Prayer





Procession of Gifts

Jannica, Scarlett, Harrison, Tahlia, Matilda and Max

Offertory Prayers

Offertory Hymn

Amazing Grace by Il Divo

Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamation at Consecration

**All: We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespassers,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen**

Communion Hymn

Be Not Afraid by John Michael Talbot

Prayer of Commendation and Farewell

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of Anthony. May our farewell express everyone's affection for him, may it ease the sadness of Anthony's family and friends and strengthen their hope. One day we shall see Anthony again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Fr Mike: Saints of God, come to his aid, come to meet him, angels of the Lord.

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

Fr Mike: May Christ who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

Fr Mike: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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

Prayer of Commendation

Fr Mike Pullar

Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend Anthony in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ he will rise with him on the last day.

We are thankful for the blessings Anthony received during his life, they are signs of your goodness to us and our unity with all the saints.

Almighty God, listen to our prayers and open the gates of paradise to Anthony and help his family and friends here to be comforted with assurance of faith until we all meet in Christ and are with you and Anthony forever.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Committal

Fr Mike Pullar

Final Blessing

Coffin Bearers

John Paul Ash

Brendan Darcy Luka

Recessional Music

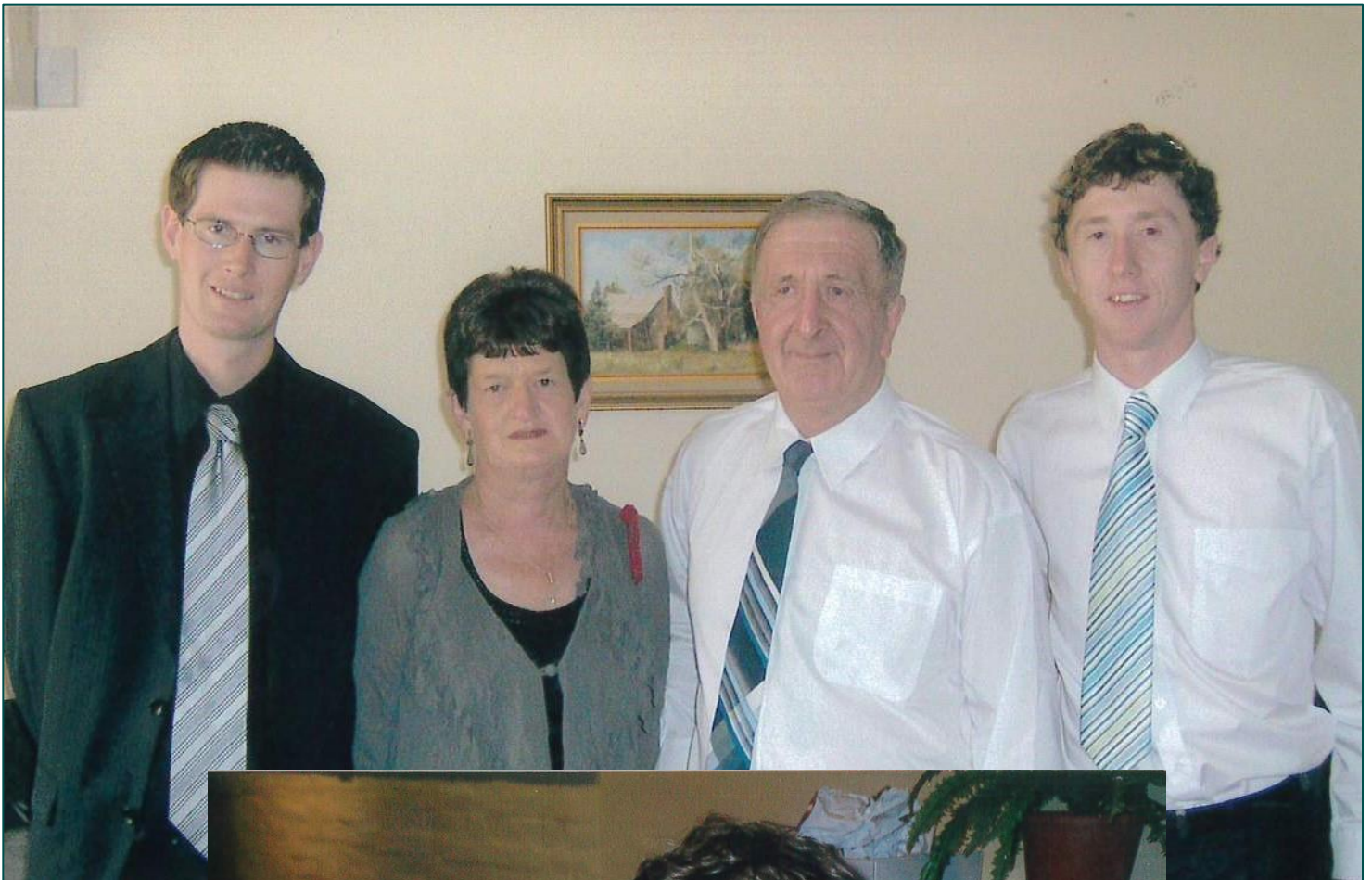
Into My Arms by Nick Cave

**Margaret, Terry and
John would like to thank you for
your attendance, on this sad day.**

**Following the Service, Anthony will
be laid to rest at the Milawa Cemetery.**

**You are then invited to continue celebrating
Anthony's life with the family,
at the Milawa Hotel.**

**Your love and support
are appreciated.**



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